

GAPS IN CURRENT PROVISION

The Review has identified a number of gaps in local provision which could be filled either by Voluntary Sector Youth Activities or by the Statutory Sector or even by a hybrid of the two.

For instance, talks are underway which seek to provide facilities in various communities where either no facilities are currently available or where a minority of youth behaviours are perceived as challenging e.g.

Croeserw;

Gwaun Cae Gurwen, supported by Lifelong Learning staff

Baglan (a local initiative)

Skewen

Consultations have highlighted the following priorities in each zone:

Zone 1 – Margam, Taibach and Port Talbot

- Prevention work for drug use - potentially West Glamorgan Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and SMAT.

Zone 2 – Sandfields East, Sandfields West and Aberavon

- Children want open spaces to play, free from traffic and pollution
- Reduced costs for gym, cinema and bowling
- Lack of buildings for work with young people in Aberavon

Zone 3 - Pelenna, Bryn and Cwmavon

- Facilities for young women in Pelenna

Zone 4 - Cymmer, Gwynfi and Glyncorrwg

- Parenting skills classes
- Basic skills training provided by local people
- Off-road bike track
- Transport out of valley

Zone 5 - Baglan, Briton Ferry East and Briton Ferry West

- Non-sports based provision
- Youth shelters would be a useful development within this zone, e.g. St. James Field:
- Motor project for young people.
- Parenting for the 21st Century.
- Gym in Briton Ferry.

Zone 6 - Neath West, Neath East, Neath South, Neath North, Cimla and Tonna

- Suitable venue for youth club in Cimla.

- Young people in Neath want a club to stay open and somewhere to chill out.
- Expand music projects via Battle of the Bands and Sounds Around.
- Cinema, although a number of stakeholders were pursuing more than one video project (Zone meeting).

Zone 7 - Resolven, Blaengwrach and Glynneath

- Skateboard park
- Off-road facilities
- Gaps in provision for young people aged 8-14
- Expand the community cinema project operating out of Glynneath Training Centre.
- Expand the existing girls soccer and rugby.

Zone 8 - Crynant, Onllwyn and Seven Sisters

- Youth Centre in Crynant Park.
- Dove 14+ Young Male Project.
- Intergenerational and citizenship projects.
- Transport within and outside the zone.
- Project work in Pant-y-Ffordd.
- Age and gender appropriate provision.

Zone 9 - Coedffranc Central, Coedffranc North and Coedffranc West

- A lack of available buildings in which to engage young people.
- Detached youth work.
- Drop-in facility or youth café.
- Community arts.
- Citizenship work.

Zone 10 - Aberdulais, Bryncoch North, Bryncoch South, Cadoxton and Dyffryn

- Provision for older young people in Bryncoch and Aberdulais.
- Youth Shelters in a number of parks within the zone.
- Limited statutory provision.
- Skatepark.
- Cinema.

Zone 11 - Alltwen, Pontardawe, Rhos and Trebanos

- Improved facilities for children's play and increased support for summer play schemes are needed.
- Transport within and to outside the zone.
- Outreach work to complement the PONTY Youth Project.
- Youth shelters needed for 12 -17 age group in Ystalyfera and Godre'r Graig.

Zone 12 - Cwmllynfell, Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen

- Biking club for older young people.
- Provision through Welsh language.

- Transport within and to outside the zone.
- Subsidised use of the Council's Sports facilities e.g. playing fields for young people.