

OUTCOMES FROM PARTNERSHIP FORUM 31/3/25	POSSIBLE IMMEDIATE ACTIONS
<p><u>Strengths</u></p> <p>Lots of opportunities for people with different interests</p> <p>Willing and capable volunteer networks</p> <p>It gets the opinions of young people and what they would like to see in Faversham</p> <p>Long established presence (est 1911)</p> <p>Lots of thing to do – lots of experienced leaders</p> <p>Town Council (thank you)</p> <p>Having a youth club = safe space</p> <p>Amazing volunteers</p> <p>Several organisations that have worked in Faversham with youth for many years</p> <p>People who work with youth live in Faversham and are invested</p> <p>Good relationship between Friday night rec youth and local police</p>	
<p><u>Weaknesses</u></p> <p>Volunteers</p> <p>Space</p> <p>Schools are slow to cooperate ‘Youth Council’</p> <p>Lack of community engagement</p> <p>Not very many people getting involved</p> <p>Not knowing about events</p> <p>Work in outlying villages</p> <p>Lack of dedicated SEN provisions – activities solely for SEN</p> <p>Youth behaviour</p> <p>Could be more school assemblies etc</p> <p>Adequate space</p> <p>Lots of great opportunities but not well advertised</p> <p>Young people not listened to in the past = lack of trust</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer recruitment fair held on a regular basis / specific recruitment fair for youth organisations • Newsletter aimed specifically at students sent to schools to inform them of events and organisations (written by students) to ensure they know what is available • FTC Events leaflet available at schools • Look at how we can support organisations to recruit and use 13-17 year old volunteers <p>https://www.volunteerfirst.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Young-Volunteers-Toolkit-2-1.pdf</p>

<p>Youth food</p> <p>Useable space</p> <p>People</p> <p>No good mechanisms for retaining members as volunteers post 18</p> <p>Parking costs for youth workers</p> <p>Not enough provision for SEN children with disabilities, if it exists it is not known about</p> <p>Money</p> <p>The few ruining it for the many</p> <p>Communication</p> <p>Time</p> <p>No school involvement in group</p> <p>Red tape</p> <p>No money</p>	
<p><u>Opportunities</u></p> <p>LGBTQ+ events and opportunities</p> <p>SEN support – learning groups</p> <p>Volunteering opportunities for young people</p> <p>New developments = new young people</p> <p>Start from scratch – listening-doing future</p> <p>Greater support for SEN students – more in primary schools please</p> <p>Better funding for events</p> <p>Co-production with young people – their voice should be heard</p> <p>Training for young people</p>	
<p><u>Threats</u></p> <p>Increasing cost of living</p>	

<p>Transport to and from outlying villages</p> <p>People leaving / stepping back and leaving a void / not mentors</p> <p>Barrier to joining for those who need us most: cost, uniform, ability</p> <p>No younger youth groups mean trust and relationships aren't forged with youth workers before teenage years</p> <p>Pressure from schools to curtail extra-curricular in the name of revision for GCSE mocks and GCSEs, A Level mocks and A Levels</p> <p>Lack of youth engagement – advertising in schools more</p> <p>Lots of green spaces are being used for industrial purposes / housing</p> <p>Funding cuts</p> <p>Lack of money</p> <p>Little support for young people recovering from covid socially and in work</p> <p>Lack of willing helpers</p> <p>Parents and carers don't always know how they can get involved</p> <p>Lots of building and resulting population expansion – putting strain on services</p>	
<p><u>Blue Sky Thinking</u></p> <p>Youth café – daytime opportunities for work experience and training + youth evening venue</p> <p>More free sporting opportunities – tennis, football...</p> <p>More staff at youth</p> <p>Buildings fit for purpose – Perry Court & Love Lane</p> <p>Supported employment schemes for people without named disabilities</p> <p>More cross organisation activities</p>	

<p>Youth café Building Faversham East Safe transport / accessible Faversham Rec – improvements to lighting, goals stay all year, improvements to skate park, level courts, pavilion is insufficient Additional storage for groups Sea Cadets restart Money pot for young people to apply to for projects Denmark Hall – central car park Youth café Community gardens – green spaces specifically for young people Safe space for neurodiversity / mentoring</p>	
<p><u>What's Happening Now</u> Creed Outdoor Learning / GEMS – Tuesday and Wednesday evenings Creed Outdoor Learning – Thursday evenings Baptist Church Army Cadets – Mondays and Thursday evenings Air Cadets – Tuesday and Friday evenings Scouts – Monday – Friday evenings WFCC – Monday – Friday evenings LGBTQ support Monday evenings WFCC youth gym Vibe – Faversham Rec Friday evenings Faversham Gym Club – Jubilee Centre Faversham Strikeforce and Faversham Football Club Swimming Club Girl Guides and Brownies – Monday, Wednesday and Saturdays Arden Theatre Faversham Carnival Club (attend 70 events a year)</p>	

<p><u>What's been lost since Covid</u></p> <p>Vibe Disability Club (Mondays)</p> <p>Young Carers Club WFCF</p> <p>SEN Cooking Club (Vibe @ The Alex)</p> <p>Sea Cadets</p> <p>2 Rainbow units</p> <p>2 Brownies</p> <p>Younger youth club at the Baptist Church Thursday evenings</p> <p>Holiday activities at the Rec and Oare Gunpowder Works</p> <p>School work – Year 6 transition and buddy, peer mentoring, wellbeing assemblies</p> <p>St Mary's Family Hub</p> <p>Imago SEN activities</p> <p>KCC funding</p> <p>SEN funding reduced</p>	
<p><u>How can the Faversham Youth Partnership Forum work?</u></p> <p>Communication between groups</p> <p>Volunteering</p> <p>Things actually happen after young people have asked – ‘you said we did’ approach to show engagement has been effective – feedback loop</p> <p>Action</p> <p>Linking up – supporting each other</p> <p>Bringing in more people</p> <p>Communication – to young people and of shared resources</p> <p>Opportunities – making young people aware of what's out there</p> <p>Not dumping on FTC – lots of great things already happening</p>	

Easier to get forgiveness than ask permission More young people attending – with adults just listening Information at the right time and right place	
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