

# **NEATH Port Talbot COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **Education, Skills and Culture Scrutiny Committee**

**17<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

### **Report of the Head of Participation Chris Millis**

#### **Matter for Information**

#### **Wards Affected:**

All wards.

### **Mapping of Current Youth Service Provision and Information on School Holiday Enrichment Programme (SHEP)**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

**To provide members with an update on the Mapping of Current Youth Service Provision and information on the SHEP Programme.**

#### **Executive Summary**

Neath Port Talbot Youth Service currently provide community based youth work via youth clubs in 12 locations across the local authority.

The Youth Service have carried out a mapping exercise to establish if other Youth Club provision exists within the wards and to look at what other provisions are available to young people.

The Youth Service also asked young people what they thought was important to them via a questionnaire.

This report also looks into the School Holiday Enrichment Programme (SHEP) giving detail on what SHEP is and why it is needed.

## **Background**

Neath Port Talbot Youth Service currently provides community based Youth Clubs in 12 locations within Neath Port Talbot. These clubs are open to young people aged 11-18. The current Local Authority funded youth clubs are situated in:

- *Blaengwynfi, Bryn, Croeserw, Cymmer, Sandfields, Taibach, Bryncoch, Cimla, Crynant, Cwmllynfell, Glynneath and Seven Sisters.*

Current youth club provision is mainly located in areas of high deprivation but not always in those areas that have the highest numbers of young people or those with the greatest concentration of young people.

Current provision varies in relation to the number of nightly sessions and opening times offered to young people. With Sandfields being open 3 nights a week, 4 other clubs being open 2 nights a week and the remaining 8 clubs being open 1 night a week. Youth Clubs are currently open for 30 weeks of the year and this is based upon the school terms. Please see Appendix 1 for further details.

Attendance can fluctuate, with the highest attendance at Taibach youth club and the lowest at Bryn youth club. During 2017/18 the number of individual young people attending our youth clubs was 1230 [542 Female and 688 Male]. Please see Appendix 2 for Youth Clubs attendance summary

The current mapping exercise was carried out using outreach work where youth workers went to all the wards with the intention of speaking to local young people and residents, research using data,

and arranging meetings with local Councillors to discuss provision. A summary of the Community Mapping is attached as Appendix 3

Youth workers often found that there were no young people out during the mapping visits and this seemed to be the case for most wards.

The result of the mapping exercise show that out of the 42 wards within NPT 22 wards have no youth club provision, 11 wards have local authority run youth club provision with 2 of these wards also having church based youth clubs, 4 wards have only church based youth clubs, 4 wards have only voluntary sector youth clubs and 1 ward has a targeted group youth club. Please see Appendix 4 for further details

The mapping also showed that there is a range of other provision for young people across NPT although this is very limited in some areas and is normally based around sports and comes at a cost.

Data was also looked at to cross reference if current provision was situated in the most heavily populated areas (please see Appendix 5 for the ward population data). The local authority has youth clubs running out of the 3 of the top 10 most populated areas and there are alternative youth clubs running in another 2 of the top ten.

Population data shouldn't be looked at in isolation though as some areas that aren't as heavily populated might justify having provision due to other factors such as social isolation, lack of other provision etc. This might be the case for the 10 areas with the lowest population figures. There are 3 local authority run youth clubs in these areas and 2 voluntary sector run clubs.

A questionnaire was also developed to gather the views of young people on a range of provision and what they see as priorities for them. See appendix 6 for a copy of the questionnaire

Results of the questionnaire show that young people would like to see facilities in their area such as Sports/Leisure Centres (45%), Café (45%) and Parks/Open Spaces (43%). 58% of the young people asked thought that it was very important to have a place to have fun and meet friends, 48% of young people asked thought it was fairly

important to take part in activities, 48% stated that having a say in what happens in their communities is very important to them, 59% of young people stated that it is very important to have a place to access help, support, advice and guidance and 44% young people thought that it was very important to have local learning opportunities and training courses.

We also asked young people how important they thought local events, local jobs and housing options were to them. Results show that local jobs came up as the most important thing for them with 62% stating that this is very important to them. Second was housing options with 58% stating it was very important and this was followed by local events with 46% stating that these were fairly important to them. A more detailed summary is attached as Appendix 7.

## **School Holiday Enrichment Programme (SHEP)**

### **What is SHEP?**

SHEP is a school-based programme that provides healthy meals, food and nutrition education, physical activity and enrichment sessions to children in areas of social deprivation during the summer holidays. Once a week parents/carers and siblings are invited to join in with a family day and eat lunch with the children. 'Food and Fun' is the brand identity used at local level to promote the clubs to children and families. WLGA part fund the programme and funding up to 2019/20 is allocated within the draft budget to expand the programme and benefit children and families across Wales.

Funding was secured in 2017 from Tata Steel and Mynydd Brobmbil. Tata Steel have also match funded the Eastern Primary scheme for 2018 and have already confirmed funding for Eastern Primary for 2019.

In 2016 the WLGA piloted the SHEP model nationally working with 5 local authorities and 3 local health boards. Neath Port Talbot were part of this pilot and the schools involved were Melin Primary School and The Afan Valley Federation Schools bringing together Croeserw Primary, Cymmer Afan Primary, Glyncorrwg Primary and Penafan Primary to one site at Cymmer Afan Primary.

