

## **Youth Advisory Committee Meeting – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

### **Welcome and introductions**

### **Partner updates**

#### **Pride Action North**

**Trans+ Social & Support Group** – New group opened in Newcastle City Centre, 1 Strawberry Lane, for 16 to 25 year olds. Tuesdays 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

**Free To Be** – coming to Blyth Central Family Hub, Wednesdays 4.30pm to 7.15pm

**ONE Centre** – Unit 2B Stonehills, Peelow

#### **Wansbeck Community Links**

**Young Adults Lego Group** - These groups are a great way of helping people connect, especially those who are neurodiverse and may struggle in social settings, for 18+ at the Hirst Welfare, 12.00 to 1.30pm.

**Opportunities Fair** - New date 16<sup>th</sup> March at the Hirst Welfare, contact Carla at [carla.thompson@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:carla.thompson@northumberland.gov.uk) if you would like to promote any training, volunteering opportunities or job vacancies.

**Street Games** – an expression of interest form was developed and distributed with the aim of creating sustainable community provision at the Playzone. Meeting to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm at Hirst Park Pavilion.

**World of Work Week** - at Dukes Primary School, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

**Community Safety Team** – the team are currently trying to address motorcycle anti-social behaviour by pro-actively encouraging young people not to use them.

A six-week programme for 10 to 11 year olds has been developed, anyone wishing to refer into the programme or discuss a shorter version contact [Neil.Pacey@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Neil.Pacey@northumberland.gov.uk)

**Young Carers Northumberland** – Karen Lightley kindly introduced the group to Young Carers Northumberland and gave information on what the group does. Including how to refer and training available as well as activities and events and one to one support. To arrange training or make a referral contact 01670 320025 or email, [youngcarers@carersnorthumberland.gov.uk](mailto:youngcarers@carersnorthumberland.gov.uk) Visit; [News and Events](#) to find out what is happening across Northumberland.

**Mortal Fools** – are touring with the Melva Project, the first showing is at Newbiggin Sports and Community Centre on the 21<sup>st</sup> March.

**Melva Mapletree and the Great Undoing** book has just been published and launched.

**Creative Sparks** – Ashington Family Hub, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 10.30 to 2.30pm.

### **Ashington Town Council Update**

**ATC** – small grant fund closes for application on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

**ATC** – free swim session through half term 18<sup>th</sup> February and 21<sup>st</sup> February 1pm to 2pm at Ashington Leisure Centre

### **Opportunities**

**Koast Radio** – have funding available for training from the National Lottery, anyone interested in developing a training programme contact Jeff Pattison on 07701 300749 or email; [j.ecofair@gmail.com](mailto:j.ecofair@gmail.com)