

Den Update – Summer 2022

Hello everyone!

Welcome to our Summer edition of The Den Update! We hope you enjoy reading what The Den has been up to in the last few months. If you would like any more information or if you would like to work in partnership with us please get in touch, we would love to hear from you, just email

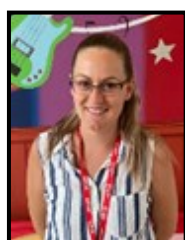
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New Den Workers - June 2022



Lynsey Kerr, Project Worker, has a wealth of experience supporting young people in a range of settings such as schools and youth clubs. She joins us from Tanfield Comprehensive School and her role is to ensure our groups and activities are exciting, educational and high quality.



Kat Rudd, Development Coordinator, has first-class honours degree in Business Management from Teesside University and a PGC in Education. Kat's previous experience includes working with small businesses and in the further education sector. Kat's strategic role includes developing and implementing our business plan, volunteer strategy and fundraising.

Den Kickstarters

Our two Kickstart Den Assistants, Beth Simmonite and Laura Eland had brilliant placements, both cementing their future with us when we offered them contracts at The Den following their government funded positions!



Laura



Beth

Funding

In March 2022 we were fortunate to gain a grant from DCMS via Children in Need to carry out essential capital works at The Den. This includes new lighting internally and externally, a raised seating area for our members who want somewhere quiet to do group work or just have a chat, a new website and some IT equipment.

We want to thank all of our funders, we could not do it without you all!

Thank you to all of our funders and supporters:



County Durham Youth Network

We continue to be active members of the County Durham Youth Network, attending the network meetings and sharing good practice. In March 2022 we were involved in the planning of their conference for youth workers in County Durham.

Young Volunteers Task Force



The task force is an exciting project that was halted due to covid-19. We have a dedicated team of young volunteers, aged 13+. Returning after lockdown 2.0, the young volunteers are enthused and keen to progress and other young members are now old enough to volunteer and keen to do so. They have just submitted their first funding bid to the Happy and Healthy Fund through NE Youth – fingers crossed they get it!



Fun and Food in February 2022

Woodcraft Folk Common Ground International Camp 2022



Stanley Woodies members will be attending their long-awaited international camp in Northamptonshire from 29 July – 9 August - rescheduled from 2020, the kids are so excited. Over 2000 children and young people will be there from all over the world, it promises to be a life-changing experience. Check out the website for more info on what our members will be up to.

www.commonground.camp/



Woodies at Causey Arch in May

Karbon Homes

After supporting Karbon Homes with their Easter school holiday programme delivery, we are now working in partnership for Summer activities. We have three school holiday sessions planned, in conjunction with Karbon Homes - Creative Kitchen, Big Science and a Circus Skills Camp. Our members are really excited!

Proud to be part of the:



Sound Hub Summer Showcase

Our music project funded by Ronnie Scott Charitable Foundation and County Durham Community Foundation continues to offer low cost guitar and drumming tuition every Saturday. In July our budding Sound Hub musicians held a showcase event for parents, relatives and friends. They were supported by the Sound Hub tutors who formed their own band for the night, namely The Tutons. This was a brilliant event with over 100 people in attendance and the young people raised over £400 for their project.



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Den goes Digital

This Summer we are working with Digital Voice CIC on our Den goes Digital project for our members. Activities include digital animation, art, photography and filming, and TikTok videos around mental health.

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