In 2017 and 2018 the scheme extended to include Eastern Primary School and Ysgol Bae Baglan. Ysgol Bae Baglan invite their feeder school Year 6 pupils giving them the opportunity not only to participate in the scheme but also a transition to their new school. Cardiff University provided the evaluation and recommended further scaling up of the model to understand the educational and health benefits to children and their families in different contexts.

NPT has teamed up with internal departments and partners in delivering the scheme – NPT PASS coaches, NPT play, Communities First Youth Service, Swansea City Football Club, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service, ABMU Health Board dietetics and school nurses , CADW. The scheme is supported by Politicians who have visited the scheme. This year Michael Sheen visited Ysgol Bae Baglan to show his support to the SHEP. At least 84 young people have been supported every day during the scheme this year.

### **Why is SHEP needed?**

During the school holidays, when free breakfast and school meals in primary schools are not available, some families struggle to afford or access food that provides a healthy diet. Some children also experience social isolation and a lack of intellectual stimulation, normally provided by school or family enrichment activities and this may contribute to widening the attainment gap.

SHEP can assist Public Service Boards in delivering against the 7 wellbeing goals in the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 in line with the 5 sustainable development principles.

What are the main benefits of SHEP

- Children are more active
- Improvements in children's diet
- Make new friends
- Learning and engagement with school
- Help parents health and wellbeing
- Parents learn new skills
- Involves the whole family
- Facilitates collaboration between agencies
- Involves children in decision making
- Makes better use of facilities

- Encourages community engagement
- Offers paid and voluntary employment
- Signposts to other services

Further Information

[www.wlga.wales/SHEP-food-and-fun](http://www.wlga.wales/SHEP-food-and-fun)

## **Appendices**

**Appendix 1 – Youth Club Information**

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**Appendix 3 – Community Mapping Summary**

**Appendix 4 – Wards with Youth Clubs**

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**Appendix 6 – Questionnaire**

**Appendix 7 – Questionnaire Summary**

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## Appendix One

# Youth Clubs In Your Area

Cwmlllynfell Youth Club

The Welfare Hall

Tues 6:30pm-8:30pm

Weds 6:30pm-8:30pm

Bryn Youth Club

The Community Centre

Fri 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Blaengwynfi Youth Club

The Library and  
Public Hall

Wed 5:45pm-7:45pm

Glynneath Youth Club

The Training Centre

Thurs 6:00pm-8:30pm

Seven Sisters Youth Club

The Community Centre

Thurs 6:30pm-8:30pm

Bryncoch Youth Club

The Community Centre

Thurs 7:00pm-9:00pm

Crynant Youth Club

The Community Centre

Tues 6:00pm-8:00pm

Fri 6:00pm-8:00pm

Cymmer Youth Club

Cymer Afan  
Comprehensive

Tues 5:30pm-7:30pm

Fri 5:00pm-7:00pm

Taibach Youth Club

The Community  
Education Centre

Tues 7:00pm-9:00pm

Thurs 7:00pm-9:00pm

Sandfields Youth Club

Ysgol Bae Baglan

Tue 7:00pm-9:00pm

Thurs 7:00pm-9:00pm

Fri 6:00pm-8:00pm

Cimla Youth Club

The Community Centre

Mon 6:00pm-8:00pm

Croeserw Youth Club

The Community  
Enterprise Centre

Mon 6:00pm-8:00pm

## Appendix Two

Youth Club	No of Sessions Open	Contacts	No of Individual YP	Female	Male	Average Attendance
Blaengwynfi	29	<b>947</b>	114	65	49	<b>33</b>
Bryn	25	<b>105</b>	24	11	13	<b>4</b>
Bryncoch	23	236	51	22	29	<b>10</b>
Cimla	29	234	41	21	20	<b>8</b>
Croeserw	21	444	75	33	42	<b>21</b>
Crynant	57	819	70	30	40	<b>14</b>
Cwmllynfell	59	1266	94	43	51	<b>21</b>
Cymmer	49	757	101	44	57	<b>15</b>
Glynneath	28	303	42	15	27	<b>11</b>
Sandfields	82	3205	315	112	203	<b>39</b>
Seven Sisters	26	310	53	21	32	<b>12</b>
Taibach	59	3262	240	120	120	<b>55</b>
Ystalyfera	4	20	10	5	5	<b>5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>11908</b>	<b>1230</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>24</b>

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## **Appendix Three**

### **Community Mapping 2018-19**

#### **Aberavon.**

No local authority youth clubs in the area. There was a non-statutory run youth club based in St Marys church which is now closed leaving the area with no specialised youth work provision.

The area has other youth provision such as the Afan Lido Leisure Centre and there seems a more provision for a younger children such as Aberavon Harlequins R.F.C Under 10's, Funky Footsteps Day Nursery, PT Cricket Club Juniors and Police Sporting Mondays.

There are a few areas where young people meet and hang out. These are MUGA/Park - Hopkin Street, McDonalds, Outside Morrison's Entrance, Aberavon Shopping Centre, St Marys Car Park, Multi-storey Car Park and the Old Port Talbot Bus Station.

