

# Y2K Youth Project

MAYFIELD & EASTHOUSES YOUTH 2000 PROJECT

# ANNUAL REPORT 2021



**BROADENING HORIZONS, REALISING POTENTIAL**

# CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT

Welcome to Y2K's annual report 2020 -2021

2020-2021 was, of course, a challenging time for all, due to Covid restrictions and the impact they had on young people and service delivery. Nevertheless, the team at Y2K responded quickly to ensure they could continue to offer a service. They spent lots of time focusing on developing and delivering online and remote supports and activities. Over lockdown periods when no face-to-face delivery was permitted, weekly group work activities were on offer as well as 1:1 supports for those who required more intensive support. The team attended a range of training opportunities to upskill themselves on the best ways to deliver digital supports. As soon as face to face support was permitted, efforts were put into working closely with our partners at Newbattle to assist the transition back to school and to provide support to those who found this more challenging. Daily outreach support was delivered in the community, where the team offered advice and support during school breaks and in the evenings. Small group work-based support was delivered in schools and at Y2K, around a range of issues including confidence, health and wellbeing and support for young people at risk of offending. The team offered a creative response to the lockdown periods and provided weekly check-ins to all service users as well as facilitating three "drop offs" to over 150 local young people when they delivered wellbeing and Christmas themed packs to the homes of young people. Efforts to secure funding continued and a sum of £234,904 was achieved. The COVID pandemic highlighted the value of youth work and demonstrated how young people enjoy, rely on and benefit from the youth work sector. Throughout this challenging time the team have listened to the voices of young people to help them plan and move forward in the strongest possible way.

Our previous project manager, Carol Flack, took early retirement and ahead of this worked with the existing team to focus on succession planning and organisation development. I would like to take the opportunity to pay tribute to Carol whose qualities of positivity, tenacity and dedication helped to turn Y2K into a highly respected, sector-leading organisation. I am delighted to welcome Lyndsey Ritchie, our new project manager. Lyndsey has had an association with Y2K through her inspirational youth work. Now as project manager she has demonstrated clear aims and strategies and has the dynamism and creativity to carry Y2K forward. Joining the team this year are youth workers Lorraine Wylie and Jack Brown and office manager Morag Fraser. There have also been personnel changes to the board. Vicki Robb, who has been a highly effective secretary, is leaving the board but she will continue the successful link with the National Mining Museum Scotland. We are now pleased to welcome Sean Hanlon. Sean joined Y2K as a volunteer and is proving to be a strong asset to the board.

After a challenging year I offer my heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to the continued success of Y2K: staff, volunteers, board members, donors, friends – and of course the young people themselves, who never fail to inspire.



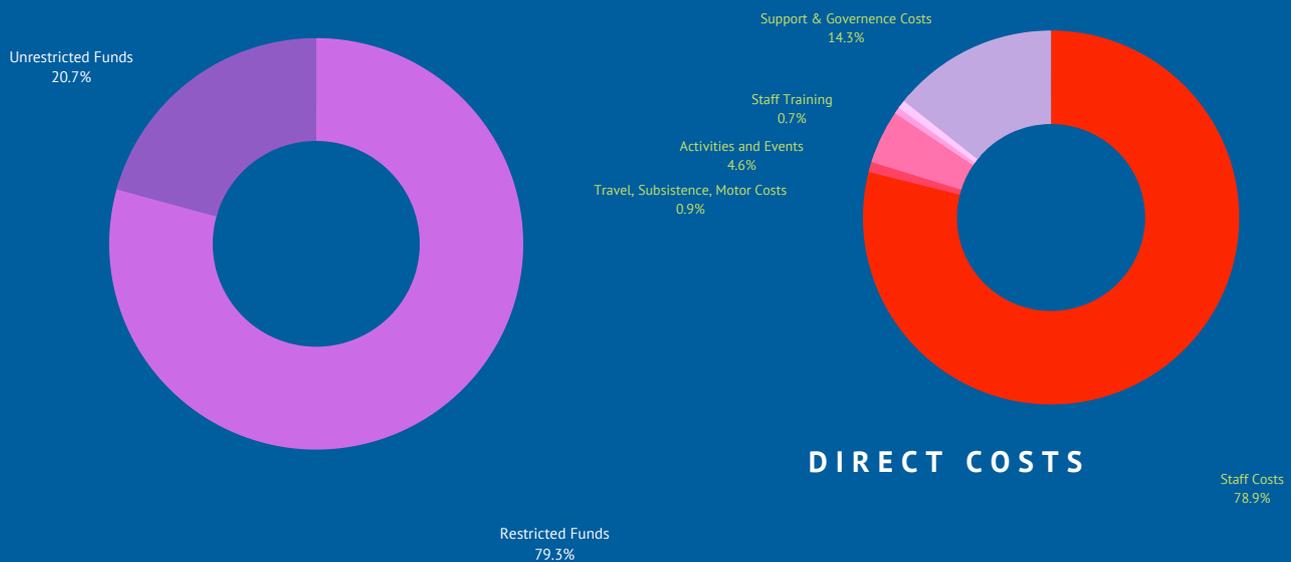
**SUSAN MACDONALD**

*Mayfield & Easthouses Youth 2000 Project  
Chairperson*

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# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## INCOME BY PERCENTAGE



