

## **Report for Taunton Area LCN Meeting, Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March from the Taunton Area LCN - Young People's Working Group Meeting, held on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March.**

Meeting was held at Taunton Town Football Club by kind permission of Karl Lindsay

**Attendance:** Cllr Bev Fernandes (Chair)~Taunton Town Council, Pippa Hughes ~ Link Officer for the Taunton Community Network , Jane Knowles ~ Somerset Activity and Sports Partnership (SASP), Phil Durban, Bishop's Lydeard Residents Group, Richard Holt ~ Director of The Creative Innovation Centre CIC, Paul St, Taunton, Rev Tobie Osmond ~ Vicar of Taunton Minster, Faith, Education, Community, Andrew Pritchard ~ MIND, Adult Crisis Services and Somerset Connect Champion, Brenda Weston, Sam Bushen ~ Avon & Somerset Police, Charmaine Dyer ~ Violence and Reduction Partnership, Barney Simmons ~ Violence Reduction Partnership, Jackie ~ TYCA, Sally ~ Fuse/StreetLinkz Taunton, Craig ~ Youth Unlimited

### **Key points:**

**Young Somerset** updated the group re the hubs currently running at Coffee 1Bridgwater and McDonalds in Taunton. Already able to produce data from a questionnaire, for example 79% of those questioned on how safe they felt, knew what to do but were also unaware of being able to report anonymously, they were asked where they would like to see information. A schools pack is being prepared by the Violence Reduction partnership, info for PHSE sessions around conflict management and positive masculinity, this will go to all Somerset Schools. Also guidance leaflet for parents Young People in the Community Matter.

Charmaine encouraged all youth groups to get in contact with the partnership as they are keen to hear and participate with all groups.

**Paul Smith** gave a presentation The Employment Hub Digital Project, which aims to plug skills gap between colleges and businesses.

**Andrew Pritchard** gave an update on the planned event in June, a new venue had been found.

**Phil Durban** an update on the youth group and also that CIL funding through Bishop's Lydeard Parish Council had been secured for Bishop's Lydeard Primary School, part of which would be put towards a Youth Community Space.

**Jackie** explained the role of TYCA (Taunton Youth Culture and Arts), about the forthcoming festival organised and run by young people for young people

This is our third meeting and I never fail to feel the positivity and willingness to do the very best for young people and once the presentations and introductions were over the networking began with emails and contact numbers being swapped.

**Cllr Bev Fernandes, Chair**