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Coleford Youth Club
September 2025
REPORT

YMCA BRUNEL GROUP COLEFORD YOUTH CLUB

Report for Coleford Parish Council

Department: Youth and Community

Dated: July 2025 – September 2025

Team Leader: Chiara Docherty

Director of Youth & Community: Mark Willcox



YMCA enables people to develop their full potential in mind, body and Spirit. Inspired by, and faithful to, our Christian Values, we create supportive, inclusive and energising communities, where young people can truly belong, contribute and thrive.

Our youth work at YMCA Brunel Group

YMCA Brunel Group delivers universal Youth Work for young people 10-19 (25 years additional needs). Operating in 8 youth clubs, project work across Mendip & South Somerset; Frome, Coleford, Glastonbury, Shepton Mallet, Street and Yeovil. We have worked with 1200+ young people over the past year.

YMCA Brunel Group is a charitable organisation providing a service and activities for young people and their communities.

Our aim is for all our young people to have ambitions for themselves, to be confident individuals, effective contributors, successful learners and responsible citizens; and to be nurtured, safe, active, healthy, achieving, included, respected and responsible in their communities. We want to encourage young people to connect creatively with their community and learn how to become better neighbours through that connection.

Coleford Youth Club Report by Chiara Docherty

Report July 2025 – September 2025

Overview

This term has been a short term due to being closed for the 6 weeks holidays and being closed on 17th July due to an event. Delivered 2 sessions in July.

Due to programme planning, we were closed on Thursday 4th September and re-opened on Thursday 11th September.

Low attendance for the last two sessions before breaking up for the summer, but this is usual for the time of year and happens each year during July. Antisocial behaviour from a resident reported to police has impacted the attendance of the club which was 3)+ young people, we are expectant numbers will return.

We have a core group of attendees who have come consistently over this year and engage well with one another, the activities on offer and the youth work team.

Young People's Participation

- Pride Awareness session (Workshop)
- Quarterly feedback surveys to help evaluate the service and youth club provision
- Programme planning for the term ahead with young people
- Positive engagement in the youth work sessions and the programme

Focus

Themes/Topics/issue based:

Pride Awareness; LGBTQ+, equality & diversity, transitions, team building, healthy relationships/friendships

Crafts:

Flower art, glitter art, mosaics, Hama beads, flower arranging.

Team games/sports:

Archery, football, badminton, basketball, team building activities

Additional:

Nature walk/scavenger hunt

Highs

- New table tennis table for Coleford Youth Club
- Core group of young people who all engage well with all that's on offer during the sessions & positive relationships formed between youth workers and team.

Lows

- Issues with neighbour complaints (young people playing games outside of the youth centre during the youth club session). Now we are coming into the winter, less young people will want to be outside. It can be difficult to manage when young people enjoy playing games and sports as we are unable to do this inside of the building

- We cannot use the kitchen to cook with young people due to issues of hygiene. This is unfortunate as young people love cooking.
- Visit from hub committee regarding report of vandalism to the internet cable outside of the building- Both youth club and hub committee unsure when this took place.

What are the aims of the club for the next 3 months, what's important?

- Recruitment of young people
- Visit to year 6 at Bishop Henderson School
- Developing the programme with young people
- Taster sessions and workshops to support young people's personal development

Priorities for next 3 months

- Promotion of the youth centre and what's on offer for young people

Staffing:

Chiara Docherty- Team Leader

Lucy Sweet Youth Worker

Supported by Mark Willcox – Director of Youth & Community

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK COLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT IN SUPPORTING LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE AND YMCA BRUNEL GROUP COLEFORD YOUTH CLUB.