

# South Glos VRP Newsletter

*Creating safer and more resilient communities*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**YouFest**  
21<sup>st</sup> July

**Freshers Event**  
**at SGS WISE**  
15<sup>th</sup> September

**SummerFest**  
**CoB**  
**Engineering**  
**College**  
16<sup>th</sup> September



SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE  
Community Safety  
Partnership

## VRP Updates

The ROTH Tactical Group meeting is in place to help provide information, advice and guidance that can contribute to support/safety/disruption plans for children at the earliest opportunity.

This meeting will not discuss individual children who are open to Children's Services/Social Care where concerns about ROTH are already known as there will be an existing team of professionals around them in these cases, offering support and guidance to address the ROTH concerns.

**Where there are new or emerging concerns relating to ROTH about children already known to Children's Services/Social Care, these children should be referred into this meeting.**

Key information about the RTG process can be found here:

[RTG Key Information](#)

The link to the updated referral form can be found here:

[RTG Referral Form](#)

If you have any questions about the process or would like a consultation about referring a Victim, Offender, Location or Theme to RTG please contact [VRP@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:VRP@southglos.gov.uk)

Please see page 8 for links to ROTH guidance and the ROTH tool.

# Education Inclusion Project

## Moving from the VRP



Originally started and funded by the VRP in October 2021, the Education Inclusion Project provides 6–8 weeks of bespoke one-to-one support for young people aged 11–16 who may be at risk of exclusion or involvement in youth violence.

Working closely with schools, young people and their families, the project helps overcome barriers to education and supports young people to remain engaged in learning through tailored interventions delivered both in and outside of school.



We are pleased to share that, following its success and demonstrated impact, the project has now transitioned from VRP funding and is being funded through the South Glos Council. This is a significant achievement and a testament to the value of the intervention.

EIP continues to play a vital role in South Gloucestershire's commitment to inclusion, helping vulnerable young people remain connected to education, build resilience and achieve positive futures. Through partnership, understanding and targeted intervention, EIP is making a lasting difference to the lives of children and families across the region.



### Parent Feedback

Laurence showed great patience, kindness and understanding and his support made a real difference to H's confidence.

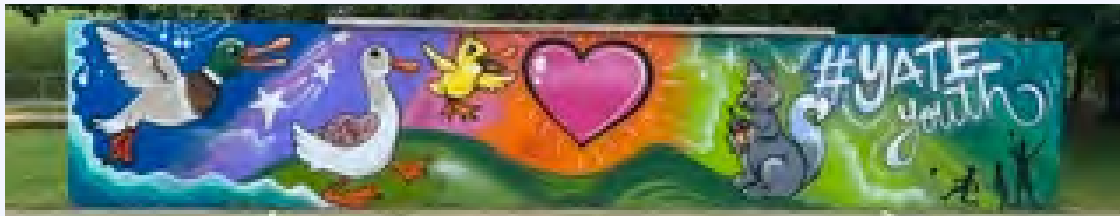
### School Feedback

The project makes the students feel listened to and provides them with a safe space to discuss their concerns or worries. As a school we value this support immensely and our young people always respond well to the support.

### Young Person Feedback

These sessions have helped me with attending school more and lessons. I have someone to open up to and tell them how I feel.