#### **Aberdulais.**

No local authority youth clubs in the area and no known alternative youth provisions in the area. The PASS officer for Aberdulais, stated that they run activities (Street games) in the area and it's aimed at 11-16 years old on Thursday evenings 5pm-6pm in the Community Centre in Aberdulais.

Young people meet and hang around outside the local shop in Cilfrew. The young people who live in Aberdulais say if they go out they go to Cilfrew because there's more to do there. Some of the older young people will walk to Neath or Glynneath to meet up with their friends. The young people also stated that there are some good mountain biking tracks around the area.

#### **Alltwen.**

No local authority youth clubs in the area. The local community centre provides some activities for young people in the area. These are Circus Skills Class and Martial Arts Class in the area and Alltwen RFC also provide activities for young people including Bowls for all ages and Rugby under 14's.

There are Local Parks at Lon Tan yr Allt, Harry's Memorial, and Brynmorgug Playground

#### **Baglan.**

No local authority youth clubs in the area. The previous non-statutory run youth club based in Baglan Library is now closed. There is a Soul point faith based youth club that runs out of the Community Church on a Friday evening, this is open for young people over 7yr olds.

Other local provision for young people in the area includes Karate in Baglan and Baglan football club.

Young people meet and hang out in Baglan Park and around by the shops near the park.

## **Blaengwrach.**

No local authority youth clubs in the area and no known alternative youth provision. Some young people walk to Glynneath to access the youth club. There are a few uniformed groups in the area. These include Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Other provision for young people include the Nexus Valley Club Swimming Group, Glynneath Bushido Judo Club, Academy of Discipline Martial Arts, Blaengwrach Boxing Club, Celtic Archers and Nu Generation Dance class. There are also various Football and Rugby provisions from under 5s through to senior teams.

Young people meet and hang out by the underpass which links Blaengwrach to Glynneath under the A465. The underpass has been painted by Blaengwrach Primary school but was unfortunately vandalised.

The Park is a common area for young people to hang out and socialize as there is a MUGA, park and outdoor play area next to the football pitch too. The local planning department have been to Glynneath Youth Club to consult with the young people about the new MUGA proposals which look great. The Park is right next to the village hall so young people use the park as a waiting area prior to classes/sessions.

McDonald's is a very popular place for young people to meet as it is warm and sells cheap snacks

## **Briton Ferry East.**

No local authority youth clubs in the area and no known alternative youth provision although there is a faith based youth club run out of Bethesda on a Thursday.

Uniformed groups offer opportunities to young people locally and there is a local Karate club. There are also opportunities for sports including Briton Ferry Rugby Club, Briton Ferry Athletic Football Club and Briton Ferry Steel Cricket Club which run a Summer Programme.

Young people have the opportunity to participate in local music projects such as the Briton Ferry Musical Theatre Company and Silver Band

Young people meet and hang around in Jersey Park and local Cemetery and stated that in winter they tend to walk the streets. The young people spoken to feel that Briton Ferry is "rough and unsafe". They mentioned issues faced by the area with substance misuse being a major concern resulting in them staying at home.

Young people stated that they mostly stay at home in the evening but would like a youth club in the area particularly for those that weren't keen on sports.

## **Briton Ferry West.**

Recently the Youth Service Families First Team have set up 2 targeted youth clubs running out of the Boys & Girls Club. There is no local authority run open access youth clubs in the area and no known alternative youth provision.

Other activities in the area include Sea Cadets and Briton Ferry Boxing and Martial Arts Club. The Barn in Hengwrt is used for sporting activities and run by a group of volunteers.

Young people feel that there is little on offer for them in Briton Ferry. Most young people stay at home in the evenings or walk the streets and hang out in Jersey Park. There is a skate park in the area but they stated that this has fallen into disrepair. The young people spoke about the importance of Mental and Physical Health and would like a drop-in provision to discuss their issues with a counsellor and a subsidised gymnasium.

The travelling community in the area stated that they feel isolated within their community and not safe hanging about the village, resulting in them not going out in the evenings. Ideally they would like a professionally run youth club with an organized program of events. Education is also a major concern within their community.

### **Bryn & Cwmavon.**

There is a local authority run youth club in Bryn open on Friday evenings. The youth club attendance is cause for concern with an average of 4 young people attending a week. Discoverers Cwmavon is a church based group for young people which runs once a week and there are uniformed groups running in Cwmavon such as Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Other youth provision in the Bryn area includes Rugby - Bryn Rugby Club which run an Adult team 18+ plus various community events, the Royal Oak have a darts team open to young people aged 16+ and there are also bowls, cricket and football clubs locally. Young people can also access the tennis court.

In Cwmavon there is Cwmavon Rugby Club which caters for age groups from Under 7's to seniors, Cwmavon Football Club which has various ages from under 9s to under 14s and a senior team. Cwmavon also has a darts team which run out of a number of public houses and clubs including Rugby Club, Oakwood and Football Club. There are also other sporting opportunities for young people such as boxing which runs 3 nights a week, bowls, which has an adult's team for over 18s and Gym/Fight Club from Nails Gym which is open access in evenings for all ages.

