

Youth Team Report

Future Young Leaders

Food Safety and First Aid Training



**The Hangleton
& Knoll Project**
Working for a better community

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What is the need being addressed?

Recent data highlights a pressing need to improve employability and work-readiness among young people in Brighton and Hove, with a particular focus on areas such as Hangleton and Knoll. These communities face significant challenges related to deprivation and limited job prospects, underscoring the importance of interventions for youth skills development and employment readiness. Brighton and Hove currently rank in the "middle group" for labour market opportunities for young people, indicating that there is substantial room for improvement to secure a more stable employment future for our young people. The aftermath of the pandemic has intensified issues of youth unemployment and economic inactivity, particularly affecting those aged 16 to 24. The Youth Team is actively working to address these barriers through community-based Youth Work Support offering skills training, volunteering opportunities, and support for those furthest from the job market.

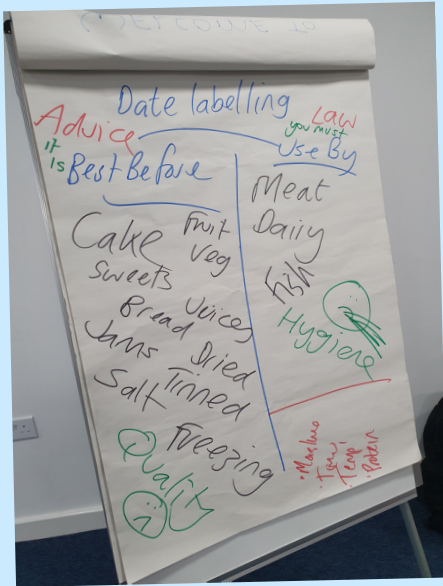
Summary of our targeted skills training in Half Term

In response to skill gaps among young people seven young members successfully completed the Food Safety Level 2 Award and the First Aid Level 2 Award during October half term. This training ran over 2 days in the Downsman Community accessible space delivered by Square Lemon Training and supported by the Youth Team. All participants are Hangleton and Knoll residents, with five being council tenants, three with additional needs and included a young carer, reflecting the programme's commitment to reaching young people with diverse needs, between the ages of 14 and 20. The qualifications covered essential areas for safe and effective participation in food-related industries and general workplace environments, directly supporting employability for entry-level roles in sectors like hospitality and retail. The Food Safety Level 2 Award provided participants with a comprehensive understanding of food hygiene principles, contamination prevention, and effective cleaning processes. Additionally, the First Aid Level 2 Award trained them in emergency response skills, including CPR, wound management, and basic life support techniques. A portion of this Youth work support was funded through the Youth Led Grants Programme for our Future Young Leaders project of which three young people are currently volunteering at our local Youth Clubs.

Impacts and outcomes

- Seven young people from Hangleton and Knoll have gained practical skills in food hygiene, contamination prevention, CPR, and wound management. These awards are valuable for entry-level roles in hospitality and retail.
- Our targeted support has helped young people with diverse needs, including council tenants, individuals with additional needs, and a young carer. This inclusive approach helps tackle barriers to employment, empowering underrepresented groups
- The training is part of our commitment to develop the skills of Young Leaders where three participants now volunteer at local youth clubs.

What young people said about their experience with us



Very informative and both speakers were very enthusiastic and I felt engaged the whole time, 9/10.

It was very educational and I enjoyed it 10/10.

"I found it very interesting and informative. The guy doing it was patient and overall, I had a good time. Thank you for making it happen".