## Financial Statement

	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
Income	£234,904	£248,945
Expenditure	£216,064	£234,310
Surplus / Deficit	£18,840	£14,635

A full set of audited accounts are available on request

# OUR MISSION

To support and encourage young people in Mayfield & Easthouses to be healthy and happy individuals through our delivery of holistic youth-led services.

**“Broadening Horizons, Realising Potential”**

## OUR VISION

Our vision is for young people in Mayfield & Easthouses to be healthy and happy, feeling safe and secure to become confident, fulfilled individuals.

# OUR SERVICES 2020/2021

Y2K delivers its aims through the following services

**Guid 2 Go, Y2K+, 180, Involve U Drop Ins**



**Y2K** Youth <sup>Project</sup>

# BOARD MEMBERS



# YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACHEIVEMENTS

"Young people continued to successfully complete youth achievement awards"

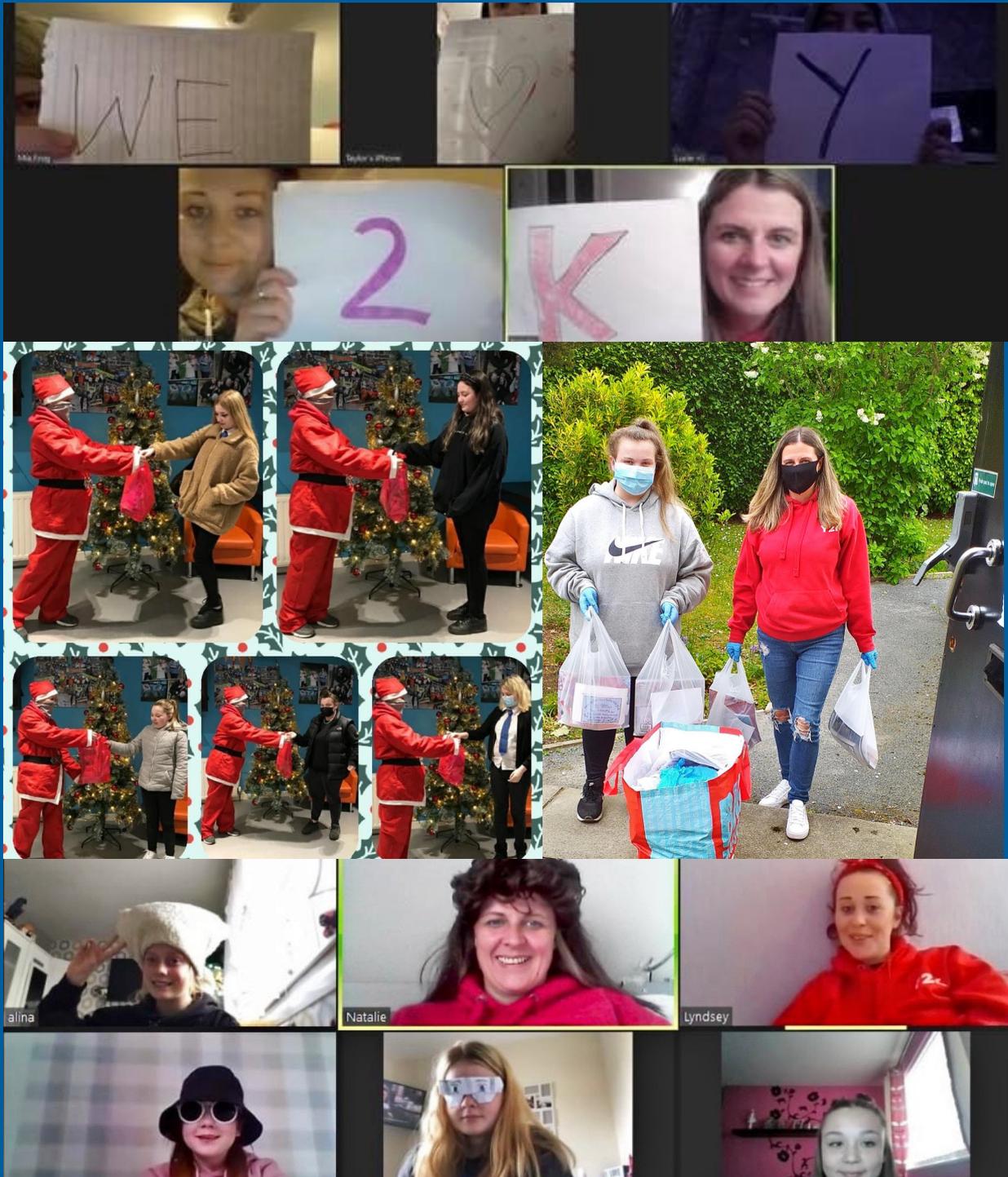


## LITTER PICKING



"young people contributed to their communities by volunteering"