There are very active community provisions within Cwmavon such as the local Community Centre which offers a range of activities for all ages including:

Keep fit, card making, playgroup, dodgeball, Pilates, karate, Cylch (Welsh) Playgroup, Senior Citizens, Circuits, Weight Watchers, Zumba, Old Tyme Dance, Dog Training, WI, Tai Chi, Discoverers, Sewing group, Busy Bees, monthly local produce market.

The local Library is also very active with a range of activities for all ages including:

Film Night, Pilates 7pm (16+), Reading group, Hear to Help, free hearing aid batteries and repairs for all ages, Legs, Bums and Tums 6pm (16+), Slimming World 7.30pm (14+), Macmillan Coffee morning – all welcome.

Cwmavon also has the Café and Community Drop in which runs ongoing monthly events and a range of activities including:

Gym (all ages), Circuits (all ages), Baking Club (ages 3 to 15), Dance (ages 11- 18), Drama Club (ages 5 to 16), Kung Fu (ages 11+), Veteran Breakfast Club with free gym (16+) and a Musical Theatre and Dance (ages 5 to 16).

Young people meet and hang out in the park in Bryn and in Cwmavon by the Cooperative, MUGA, park and Lifestyle Stores.

### **Bryncoch North.**

There is one local authority run youth club in the area which is open on a Thursday night 7pm – 9pm. Girl Guides and Scouts groups are available in the area. Bryncoch RFC also have a junior rugby team for young people.

Young people meet and hang out in Fernlea park and the youth club.

### **Bryncoch South.**

No local authority youth clubs in the area and no known alternative youth provision. Other youth provision in the area includes Neath Sports Centre which is open 7 days a week and also Youth Fitness Mon-Fri 15:30-17:00hrs. There is also a local community centre in Caewern which offers young people activities such as Karate.

Young people meet and hang out in Caewern Park, Tesco's shop, Caewern shops & Burger King (under the bypass). There are 3 local parks in the area.

### **Cadoxton.**

No local authority youth clubs in the area and no known alternative youth provision. The NPT pass team run holiday camps from Llangatwg community school during school holidays where they run a wide range of activities. Llangatwg is open in the evenings for swimming lessons run by Swim solutions every night of the week 4:30-8:30pm. The school have a running club on a Thursday afternoons 3:15-4:00pm for all aged young people. There is also a scout group running in the area and a local community centre.

Young people meet and hang around the local parks with their friends. A lot of the older ones say that they will go to Neath to meet their friends from other schools or they would go to Burger King because they have free wifi.

### **Cimla.**

There is one local authority youth club in the area run out of Cimla Community Centre and is open Mondays 6pm – 8pm. There are other activities available for young people in the area these are Horse riding sessions, battlefield live and activity days at Cimla Trekking and Holiday Centre

Young people meet and hang around at Cimla Common Play Area and also outside CK's one of the local shops. Other young people stated that they just walk the streets. The majority of young people spoken to state that their parents would not allow them out on the streets unless they attend an organised activity.

### **Coedffranc Central.**

No local authority youth clubs in the area and no known alternative youth provision. There is a range of uniformed groups in the area which is open to both Boys and Girls. These include Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Young people meet and hang out at Skewen Park, Skate Park and McDonald's fast food restaurant.

### **Coedffranc North.**

No local authority youth clubs in the area and no known alternative youth provisions. Young people have previously stated that they go to Skewen Park to meet up with friends.

### **Coedffranc West.**

No local authority youth clubs in the area and no known alternative youth provision. Girl Guides and Scouts groups are available in the area. Some local parks were identified but generally used by younger children.

Skewen Rugby and Sports Club offer a Youth Team and Children's Teams.

### **Crynant.**

One local authority run youth club in the area operating out of Crynant Community Centre, open Tuesdays & Fridays 6pm – 8pm. No known alternative youth provision in the area.

Other provision in the area includes Kung Fu and a Multi-Purpose Gym both of which run out of the Community Centre. There are various sporting provisions for young people such as Rugby - Dulais Valley Lions Juniors (8-15), Dulais Valley Youth (16-19), Seven Sisters Ladies (13+), Football – Seven Sisters AFC (juniors) and the Pass Team Sports Club.

There is also Scouts and Cubs available to young people in the area.

Young people meet and hang out in the Playground by community centre, by the Skate ramp, tennis courts and bike track. Young people also mentioned that they go to Stella's Shop and the lounge in the Rugby Club.

### **Cwmllynfell.**

One local authority run youth club in the area open Tuesday and Wednesday 6.30 – 8.30. No known alternative youth provision. But there was a Holiday Play scheme in Cwmllynfell Hall for young people aged 8-13.

Young people meet and hang out at the Skate Park, Outside CK's, and the Park on Heol Y Coedcae, Ystradowen Park and Cwmllynfell hall.

Some young people attend local clubs such as Dance and Karate. Some of the older young people use the rugby club. The young people stated that they generally just walk around the streets.

### **Cymmer.**

Two local authority youth clubs in the area running out of Croeserw Community Centre on a Monday 6pm – 8pm and Cymmer Afan Comprehensive School on Tuesday & Friday 5.30 – 7.30. There are no known alternative youth provisions.

Other provision in the area includes Afan Valley Swimming Pool which is open 7 days a week, Croeserw Football club which have under 12s and senior football teams. There is also an active Young Fire Fighters: Thursday Nights 6-8pm at Cymer Fire Station.

