

# STEP

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Wakefield Step-Up to Positive Activity (Step-Up) is funded through the Early Intervention Youth Fund as part of the Serious Violent Crime Strategy through the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner. It is a youth intervention programme that targets young people 11 to 17 years of age, who are involved in or at the risk of being involved in serious violent crime.

The programme aims to disrupt offending behaviour and step young people up to involvement in positive alternatives to crime with peers and trusted adults. The programme will be delivered by the Youth Work Team, Youth Offending Team and Liaison & Diversion Services.

The 11-14 year old cohort has just begun, keep an eye out for the opening of referrals for the 15-17 year old cohort in September 2019.



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## Contact us

To see more of what the Youth Work Team and young people of Wakefield have been up to visit our website [www.wfyouth.co.uk](http://www.wfyouth.co.uk)

The website is run by our team and is the place to go for information, advice and guidance specifically designed for young people in the Wakefield district.

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## Youth Support Services are Branching Out!

Branching Out is returning for its fifth year! Young people will complete the John Muir Award over a week of exciting activities which will include adventure, art and sports. Available to schools and targeted groups.

Week one 15th - 19th July 2019 age 16 - 18, Week two 5th - 9th August 2019 age 11 - 15, Week three 19th - 23rd August age 11-15.

For further information regarding  
Branching Out:

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## Duke of Edinburgh!

As we finished last years Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, it marked the first time a full set of young people that had worked with John & Kelly from bronze had completed their gold awards.



(Gold award finishers & the Duke of Edinburgh team.)

As we move to the Summer, we can look forward to new faces starting their bronze awards, as well as familiar faces looking to complete their silver and gold awards. Look out on our social media for updates on all three groups.

And remember to make sure to keep an eye out on social media for dates and times of future open evenings. These evenings give a chance for young people to come meet the D of E team and see if the award is suitable for them.

**"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid" - Albert Einstein**

Make sure you LIKE us on Facebook and FOLLOW us on Twitter to know what's happening in the Wakefield District, we are also on Instagram now! Follow us at [@wakefieldyouthworkteam](https://www.instagram.com/wakefieldyouthworkteam)

## Shelter Make Over

The youth shelter on Dando Way, Ackworth had been defaced and was becoming an eyesore in the community.

Rob and Amy from the Youth Work Team have been working on a project in Ackworth with artist Elliot Wigzell. He was tasked with coming up with a new design which he then spray painted onto the shelter.



The work was funded through the Neighbourhood Improvement Fund with support from Local district Councillors, Carrington, Garbutt and Ward.



## Youth Mentors

The Step Up to positive activities project has two elements running in parallel, the programme for young people, and the youth mentor training. The youth mentor training started on the 2nd May and this group will continue to work with Youth Work Team staff to expand their skill-sets before being paired with a young person from the programme.

If this is something you may be interested in, contact Joanne Browning on 01924 302116



## Final Farewells & New Faces!

Since our last newsletter, we have had a little bit of a change of staff.

We have said our goodbyes to youth work apprentices Harley, Matty and Sam. Who have all gone into jobs inside Wakefield Council.

We have welcomed Rob our digital marketing apprentice, Amy our youth work apprentice & Rhiannon our business administration apprentice.

## Pride Awards!

The 15th annual Council Pride Awards ceremony took place on Friday 30 November 2018 to celebrate the hard work and dedication of staff in delivering excellent service to the people of Wakefield. Guests gathered at The Space, Wakefield, including award sponsors, nominees, councillors and senior management to honour those members of staff for their outstanding efforts and achievements during the past year. Members of CMT introduced each award and invited the sponsor of each of the 7 awards to open the golden envelope and read out the winner's names. The Youth Work Team social media staff didn't win on this occasion.

Congratulations to all the winners and runners-up, who were also winners in their Directorate Awards event earlier this year.



**Celebration time!** In February the Youth Work Team hosted a celebration event at Wakefield Town Hall to recognise the fantastic contribution volunteers and casual pool staff make. As part of the evening we recognised the achievements of 17 new volunteers who have completed the Youth Work Team's YouthReach volunteer training programme.

All the new volunteers were presented with certificates in recognition of their efforts and impact, It is great to report that they are all going to continue volunteering within the service.

