

## Melbourn Youth Provision: Youth Consultation 2021

Prior to Covid-19, Groundwork re-launched Melbourn Youth Club in January 2020 to tackle some of the challenging behaviour seen at the club and as a result the new club was developing well. Sadly, due to the pandemic and in light of the various restrictions, the Melbourn Youth Club had to close and over the last year Groundwork tried a number of interventions to encourage youth engagement. This included online delivery, projects and outdoor events, which were met with different levels of success. In recent discussions between Groundwork and MAYD, it was felt that since the pandemic and lack of interaction with young people, we no longer understand the needs of the young people in the area. In order to be able to provide future provision that meet the needs of young people, Groundwork propose delivering a youth consultation in Autumn of 2021. The consultation will be delivered in two parts and will culminate in a report highlighting the feedback along with suggestions for future delivery. A suggested timeline for this consultation will be Mid-September to the end of October, but this will depend on the availability of the Melbourn Village College and if restrictions in school still apply.

The consultation will ask young people a variety of questions to help understand what is needed in the area, including, but not limited to;

- Location
- Time
- Types of Activities – sports, art, music
- Types of provision – youth club, projects, outdoor
- Age groups
- Specific issues or interests
- Barriers to attending
- Best ways to publicise provision

Groundwork will work with MAYD to agree questions, which will be used in both the face to face consultation and online survey to ensure continuity of results.



### Face to Face Consultation

Groundwork will deliver 5 face to face sessions at Melbourn Village College for years 7-11. This will include an assembly to each year group, followed by a lunchtime stall in the area of good foot traffic. The assembly will introduce the students to Groundwork and MAYD and explain the purpose of the consultation. It will go on to explain how the young people can take part and where to find the youth workers at lunchtime. During the lunchtime, Groundwork will set up an interactive stall somewhere easily accessible to the students. Young people will be able to access the stall throughout lunch to answer questions and give feedback. To encourage involvement, a small gift such as a packet of sweets will be given to all those taking part and as a wider incentive for both the face to face consultation and online survey, young people can submit their name and email for a chance to win a £50 voucher.

### Online Consultation

Alongside the face to face consultations, Groundwork will run an online survey. The online survey will be accessible to all those that can't take part in the face to face consultation and can be circulated to other schools in the surrounding area. Finally, Groundwork will circulate the survey via social media and to all voluntary groups in the area to encourage as many young people as possible to give feedback.

### Costs

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| <b>Staff Time:</b>        |       |
| Management                | £180  |
| Face to Face Consultation | £1350 |
| Online Consultation       | £390  |
| Reporting and Meetings    | £270  |
| Mileage                   | £210  |
| Resources                 | £100  |

Total cost per event **£2500** plus VAT at the prevailing rate per year

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