Cymer Fitness Centre is also open to young people and based at Cymer Comprehensive School. Open 4pm-8pm Monday-Friday.

There are a number of local parks in the area including the outdoor Park at Tudor Park Croeserw, Bottom outdoor Park on South Avenue and the Park based in Cymer next to the library.

Young people meet and hang out at the Astro Turf at Cymer Sports Centre, local Parks, the Youth clubs and Croeserw (Football pitch).

### **Dyffryn Clydach.**

No local authority youth clubs in the area and no known alternative youth provision although young people stated that they go to Bryncoch Youth Club.

Other youth provision in the area includes Bryncoch RFC which run Under 8's and Under 14's teams.

Young people meet and hang out by the shops in Wauncerirch Development Centre and the local park.

### **Glyncorrwg.**

No local authority youth club in the area although the youth service has helped the community set up a voluntary sector youth club in Noddfa Community Centre which is open to young people one night a week.

Other provision in the area includes Darts and pool for young people aged 16 plus at Glyncorrwg hall. There is also Rygbu for over 16s and over 18s in the area. Glyncorrwg Ponds also provide various outdoor activities in the area.

Young People hang out by Astroturf and the lane by the shop

### **Glynneath.**

One local authority youth club in the area running out of Glynneath Training Centre on a Thursday 6pm – 8.30pm. There is also Fusion Youth group @ Peniel Church which is open to young people aged 11-17 on a Friday night 7:30 – 9:00pm.

Other youth provision in the area includes a Kids Club – age 3 to 10 – at Peniel Church, Glynneath Brownies, Glynneath Karate Club and Glynneath Junior Tennis Club. There is also Football and Rugby provisions from under 5s through to senior teams in the area.

On the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month there is a film night for anyone over the age of 12 at the Glynneath Library – 6.30pm start;

A Local running club has been set up by local residents and young people are encouraged to join – currently on Monday evenings

Young people meet and hang out under the bridge at the bottom of Oddfellow's Street (the Langy) mainly during the summer months though. The Welfare Park is very popular in the summer and on weekends as there is plenty of room for young people of all ages to run about. During the summer young people jump off the bridge entering Glynneath into the river below. Although great fun for the young people, the Community Liaison Police find it difficult to Police as it does have potential risks.

### **Godregraig.**

No local authority youth clubs in the area and no known alternative youth provision in the area. We were unable to carry out detached youth work in the area due to staff shortages and sickness.

### **Gwaun Cae Gurwen.**

No local authority youth clubs in the area but there is a very active youth club in Canolfan Maerdy which is open on Tues/Wed/Thurs. Tues – 3.30pm

Other provision in the area includes Organised Kaos which provides Circus Skills activities on Monday, Tuesday & Fridays. There are also Reading Hacks – Volunteers in the library age 13-25, Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen Brass Band and Cwmgors Rugby Football Club.

Young people meet and hang out by the Car Park of Spar, Parc –Yr-Werin/ Maerdy Field and the bridge by the Waterfalls (summer time).

### **Gwynfi.**

One local authority youth club in the area running out of The Public Hall on a Wednesday 5.45pm – 7.45pm. There are no known alternative youth provisions in the area.

### **Lower Brynamman.**

No local authority youth clubs in the area and young people use Canolfan Maerdy Youth.

Other provision in the area includes Brynamman Cinema, the Outdoor pool which was closed during the mapping, Brynamman Youth Rugby team and Bryn Rovers Football – from under 8's – seniors.

Young people meet and hang out in Brynamman Rugby Club - Young people are permitted to 'hang out', play pool etc. Tairgwaith Park and Tairgwaith Working Men's Club - Young people are permitted to 'hang out', play pool etc.

### **Margam.**

No local authority youth clubs in the area Youth Clubs but there is an active group running Margam youth club on a Monday for young people aged 5 to 6 and on a Saturday for young people aged 9 to 12.

Other youth provision includes local parks and under 6 and 7 football teams. Margam Park also offers a range of activities for young people.

Young people meet and hang out in Talawyrn Park. They hang out outside Margam Fish bar and Tollgate shops. They also gather around Tollgate Park

The young people spoken to stated that they go to Taibach Youth Club to meet up with their friends and they also use the MUGA in Taibach.

### **Neath East.**

No local authority youth clubs in the area but alternative youth provision open in Ebenezer Chapel on a Thursday and in the Boys & Girls Club.

Other youth provision in the area includes various uniformed groups such as Scouts, Army and Air Cadets. There is also a community group called FANS – Friends and Neighbours and Melin Youth Council - Melin Primary meet once every 6 weeks. (Under 11s).

Young people meet and hang out in Melin Park and Bowen Street Park

### **Neath North.**

No local authority youth clubs in the area and one known alternative youth provision open in the Bridge Church which is open to young people on a Friday.

Other provision in the area include Neath Leisure Centre, Neath YMCA, Gwyn Hall, Town Hall, and various sports clubs. The local library is also very active.

Young people meet and hang out at the Train Station, Behind Bargain Booze, Neath canal, Victoria Gardens and Outside Morrison's.

## **Neath South.**

No local authority youth clubs in the area and no known alternative youth provision. The young people spoken to in the area would walk up to Cimla and hang around Cimla Common. The park itself was well equipped with a MUGA, Youth Shelter, play equipment and a small grassed area.