# LIFE IN LOCKDOWN



Over lockdown periods, we continued to deliver weekly activities and events. We wanted young people to know that youth work support and opportunities to engage in fun and creative activities, albeit different from the norm, were still available. Weekly zoom group sessions took place where young people enjoyed a range of issue based and fun sessions such as arts and crafts, scavenger hunts, personal safety, and self-care awareness. Alongside group-based sessions, 1:1 remote support continued with referred young people. Over the year, three separate "Drop Offs" took place. The youth work team hand delivered wellbeing packs, followed by Christmas gifts later in the year, to more than 150 local young people. As soon as guidance allowed, we recommenced our face-to-face services at Y2K, in the community and in schools.

**Y2K Youth Project**

The Cashback 180 is an early intervention programme and provides support for young people in or at risk of becoming involved in risky, anti-social or offending behaviour. Through group work programmes and one-to-one sessions.

This year 45 young people engaged with the cashback 180 service. We delivered support to pupils in Beeslack, Newbattle, Lasswade High Schools and Pathways for Success.

“ During lockdown some of the risk-taking behaviours really ramped up. All these young people either have had charges or are about to have charges, you know, involved in drug taking, antisocial behaviour, and having that time in lockdown, just amplifying that...”

Mrs.Semple, Deputy Headteacher pupil support



“ Honestly, Y2K, I'm not just saying this, they're amazing. They're an absolute life source for the school.” [Miss Bruce]

“ I feel happy. I don't feel down as much anymore, I feel like, if it wasn't for Natalie (Y2K) I'd be going downhill.” [Ben]



**Working in Partnership with...**



180+

Y2K Youth Project



**Members of the public**

**"It is brilliant to see people trying for the children, a lot of people can judge them all, it's nice to see Y2K making a difference".**

Our 180+ 6 month pilot aimed to provide support to local young people through community outreach sessions. While our original aim (pre-pandemic) had been to use the detached youth work model to engage with young people previously unknown to Y2K, due to the impacts of lockdown, we immediately recognised how important it was going to be to reach out and re-engage with so many of those who had been accessing our services up until lockdown restrictions were introduced. Our skilled workers have been able to encourage and facilitate this process and it is through such positive relationships that the young people realise they can truly influence future developments at Y2K. They can create their own stepping-stones towards accessing information and support relevant to their lived experiences. Over the 6 month pilot period there were 1627 separate engagements with young people.

**"I miss Y2K so much, there's nowt better than coming to Y2K and chilling out with your friends. It's good that you are still out and about though"**





info, advice & advocacy

Y2Kplus+ is a one to one support service offered by Mayfield & Easthouses Youth 2000 Project (Y2K) for young people aged 12-18 year old.

Y2Kplus+ can work with young people to look at issues affecting their lives. These issues can include but not limited to issues such as: feelings of low mood, anxiety, relationship, breakdowns, anger issues and low self esteem.

## Y2K+ Supported 97 Young People during 2020-2021

### FEEDBACK FROM YOUNG PEOPLE

“it’s just so nice to have someone to speak to and be honest with”

“it’s been really helpful”

“our sessions are a highlight of my week”

“the sessions have helped me manage my stress and anxiety; things don’t seem as difficult when we talk about it”

“I always feel so much better after our sessions”

“I really look forward to our sessions”



# GUID 2 GO

## Involve U Drop In



## Go Girls



## Guid 2 Go Prizes



## Guid 2 Go Entries

"Building on the Health & Wellbeing of Young People through Programme delivery, Activities and Drop ins"



# PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Partnership working has continued to be a vital and important part of all that we do at Y2K. The pandemic highlighted that this joined up approach to responding to the needs of local young people was more important than ever. We worked closely with our partners at Newbattle high school to support the transition back to school after lockdown periods and beyond. Through this collaborative approach to meeting the needs of young people, we were able to ensure a consistent, responsive, and effective support was provided to those requiring it most. As well as school partnerships, we have worked closely with our partners from Police Scotland, The Fire Service and Midlothian council. As a result of remote working periods and online training, we were delighted to be able to meet a range of professionals and young people from all over Scotland which has enabled us to identify new opportunities for collaborative working.



## Tobacco Awareness Session with Fast Forward



Outreach Support around Newbattle High School over break times providing support and advice to young people

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 Mayfield and Easthouses Youth 2000 Project / Natalie Paris



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