

Young People have their say

We continue to place huge emphasis on a young-person led service. As such, over the years, we have developed a Client-Scrutiny Panel and a Young Person's Forum where our young people work together to influence the operational and strategic direction of the organisation.

Following a recent survey where young people identified the need for a wider range of wellbeing activities, we appointed Clare as an Outreach Wellbeing Facilitator. This has been a huge success and we now engage in regular craft and creative writing sessions, along with wider community activities, with reports of our young people experiencing a greater sense of wellbeing.



DHYP on the main stage

So far this year, the DHYP team has participated in several events to raise awareness of young people facing homelessness.

Our CEO Michèle appeared on an episode of BBC's Newsnight to discuss housing entitlement for under 35's and how this is affecting young people in the private rented sector amidst the social housing crisis.

Michèle was also a panellist at the Doncaster, What's Next? business conference hosted by Doncaster Chamber, which discussed the ways in which corporate companies can support community organisations in Doncaster.



Fundraising

DHYP has participated in many fundraising activities in 2024, including Cantley Gala where we held a stall. Earlier in the year, our wider team of staff and trustees took part in a sleepout in collaboration with Club Doncaster and People Focused Group. We spent a cold March night sleeping on the floor in the stands of the Eco Power Stadium to raise awareness of homelessness, and in doing so, raised an incredible amount of money which will be used to support our young people.

Thank you again to all who supported our worthy cause.



Counselling & Wellbeing

Our young people continue to provide extremely positive feedback about our Counselling and Wellbeing Service, and so far this year, we are proud to have offered 469* counselling and wellbeing hours.

Our Weekly Wellbeing Hub continues to be a safe space for young people to meet, and activities here have included quizzes, origami, museum trips, life skills sessions and visits from outside agencies including *South Yorkshire Police* and *Always an Alternative* to provide young people with advice about keeping safe.

*figure correct at 31.07.24

Volunteering

We continue to be extremely thankful to our dedicated team of volunteers who assist DHYP across various areas of our work including counselling, wellbeing and administrative support.

Our young people have participated in a variety of Youth Social Action and Community volunteering activities so far this year, including cleaning of the communal areas at Squirrel Wood Scout Camp and delivering hampers and hand written letters to the grateful residents of Hay Wagon Park Homes Community as part of our Pensioner Pals Project.

Our young people have also attended the Community Union AGM to talk about their experiences and helped to run DHYP stalls at both Cantley Gala and RDASH AGM and Fun Day.



New Faces



We've been lucky enough to welcome some new faces to our team this year. These include our new Trustees Peter and Paula, who will play a key role in determining DHYP's strategic planning and future direction, alongside the rest of our experienced and committed board.

We are also thrilled to announce that Artist and Producer Skinny Pelembe is DHYP's first Ambassador.

Skinny was raised in Doncaster and is best known for his shapeshifting collage of indie rock, dub, electronic, psych and pop.

Skinny said **'I am delighted to represent such a worthy cause in my hometown of Doncaster. Raising awareness of homelessness is everyone's responsibility'**.

You can learn more about Skinny Pelembe by visiting his website: www.skinnypelembe.com

Partnership working & Corporate Support

DHYP continues to forge crucial partnerships with businesses across Doncaster. We have received many donations from all areas of the community for which we are incredibly grateful. These donations have taken the form of monetary and material donations, events to fundraise for DHYP and time given by corporate volunteers. Thank you to Togel Contractors, VolkerRail, Jewson, Places for People, Inner Wheel at St Leger, The Food Bank and Rapid Relief Team



Donations

Thank you to everyone who has donated to and fundraised for us so far this year. We are so appreciative of every donation we receive and all go towards supporting our young people and helping them to access a brighter future. Thank you to Doncaster College, St John Ambulance in Doncaster and to all individuals who have raised money for DHYP.

Funders

DHYP would like to take this opportunity to extend its thanks to its funders: DMBC, National Lottery, Lloyds Bank Foundation, Co Op, DCLT, Oliver Borthwick Foundation and Well Doncaster



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