## **Onllwyn.**

No local authority youth clubs in the area and no known alternative provision.

Young people mentioned that they hang out on the streets and park and some would go to Seven Sisters Youth Club.

## **Peenna.**

No local authority youth clubs in this area. A Community run Youth Club is open on a Friday for young people aged 7-17.

Other youth provision includes Tonmawr Rugby Junior teams under 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s, 13s, 16s. Pontrhydyfen Rugby Junior teams under 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s, 11s, 12s, 13s, 17s. Bike Skills Centre running out of Bryn Bettws Lodge MTB Centre. The Gym is available at Pontrhydyfen Community Centre and Community members have run summer schemes at the field area during school holidays, which was well attended.

Young people meet and hang out in the local Fields and by the Shops and also in the Community Centre grounds Peenna. Young people also go to the top park at Tonmawr where there are basketball hoops, and tennis courts. Many young people from Peenna meet/hangout in Cimla area

## **Pontardawe.**

No local authority youth clubs in this area. One non statutory run youth club based in Elim Church which runs on a Tuesday.

Other youth provision includes Pontardawe Leisure Centre which provides a wide range of activities for young people including; football rugby, dance, gymnastics, judo, badminton, canoeing, netball, teen fit, tennis, Zumba, bowls, dance and hockey. There are also local clubs providing Kick Boxing and martial arts in the area as well as Pontardawe Rugby Club and the local swimming pool.

Pontardawe Arts Centre offers various activities for young people, which include; music development, hip hop and jazz dance, ballet dance, game development and cheerleading.

Mamma's nightclub holds events for 13+ where they breathalyse young people on arrival.

Young people meet and hang out in the park by the Leisure Centre. Along Tawe River, near the Leisure Centre and on a bench along the river near the arts centre. They also meet up on the "Rec", by the fish shop and kebab shop in Herbert Street and outside the Arts Centre.

## **Port Talbot**

No local authority youth clubs in this area and no known alternative youth provisions in the area.

Other youth provisions in the area include, Port Talbot YMCA,

Port Talbot YMCA are a Charity who help support young people in the community and they also offer a range of facilities that are open to the public such as, CUBE bouldering gym with Indoor and outdoor climbing walls, a Martial arts dojo, Music practice room and recording studio, a Multi gym and Adult fitness classes. The YMCA also run a Youth Adventure Club

Offering a range of exciting indoor and outdoor activities for children and young people. The YMCA is open 7 days a week.

There are various uniformed groups in the area including Port Talbot Army cadets, Scouts, Cubs, Brownies and Guides.

## **Resolven.**

No local authority youth clubs in this area. One non statutory run youth club Building blocks youth café which is open one Tuesday a month 6.30 – 8pm.

Other youth provision in the area includes Scouts, a local library and parks.

## **Rhos.**

No local authority youth clubs in this area and no known alternative youth provision in the area.

Other youth provision in the area includes Rhos Football club, a Community Centre and Park

Young people meet and hang out in the Local park, Football Field and Outside Premier shop.

## **Sandfields East.**

No local authority youth clubs in the area and the voluntary sector run youth club which was based in Bevan Avenue in now closed.

Other provision in the area includes Aberavon seafront, Karate Dalton Road Seaside Social Club, Ju jitsu Naval Club, Tan Dance Mozart Drive Community Centre Bevin Avenue, The Leisure Centre, Cinema, Local Community Centres and Library.

Areas where young people meet and hang out include Aberavon Beach along the seafront, skate park, outside burger King, McDonalds, Vivian Park, on the streets, outside the Spar at Dalton Road,

## **Sandfields West.**

One local authority youth club in the area open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday is really well attended and based in Ysgol Bae Baglan. Bulldogs Boxing & Community Activities also run various activities for young people.

Other provision in the area includes a wide range of sporting facilities in YBB that include a large multipurpose sports hall, gymnasium, fitness studio, PE lecture theatre, floodlit 4G and astro turf all weather pitches, a high spec football pitch, 3 additional grass pitches, sprint track, jump pit and jog track as well as a multi-use games area.

Young people hang out at the youth club and the seafront.

### **Seven Sisters.**

One local authority youth club in the area run out of the Community Hall and open Thursday 6.30-8.30pm.

Other youth provision in the area includes, Brownies & Guides - Monday Evenings in Community Hall, Seven Sisters RFC – Offer Rugby for all age groups including a Ladies Team, Seven Sisters Community Hall provide seasonal activities, Tang Soo Do Martial Arts Club, Stage 8 Theatre School – Ages 10+ (Saturdays from 12:45pm), M&WWFRS – Young Firefighters Project and the DOVE Community provision.

Young people meet and hang out by the Chip Shop & Costcutter, Play Pool at Local Rugby Club and they use the Multi-Use Games Area (based at Seven Sisters Community Hall).

### **Taibach.**

One local authority youth club in the area running out of the Taibach Community Education Centre and open Tuesday & Thursday 7.00 – 9.00. SNAC the Special Needs Activity Centre is also open on Tuesdays 09:00am-20:30pm.

