



Organisation:

The Foxton Centre, The Vault Youth Zone and LCC Targeted Youth Support

Project Brief:

Project Name: Preston Youth Partnership

Applicants: The Foxton, Vault Youth Zone (OnSide), Lancashire County Council Targeted Youth Support

Location: Preston

Duration: 18 months (1 April 2026 – 31 August 2027)

Funding Requested: £65,000

Total Project Cost: £95,000

Purpose / Issue Addressed

The partnership aims to fill gaps in targeted youth support across Preston, focusing on young people aged 10–17 who are at risk of exploitation, ASB, criminality, or disengagement. A high volume of referrals (350+ since Sept 2024) has highlighted the need for consistent, skilled, one-to-one support and early-intervention approaches.

Delivery Model

- Detached youth work across communities.
- One-to-one support and group-based interventions.
- Co-working with schools, police, community groups, and youth providers.
- Approx. 98 young people receiving 6-week interventions (varied for complex cases).
- Exit plans linking young people into long-term positive activities.
- Gender- and ethnicity-specific workers available where needed.

Target Group & Engagement

- Young people raised at the Preston Prevention Partnership Panel (levels 2–3).
- Engagement through the referrer or the professional with strongest family relationship (schools, faith groups, housing providers, police, school nurses).
- Youth-led goal setting and flexible intervention length depending on need.

Expected Outcomes

Short/medium-term:

- Increased confidence and trust in services.
- Re-engagement in education, training or positive activities.
- Reduced ASB, exploitation risk, substance misuse, and other harmful behaviours.

Long-term:

- Breaking cycles of deprivation and criminality.
- Stronger community safety and reduced police interventions.

- Improved aspirations, resilience, and long-term life chances.

Partnerships & Collaboration

Strong multi-agency partnership involving:

- Community Safety Partnership
- Police (early intervention & neighbourhood teams)
- Preston Youth Forum members (e.g., Jamea Mosque, Tanterton Village Centre, Wot Wud You Do, colleges)
- Genga and VAWG South Division Police Group

Monitoring & Evaluation

- Independent evaluation (£15,000) by UCLan/Cumbria/Bolton University.
- Shared outcomes across partners to improve long-term practice and case management.

Cost Breakdown (Key Items)

- Sessional youth workers: £35,000
- Independent evaluation: £15,000
- Activity/engagement budget: £7,000
- Management/coordination: £6,500
- Transport: £1,500
- £30,000 in-kind support from core partners

Priority Supported:

**Tackle Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
Get Tough on Serious Violent Crime**