

# SAVY Stockport Action for Voluntary Youth

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## STOCKPORT ACTION FOR VOLUNTARY YOUTH TO CLOSE AFTER 27 YEARS

### VICKY BLOOMFIELD, SAVY MANAGER, STATEMENT

"Stockport Action for Voluntary Youth, or 'SAVY' to those who know us best will be closing our youth centre doors for the last time on Thursday 29th March 2018.

This is due to difficulty in securing core funding that we need to run the charity in a safe and professional manner.



Since 1991 SAVY have had young people's needs at the heart of all that we do and it is with deep regret, we announce an end to our Youth Work delivery across the borough of Stockport.

With an amazing team of professional Youth Workers we have enjoyed seeing young people flourish and develop in to young adults, becoming active citizens in their local communities.

On the behalf of the team and our Executive Committee, thank you to the partners and volunteers who have supported us throughout and to the children and young people who have put their faith in us for almost 30 years.

We are sharing some of our achievements and memories in this final newsletter".

Vicky Bloomfield, SAVY Manager, March 2018

### SUMMARY OF CLOSURE AND ANTICIPATED IMPACT

Following local government cuts in in 2011/12, Stockport MBC were instructed to make further cuts in 2013, in the region of £12,000,000.

This saw an end to Council-ran Youth Service and further cuts to the community and voluntary sector.

Andrew Verdeille, then leader of Stockport's Labour opposition group, was quoted in Manchester Evening News of 8th February 2013.

See: <https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/stockport-council-set-to-axe-174-1300329>

"The cuts the Lib Dems have announced fall hardest on young people, the vulnerable and dedicated council staff."

Almost 5 years to the day, SAVY announced its closure due to a lack of opportunity to secure core funding needed to manage and coordinate the organisation, and to also ensure the service was ran safely and effectively for the young people of Stockport.

In providing a borough wide service, SAVY's closure will have an impact on young people across Stockport. We estimate an increase in the number of young people engaging in anti-social behaviour, specifically in the town centre and surrounding areas.

With fewer services and opportunities to socialise, vulnerable young people will continue to become more isolated and their mental wellbeing will be affected.

As a service we have explored all avenues to refer young people to services that meet their needs.

Services such as Stockport Youth Offending Service, Stockport Homes, Beacon Counselling and Life Leisure will continue to positively engage young people in Stockport.

To download and read the full impact report visit:

[http://stockportsavy.org.uk/SAVY\\_Report.pdf](http://stockportsavy.org.uk/SAVY_Report.pdf)

Please note: All SAVY email accounts are to be closed and temporarily forwarded to [stockportsavy@gmail.com](mailto:stockportsavy@gmail.com)

YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMENTS: OFFERTON 8-12 YEARS OLD

This Club is really good because it gives us something to do on a wednesday and the teachers are really nice 😊.

because it is cool from Sean

I love the food

♥️ The food here and also the people that we have fun with!  
#BringLeonback!

I like it when we make soap because I can paint and draw  
#Sebastian

PARENTS, CARERS AND ORGANISATIONS COMMENTS

"We appreciate what a fab service it is and I'm really sorry to hear it's closing. Thanks for all that you've done for the kids of Stockport"

Lisa, Parent

"Terrible news"

Harry, Foster Carer

"I'm so shocked and saddened that you're closing as young people really benefit from your work and dedication."

Chantal Johnson, Friends of Tangshutt

"So sorry to hear about this as SAVY has played a major role in the town for so many people in supporting a large variety of groups. I am sorry to see it finishing."

Phil Horton, Chairman GME Scouts

"The youth work done by SAVY was so important given the fact that Council's are just not able to fund youth services because of the endless cuts. Thank you for all the work you have done"

Cllr Sheila Bailey, Edgeley & Cheadle Heath

"Thanks so much for including our young people's projects in your newsletter and for supporting what Arc does"

Emily Weygang, Senior Project Manager, Arc

"Sorry to hear about the closure."

Brian Pendlebury, Director, CERACYCLOAN

"Sorry to hear about the closure. Another much needed service for young people going."

Cindy Smalley, Chatter

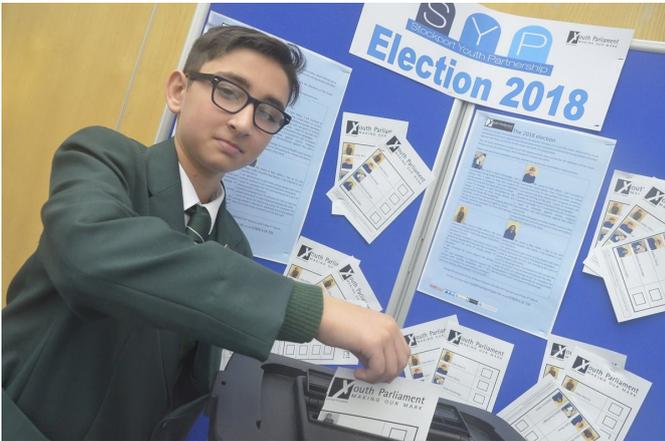
"You've done a great work and should be proud of yourselves! This is a sad day for Stockport."

Nathan and Laura Whillans, Zeal Church and LEAP (Launching Enterprise Advancing People)

## STOCKPORT MEMBERS OF YOUTH PARLIAMENT ELECTED

Young people who attend a number of sessions run by **SAVVY** voted in the UK Youth Parliament Elections which took in March.

"The two new MYPs are Faith Oliver, who received just over 34% of the vote and Alisha Routledge, who received almost 27%" writes Steve Davies, Children & Young People's Participation Officer.



"Both Faith and Alisha will now be working on the issues that they campaigned on" added Steve.

You follow both Faith and Alisha on Twitter:

[https://twitter.com/x\\_FaithO\\_x](https://twitter.com/x_FaithO_x)

<https://twitter.com/AlishaRoutledge>

## FREE CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 11 - 25

Lucy from Lips Inked Poets visited the SafeSpace group in March to talk about her project.

"Lips Inked Poets are a creative writing collective for young people aged 11 - 25", says Lucy Jackson.

"We explore songwriting, short stories, scriptwriting and poetry. It's a great place to meet new friends, develop your confidence and have fun".

Sessions run every Wednesday, 6pm-7:30pm and 7:30pm-9pm at Disability Stockport, 23 High Street, SK1 1EG

"We would love you to join us!", adds Lucy.

If you'd like to go along contact Lucy on 07821 686 022, drop in on the day or email [lipsinkedpoets@gmail.com](mailto:lipsinkedpoets@gmail.com)

## STOCKPORT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Stockport Council offers a range of training options to those who work in the private, voluntary and independent sectors with children and adults in Stockport.

This offer includes a range of e-learning courses and classroom based training.

To find out more and book a place visit the website at: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/workforce-development>

## CO-OP LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND - OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

The Co-op Local Community Fund gives money to local causes, helping to bring people together and make a difference.



To apply to be a Co-op cause you must have a project or event in mind that:

Takes place in the UK or Isle of Man

Doesn't have religious or political aims (although you can still apply if you're a religious organisation)

Meets the Co-op's values

Takes place or will still be running after October 2019

Benefits the local community

The Co-op will give preference to projects run by small, local organisations that make a real difference to people in their community.

To find out more and apply visit:

<https://causes.coop.co.uk/>

## FREE STREET WISDOM TRAINING: 20TH APRIL

Following a successful event last year Gary Loftus is delivering a Street Wisdom session at 9.30am on Friday 20th April.



To find out more about Street Wisdom and to book your place visit: <https://www.streetwisdom.org/event/street-wisdom-stockport-uk/>