Other youth provision in the area includes, Spartans boxing, Gym sessions and Keep fit sessions all at Taibach Community Education Centre. Taibach Karate Club Taibach Community Centre – Mondays and Thursday 18:00pm-21:00pm, Taibach Rugby Club has teams aged between 7-17years.

Young people are able to access Afan Nedd Archers who meet at the barn at the rear of the Community Education Centre on Thursday evenings, Body Pump Gym sessions run out of The Ware House on Talbot Road to a variety of age ranges. Open daily from 08:00am-22:00pm.

Goytre area has a football team called Goytre United FC which has both a youth team and ladies team. The ladies team has struggled with funding and have tried contacting local businesses for support but to no avail. They took matters into their own hands and wrote to actor Michael Sheen who has agreed to sponsor the ladies team.

Port Talbot Wheelers Meet at the Community Centre Duke Street Taibach no days found except for cycle runs on Saturdays and Sundays. Affiliation costs vary.

Although there is no venue in the Taibach ward young people are able to access Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides at St Theodores Church which is on the very border of the Taibach/Port Talbot ward.

Young people meet and hang out in various places within the ward such as the Memorial Park situated on the border of the ward between Taibach and Port Talbot wards, the shops on Commercial Road, the MUGA at the rear of the Community Centre and Margam FC playing fields at the Saltings. There is also an open space/park at the top of Wood Street that young people use.

Within Goytre and surrounding area young people hang out at the play area at Goytre Crescent.

### **Tonna.**

No local authority youth clubs in the area and no known alternative youth provisions.

Other youth provision in the area are, Karate – Tuesday 7-13 years old 6:30-7:30pm; Age 13+ 7:30-8:30pm, Tonna RFC Youth Team, Tonna AFC Junior Team (play at Court Herbert). There are also 2 local parks at Dan Y Bryn Park and Hunters Ridge Park.

No young people were visible on a number of visits to the Ward but community members reported that small groups of young people can sometimes be found at local parks and playing fields as well as outside retail and food outlets.

### **Trebanos.**

No local authority youth clubs in the area and no known alternative youth provision open in the area.

Other youth provision includes, Trebanos RFC (juniors), Trebanos Park, every Wednesday, 17:30 - 18:30, Trebanos RFC (Youth), Trebanos Park,

Green Farm, Riding Stables (lessons & Pony Club).

Young people meet and hang out in Trebanos Park, Coed Gwilym Park in Clydach, by the River Tawe, at the Rec Playing Fields in Pontardawe, by Trebanos Service Station and at Pontardawe Leisure Centre Playground.

### **Ystalyfera.**

There is no local authority youth club in the area and no known alternative.

Other youth provision in the area includes, Nu Addiction Dance Classes (Age 7+from 4.45 – 5.45pm on Thursdays), Ffordd Glandwr (MUGA & Skate Park), Varteg Park, Allt-y-Grug Park, Penywern Park. Maesydderwen Comprehensive School (which is less than a mile away from Ystalyfera in Powys CBC) have many sports facilities available for all ages including a full size floodlit Artificial Turf Pitch, Fitness Suite, gym, swimming pool and sports hall and there are well attended Karate and martial arts groups running out of Ystrad Leisure Centre.

Areas where young people meet and hang out include Ffordd Glandwr (MUGA & Skate Park) and Varteg Park.

## Appendix Four

	Ward	Youth Service Clubs	Other Youth Club
1.	Aberavon	No	No
2.	Aberdulais	No	No
3.	Allt-wen	No	No
4.	Baglan	No	No
5.	Blaengwrach	No	No
6.	Briton Ferry East	No	Church Youth Club
7.	Briton Ferry West	Target Club	No
8.	Bryn and Cwmavon	Yes	Church Youth Club
9.	Bryn-coch North	Yes	No
10.	Bryn-coch South	No	No
11.	Cadoxton	No	No
12.	Cimla	Yes	No
13.	Coedffranc Central	No	No
14.	Coedffranc North	No	No
15.	Coedffranc West	No	No
16.	Crynant	Yes	No
17.	Cwmllynfell	Yes	No
18.	Cymmer	Yes	No
19.	Dyffryn	No	No
20.	Glyncorwg	No	Voluntary Youth Club
21.	Glynneath	Yes	Church Youth Club
22.	Godre'r graig	No	No
23.	Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen	No	Voluntary Youth Club
24.	Gwynfi	Yes	No
25.	Lower Brynamman	No	No
26.	Margam	No	No
27.	Neath East	No	Church Youth Club
28.	Neath North	No	Church Youth Club
29.	Neath South	No	No
30.	Onllwyn	No	No
31.	Pelenna	No	Voluntary Youth Club
32.	Pontardawe	No	Church Youth Club
33.	Port Talbot	No	No
34.	Resolven	No	Voluntary Youth Club
35.	Rhos	No	No
36.	Sandfields East	No	No
37.	Sandfields West	Yes	No
38.	Seven Sisters	Yes	No
39.	Tai-bach	Yes	No
40.	Tonna	No	No
41.	Trebanos	No	No
42.	Ystalyfera	No	No

