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About Us



SNaP Youth is a registered charity supporting young people in South Normanton and Pinxton. We are bothered about local young people and want them to have every opportunity available so that they can realise their full potential and achieve whatever they aspire to achieve in life. We currently offer youth provision on 3 days per week, 48 weeks a year from the SNaP YOUTH CLUB, based on the High Street in South Normanton, the detached street-based programmes, school provisions and school holiday programmes. But...we want to do more - can you help us to fund the dream?

Our youth provision offers something for everyone, there's chilled spaces for those that want to sit and chat or there's creative arts for those that want to ignite their imagination, explore their creativity, or just get messy. We 100% love cooking and supporting young people explore culinary delights, so this is always on offer (and, whilst they are having a great time, they are also developing crucial life skills!) Team games and challenges are a loved weekly staple and so are sports, social learning debates and discussions. We recognise that some young people struggle with everyday stresses in life and often need daytime support. For these young people we offer mentoring, mindfulness, and well-being activities. We also offer learning and training workshop, life skills and volunteering opportunities for those that may have lost their way or need a bit of support with future life planning.

Who are SNaP Youth?

SNaP Youth is governed and strategically lead by a board of directors (many of them are local people). The youth work delivery is managed by a team of qualified youth workers who support and guide young people. The youth workers want the very best for young people and as a result develop special projects to ensure they get the opportunities to learn new skills, build up their confidence and think about their future life plan.



Supporting, Inspiring & Celebrating the Achievements of Young People Since 2004



Beyond the Fun, Laughter and Games, Our Youth Work Activities Provide a Safe Environment Where Young People Learn to Follow Rules, Take Turns, Solve Problems, Think Critically and Manage Their Emotions.

"When I first came, I was quiet, didn't speak much and I didn't really have any friends. Now, I am happy to talk to people and I have learned how to deal with situations better. I'm definitely more confident" J

"I have anger problems. I've got a good relationship with the youth workers; they have helped me with my anger. Now, when I'm out on the streets and people make me angry, I take a deep breath and make myself walk away" R

"So in the youth club we got to talk to a nurse, a police officer and a florist during tea break. They spoke about their jobs, we got to ask them questions. I learned a lot from them and now I'm thinking I'd like to be a carer" M

"Coming to the youth club has helped with my confidence. I am much better at speaking with and to people. During tea break we join in with the chat and the youth workers ask us to share our opinions and views. We've learned about difference and how to better understand others. This has helped me understand why people don't always get on in the community" S

Responding to Need

P had reached crisis point. He was just another ordinary teenager until a breakdown in his family pushed him over the edge, and he found himself homeless with nowhere to go. P became reliant on the support of his peers, who gave him food packages, occasional sofa beds and even slept outside with him when a bed couldn't be found. P's aspiration of accessing a job and being able to stand on his own two feet were being closed off at a rapid speed.

P was in a state of vulnerability and at an all-time low when he met the SNaP Youth Workers, whilst they were out delivering detached youth work in South Normanton. The youth workers formed a trusted relationships with P and quickly helped him to access supported accommodation, the food bank and universal credit. It was an emotional day for P when he gained access to his own safe space. Through tear glazed eyes, P shared how appreciative he was, saying 'I've never had anyone be so kind and do so much for me. Thank you'.



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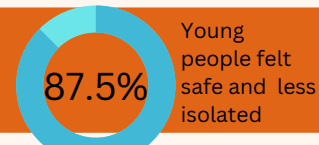
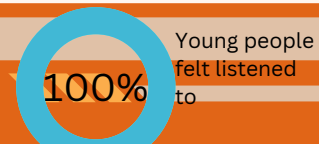
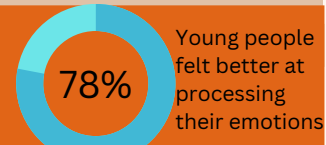
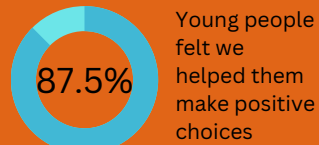
Creating Safe Spaces for Young People to Make Connections, Be Themselves, Navigate Life's Challenges, Use their Voice & Feel Good.

Ensuring all young people feel comfortable accessing the youth service, SNaP Youth is committed to building an environment that celebrates diversity and tackles all forms of discrimination. We want young people to be feel like they are treated with dignity and respect. In practice, this means we support young people to develop and understand the 'RESPECT' ground rules. We also facilitate group work sessions to educate young people on the issue of rights and responsibility, equality, diversity and respect and we challenge attitudes, behaviour and language that are non-inclusive and discriminatory. Further, we offer young people opportunities to try new experiences, ensuring these are not restricted by traditional gender options.

SNaP Youth believes it is our responsibility to ensure our practice is inclusive of all, so we consciously consider the terminology we use; we promote inclusive attitude, speech, and behaviour; and assess our resources to ensure suitability, positive image, and anti-oppressive nature.



Progress



Feedback from Parents

"I can't believe how A has grown in confidence, at one time I couldn't get her out of the house and now she's much happier and wants to be at the youth club every night"

"I just want to thank you. The work you do is just great, it's made such a difference to E. He used to just sit at home and annoy me, but now he's busy having fun".

"It's absolutely amazing what you do. I can't believe that this is available on our doorstep. This doesn't happen anywhere else locally".

"I want everyone to have the same opportunities that my child has been given by SNaP"

Having Fun, Playing, Exploring, Discovering and Being Free From Worries

I loved going to the panto , I have never been to a theatre before.

I like tea-breaks, because we all love to chat and it always make me feel better.

Crafts are really relaxing.

I just like hanging out with my friends and playing on the Xbox.

I like it when we get the Karaoke out because we all sing together.

I have learned so much in the cooking sessions. I love making different stuff, especially

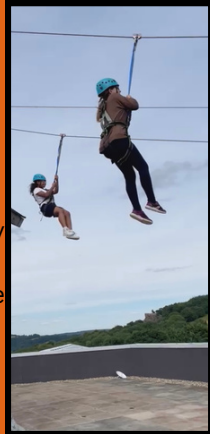
when we got to make Indian foods. I cook loads of things at home now.

The holiday programmes are amazing. Skegness is just my favourite trip, I love the beach!

I like going to Chatsworth, we get to paddle or relax by the river after that long walk.

I like all the different sports we get to do and I like unplugged in the summer because

I like being outside.



Challenge Yourself and Change Lives

There's so much SNaP Youth wants for local young people... we want them to be safe and supported with high quality information and guidance. We want them to develop skills, gain a greater confidence, participate in their community and be ambitious for their future. The list could go on and on but can only be achieved with the financial backing of grant funders who believe in the work that we are doing. We extend a huge and heartfelt thank you to every one of our supporters and funders, who give generously to support local youth work.

Are you someone who wants to be part of SNAP Youth and see young people be the best they can be? With your support we could double our service provision and help transform lives together!

Do Something Amazing

Tell us about your fundraising. Fundraising is a rewarding way for you to get involved and support our work, you'll make a big difference.

Make a One-Off Donation. We can accept bank transfers, Paypal Payments and Cheques. Please contact info@snapdp.org.uk

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