## Sunlea Youth Centre

## Inspection Summary Report - October 2024

The young people's personal and social development, including their emotional health and wellbeing, are prioritised appropriately through a range of engaging programmes which align with the centre's vision: 'Empowering youth, inspiring change'.

The young people regard the centre as a safe space, where they develop positive relationships, learn new skills and explore their identity.

The young people value the inclusive, supportive ethos in the centre and appreciate the opportunity to make new friends both in the centre and across the Causeway Coast and Glens area.

The staff know the young people well, respond sensitively to their needs and enable them to integrate with one another.

The staff and management value and promote continuous professional learning, identifying and addressing the developmental needs of both young people and staff.

The self-evaluation by the staff does not reflect fully the impact of the youth work practice on the young people.

The young people's achievements and successes are celebrated regularly within the centre and across the wider community.

At the time of the inspection, the evidence provided by the organisation demonstrates that the arrangements for child protection align to the current statutory guidance. The staff would benefit from professional learning and training by the EA in developing the adult safeguarding arrangements in the youth environment. Area for further consideration:

for the staff to develop further their selfevaluation in order to understand and articulate more clearly the impact the youth work provision has on the young people's lives.

## **Going forward**

- The young people value the inclusive, supportive ethos in the centre and have a strong sense of belonging. The vision "Empowering youth, inspiring change" is reflected in the staff's focus on the holistic development of young people.
  - Sunlea Youth Centre is well placed to take forward the areas for consideration as laid out in this report and ETI will monitor the progress through the district inspector. Inspectors identified aspects of highly effective practice from which others may learn. The aspects of practice which should be shared more widely are:
    - the inclusive ethos which promotes equity and fairness; and
    - the sensitive and supportive interactions by the part-time staff to meet the needs of all the young people.



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