



COMMUNITY FUND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP FUND

Application No 04

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Project Brief:

Project Name: Fylde Her Space

Start Date: 16 February 2026

End Date: 22 June 2026

Duration: 18 Weeks

Location: AFC Fylde, Kirkham

Funding Requested: £3,701.90

Total Project Cost: £12,512.90

Match Funding: In-kind support from AFC Fylde Community Trust (safeguarding and media time) and pending application to Hays Travel Foundation (£8,211)

Project Aim:

The project aims to **improve the safety, wellbeing, and empowerment** of girls aged 12–17 by reducing their exposure to Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), harmful relationships, exploitation, and anti-social behaviour (ASB). It also seeks to engage girls in positive, trauma-informed, youth-led activities that build confidence, resilience, and trust in statutory partners.

Key aims include:

- Reducing vulnerability to VAWG and unhealthy relationships
- Raising awareness of safety strategies and reporting routes
- Supporting emotional wellbeing and school engagement
- Offering safe alternatives to risky environments and peer groups
- Ensuring girls' voices shape community safety actions and local priorities

Key Interventions:

The project delivers **four interconnected strands of intervention:**

1. VAWG and Healthy Relationship Education

- Specialist sessions on coercive control, domestic abuse, gaslighting and consent
- Delivered with partners such as Fylde Coast Women's Aid
- Police-led sessions explaining criminal behaviour and reporting pathways

2. Personal and Digital Safety

- Practical strategies for navigating unsafe situations in public spaces
- Community mapping of unsafe areas in Kirkham, Lytham and St Annes

- Guidance on online harms including image-based abuse

3. **Positive Youth Engagement & ASB Reduction**

- Weekly sessions offering creative arts, wellbeing activities, sport and meditation
- Youth workers escorting girls safely from school to reduce risk
- Evidence from previous delivery shows reduced presence in ASB hotspots

4. **Emotional Wellbeing & Confidence Building**

- Yoga, meditation, spoken-word workshops, and safe space discussions
- Activities designed to reduce social isolation and encourage re-engagement with school

These interventions create an integrated programme that supports personal safety, wellbeing and pro-social behaviour.

Partners Involved:

A strong network of local partners supports the project, each contributing specialist expertise:

- **Fylde Neighbourhood Policing / PCSOs** – weekly engagement, safeguarding, trust-building
- **Lancashire County Council Detached Youth Workers** – identifying and referring girls at risk, monitoring community behaviour
- **Local High Schools** (e.g., Carr Hill) – referrals, attendance encouragement, feedback on behaviour
- **United Youth Alliance** – youth-led strategy, sessions on policy and empowerment
- **Fylde Coast Women's Aid** – specialist VAWG workshops and signposting
- **Local Beauticians & #NailDomesticViolence Initiative** – confidence-building, role modelling, and two-way domestic abuse awareness raising
- **AFC Fylde Community Foundation Teams** – central delivery team, communications and leadership
- **Fleetwood Town Community Trust Girls Group** – future partnership aligned to cross-community empowerment

This multi-agency structure ensures robust safeguarding, consistent support, and high-quality delivery.

Expected Impact:

The programme is expected to deliver meaningful benefits at individual, community and strategic levels, including:

- Increased confidence in reporting harmful behaviours
- Improved understanding of VAWG, consent, coercive control and red flags
- Enhanced emotional wellbeing and resilience
- Reduced isolation, strengthened sense of belonging
- Improved school engagement and behaviour
- Decreased presence in ASB hotspots
- Stronger trust and positive relationships with police
- Greater representation of girls' voices in community safety decision-making

Impact will build on strong outcomes already evidenced in previous cohorts.

Evaluation Methods:

A mixed-methods evaluation framework will measure both quantitative and qualitative outcomes:

- **Knowledge-testing activities** (quizzes, red-flag exercises)

- **Wellbeing self-assessments**
- **Attendance and engagement monitoring**
- **Safeguarding records**, referrals and case notes
- **School feedback** on behaviour, attitude and attendance
- **Partner feedback** from PCSOs, youth workers and service organisations
- **Case studies and participant testimonies**

This approach captures both measurable improvement and lived-experience insight.

Cost Breakdown Highlights:

The cost structure is fully itemised and demonstrates value through partner contributions and efficient delivery:

- **Delivery & sessions (room hire, refreshments, resources):** £3,501.90 (PCC)
- **Guest speakers:** £200 (PCC)
- **Safeguarding follow-up (AFC Fylde CT):** £300 (in-kind)
- **Media and communications (AFC Fylde CT):** £300 (in-kind)
- **Additional delivery extension (pending):** £8,211 from Hays Travel Foundation

Total PCC ask remains modest relative to the breadth of multi-agency delivery.

The initial 12 weeks of *Her Space* funding enabled a structured programme of educational workshops, guest sessions, and wellbeing activities aimed at supporting young women across Fylde.

Key Workshop Themes:

- **Coercive Control:** Understanding signs, boundaries, and unhealthy behaviours in relationships. Participants engaged in practical activities exploring real-life scenarios.
- **White Ribbon Campaign:** Awareness of male violence against women and girls, with participants creating campaign posters shared publicly.
- **VAWG (Violence Against Women and Girls):** Open discussions on lived experiences and national data highlighting VAWG as an ongoing UK epidemic.
- **Domestic Violence:** Safe-space conversations about relationship safety, support options, and police processes.
- **Community Safety & Mapping:** Identifying safe/unsafe local areas, designing safe parks, and exploring ways to improve feelings of safety (e.g., lighting, CCTV, police presence).

Guest Contributions:

- **PCSO Becca Rigby** attended weekly, providing guidance on reporting processes and supporting victims.
- **Targeted Youth Support (TYS)** delivered sessions on sexual health, safe sex, and contraception.

Wellbeing Focus:

Regular wellbeing activities such as bracelet making, yoga, meditation, and creative tasks ensured the programme remained a safe, enjoyable space given the emotional nature of the topics.

Outcomes & Impact:

- **90%** reported improved understanding of VAWG and what it looks like in relationships.
- **80%** felt more aware of where to access help and advice.
- **100%** reported increased confidence.
- Notable improvements in **school attendance, behaviour, attitude scores**, and positive peer interaction.

Initial Pilot Findings:

	- Participants expressed strong attachment to the group, describing it as a safe, enjoyable, and empowering space. - Police feedback highlights increased independence, confidence, and resilience among the young women. Overall, the programme has generated strong engagement, positive behavioural change, and increased awareness around VAWG and community safety.
Priority Supported:	Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls

Partner Consultation	
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire	The application is detailed and well-presented. There has been a noticeable rise in misogynistic behaviour among young males across Fylde and Wyre high schools, as highlighted at a recent DSL Cluster meeting. Any programme aimed at re-educating boys—such as the one proposed in the Wyre application—would be beneficial. Although it may not fit within PPP due to its two-month duration, it is still viewed as a positive and valuable intervention.
ASB, Prevention and Problem-Solving Command	The application is strong, well-evidenced, and aligned with PCC priorities, offering clear VAWG prevention, strong multi-agency working, and good value for money. It delivers early intervention around coercive control, harassment, exploitation, misogyny and digital safety through workshops, consent sessions, police-led legal education, and FCWA support. Regular PCSO involvement and joint engagement events help build trust and encourage reporting. The model supports early vulnerability identification, wellbeing, and coordinated safeguarding. Key partners include Fylde Neighbourhood Policing, LCC Detached Youth Workers, local schools, United Youth Alliance, FCWA, and local beauticians involved in #NailDomesticViolence.