## Appendix Five

Ward	Number of young people Aged 11-25
Sandfields West	1247
Sandfields East	1177
Bryn and Cwmavon	1109
Neath East	1050
Baglan	983
Pontardawe	964
Neath South	922
Port Talbot	922
Aberavon	877
Tai-bach	838
Coedffranc Central	695
Neath North	582
Briton Ferry West	570
Margam	566
Cimla	553
Resolven	552
Coedffranc West	548
Ystalyfera	515
Dyffryn	513
Glynneath	511
Cymmer	509
Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen	502
Briton Ferry East	460
Tonna	420
Coedffranc North	390
Allt-wen	384
Aberdulais	376
Rhos	357
Seven Sisters	354
Blaengwrach	341
Bryn-coch North	313
Bryn-coch South	313
Crynant	306
Godre'r graig	304
Cadoxton	265
Gwynfi	251
Trebanos	247
Lower Brynamman	230
Pelenna	177
Onllwyn	176
Cwmllynfell	175
Glyncorwg	165



## Appendix Six

### Neath Port Talbot Youth Service Questionnaire

1. **Your name** (optional) ..... **Mobile** (optional).....

2. Are you? Female  Male  Other  Prefer Not To Say  **(Please tick ✓)**

3. How old are you? (Please circle.) 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

4. Where do you live? .....

5. How would you describe the area you live in? .....

6. How would you describe public transport in your area? **(Please tick ✓ one)**

Very good                       OK                       Poor                       Very poor

7. What services for young people do you think are needed most in your area? **(Please tick ✓ as many as you like)**

Training / Courses <input type="checkbox"/>	Health support for	Advice and support for
Cafe <input type="checkbox"/>	- Substance Misuse <input type="checkbox"/>	- Employment <input type="checkbox"/>
Youth Club <input type="checkbox"/>	- Physical Health <input type="checkbox"/>	- Housing <input type="checkbox"/>
Library <input type="checkbox"/>	- Mental Health <input type="checkbox"/>	- Other (please state)..... <input type="checkbox"/>
Park / Open Spaces <input type="checkbox"/>	- Sexual Health <input type="checkbox"/>	
Community Centre <input type="checkbox"/>		
Sport / Leisure Centre <input type="checkbox"/>		

8. Where do you go for help and support? **(Please tick ✓ as many as you like)**

Family Member/ Carer       Support Worker       On-line   
 Teacher       Doctor       Friend/ Partner   
 Keep it to myself       Other (please state).....

9. Do you take part in any activities on a weekly basis? e.g. Youth Club, Sports, Music, Guides etc **Yes / No**

If yes, what activities do you attend? **(please list)**      If you answered no, please tell us why.

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 .....

10. How important would you say the following things are? **(Please tick ✓ just one box on each line)**

	Very Important	Fairly Important	Not very Important	Not at all Important
A place to have fun and meet friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A place to take part in activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Having a say in what happens in your community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A place to access help and support, advice and guidance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local learning opportunities and training courses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local jobs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing options	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. Is there anything you would like to change about your community?

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 .....

12. Where do you hang out in your community?

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 .....

## Appendix Seven

### Community Mapping Questionnaire Summary.

#### Participant Data

817 – Female

799 – Male

29 – Prefer not to say

19 – Other

**Total 1,664**

#### How would you describe public transport in your area?

OK (1108) 67%

Very good (326) 20%

Poor (153) 9%

Very poor (69) 4%

#### What services for young people do you think are needed most in your area?

Sport / Leisure Centre (794) 49%

Cafe (747) 47%

Advice and support for employment (720) 45%

Health support for mental health (716) 45%

Park / Open spaces (688) 43%

Health support for physical health (599) 37%

Advice and support for housing (548) 34%

Youth club (500) 31%

Training / Courses (444) 28%

Health support for substance misuse (389) 24%

Health support for sexual health (379) 24%

Library (377) 23%

#### Where do you go for help and support? Please choose as many as you like

Family Member / Carer (1360) 82%

Friend / Partner (812) 49%

Teacher (448) 27%

Keep it to myself (421) 25%

Doctor (201) 12%

Support Worker (102) 6%

On-line (97) 6%

Other (47) 3%

#### Do you take part in any activities on a weekly basis?

Yes (1062) 66%

No (559) 35%

## **How important would you say the following things are?**

### **A place to have fun and meet friends**

Very important (966) 58%  
Fairly important (601) 36%  
Not very important (66) 4%  
Not at all important (20) 1%

### **A place to take part in activities**

Fairly important (795) 48%  
Very important (648) 39%  
Not very important (176) 11%  
Not at all important (34) 2%

### **Having a say in what happens in your community**

Very important (788) 48%  
Fairly important (608) 37%  
Not very important (195) 12%  
Not at all important (47) 3%

### **A place to access help and support, advice and guidance**

Very important (969) 59%  
Fairly important (526) 32%  
Not very important (105) 6%  
Not at all important (37) 2%

### **Local learning opportunities and training courses**

Very important (717) 44%  
Fairly important (680) 42%  
Not very important (188) 12%  
Not at all important (47) 3%

### **Local events**

Fairly important (749) 46%  
Very important (518) 32%  
Not very important (321) 20%  
Not at all important (42) 3%

### **Local jobs**

Very important (1017) 62%  
Fairly important (495) 30%  
Not very important (84) 5%  
Not at all important (33) 2%

### **Housing options**

Very important (944) 58%  
Fairly important (520)  
Not very important (121)  
Not at all important (40) 3%