

Chesterfield Youth Network

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Identity and formation...

Group creation in August 2023 following dialogue between Relate Chesterfield and Joshua Ludlam (worked for Co-op Group at the time)

There was an indication from Relate, Monkey Park and St John's Ambulance, that collaborative youth forum to connect youth clubs did not exist

This initiated the creation of "Chesterfield Youth Network"

Email exchanges with various groups, word of mouth and social media advertisements attracted the attention of 18 youth groups/organisations

Identity and formation – continued...

- Each respective group who expressed interest and joined meetings was honoured “Network Member” status – a group with an interest in steering the Chesterfield Youth Network, its purpose and wider mechanism
- **Present “Network Members”:** Edge Ministries, Monkey Park Community Hub, Boza Youth Inc, Pomegranate Youth Theatre, Chesterfield Studios, Relate Chesterfield, St John’s Ambulance, Growth Activities, Community Cultural Education Partnership, Canon Mill Trust, Barrow Hill Community Trust, Blend Youth Project, Neuro Hubs, Fairplay, Fairwood Pioneers, Dunstone Forest School
- **Enquiring Members:** Chesterfield Football Club, and Community Development Chesterfield

An umbrella identity...

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Intentions and objectives...

1

Define "Network Member" specialisms / focus areas

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Build a static magazine/guide showcasing what each group does

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Build an interactive and digitized magazine/ guide showcasing what each group does

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Design a "Skill Share" scheme - for staff and volunteers

Intentions and objectives...

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Establish clear referral routes - through networking and contact exchanges

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Maximise impact for young people by avoiding provision duplications

7

Conduct joint funding bid collaborations

8

Establish a "Chesterfield Youth Board" - to gather authentic voice from young people, and inform decision-making

**How do we
achieve the
identified
objectives?**

