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Barnet YOS

Name of project / initiative

Barnet YOS Residential Programme

Overview

A 5-day residential programme for young people (10-18 yrs) subject to a Court Order or Out-of-Court Disposal, or otherwise identified as at risk of offending. Supervised by staff from the YOS, as well as police partners and local community volunteers, the programme takes place in a Scout campsite in Essex. Participants engage in a range of outdoor activities - inc. assault course, kayaking, archery, and rafting, as well as learning cooking and survival skills - while also receiving input from wrap around service providers, including Drug & Alcohol Services, vulnerable adolescent specialists, and education professionals. In the first year, four of the five participants have since completed their Orders 'successfully', one has been diverted from CJS altogether, and two have been identified as Mentors to support future trips. The programme is recognised as good practice by YJB.

Longevity

The programme ran for the first time in 2019. Covid has prevented it being repeated to date but we hope to run again once conditions allow.

Benefits

Improved engagement with the YOS and other services; enhanced confidence and self esteem; improved teamwork and communication skills. See "overview" for individual outcomes.

Uniqueness

We are not aware of this taking place elsewhere at present.

Applicability

It could be replicated elsewhere and we would expect it to bring similar benefits there too.

Requirements

Does need some funding, as well as staff prepared to give up their time to take part, and strong links with partner agencies.

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