# VRP Engagement at Yate Rocks



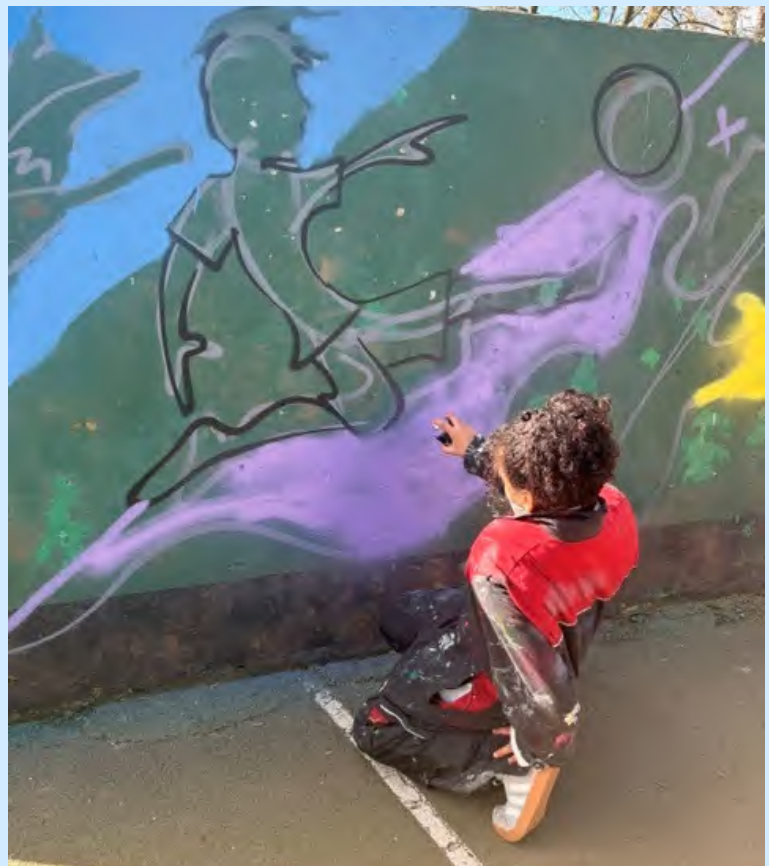
## Safer Streets Project

# Youth Detached Work

The VRP are continuing to fund Youth Detached Work from Learning Partnership West (LPW), Creative Youth Network (CYN) and FACE this year across South Glos, with the Youth Detached Workers undertaking engagement work in the community.

They provide educational inputs on topics such as serious youth violence, exploitation, healthy relationships, and safety in the community along with signposting to youth services.

The delivery of services into hotspot locations are identified through partnership working.



To find out more please contact [VRP@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:VRP@southglos.gov.uk)

# New Pol-Ed Programme Launches Across Avon and Somerset

A new educational initiative is being introduced across Avon and Somerset schools to support children and young people in understanding risk, safety and the law.

Funded by Police and Crime Commissioner Clare Moody, the Pol-Ed programme provides schools with free access to a wide range of resources, including over 400 lesson plans, worksheets and teaching support materials. Topics include exploitation, consent, wellbeing, anti-social behaviour and hate crime, all aligned with PSHE and RSHE curricula.

The programme aims to support early intervention by helping young people better understand the consequences of their choices and how to keep themselves and others safe. The initiative also allows local policing insights to shape learning, ensuring lessons reflect issues affecting communities across Avon and Somerset.

Please contact the VRP if you would like to find out more.

*“This programme will support teachers and help young people better understand the risks they may face and how to keep themselves and others safe.”*  
- Clare Moody, Police and Crime Commissioner

Source: Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner  
[Read the full article here](#)



## Alternative Routes Programme

The Alternative Routes programme integrates workshops on the consequences of criminal actions, strategies for overcoming exploitation, and mentorship for personal advancement, aiming to mitigate youth violence and contribute to community enhancement.

We are pleased to share that we will be offering an opportunity to secondary schools and colleges in South Glos to host VRP-funded sessions through the SOLVE Alternative Routes programme. These sessions provide valuable learning experiences and support for young people on a variety of topics. Find out more at [Solve, the Centre for Youth Violence and Conflict](#).

# VRP Intervention Highlights

## *Education Inclusion Project*

We're excited to share an update on the short-term mentoring initiative, designed to bring families and schools closer together. The programme offers focused, personalised support, giving each child dedicated time with a trusted adult who listens, guides, and helps them reflect on their learning, wellbeing, and goals.

Pupils taking part are showing improved engagement, better emotional regulation, and a stronger sense of belonging. By intervening early and working collaboratively with families, the EIP is helping to reduce the risk of permanent exclusion and ensure that every young person feels supported to succeed.

As part of this work, the EIP team recently organised a hugely successful trip to Slimbridge. The young people enjoyed a day filled with hands-on experiences, exploring the wetlands with their own guide, meeting Tilly the otter, identifying rare species, and even creating bug hotels to take home, complete with a flamingo feather souvenir!

The impact of the day was clear in the pupils' own words:

*"Actually, this is sick."*

*"It gives you a different perspective on life."*

*"It's pretty. It makes me feel calm."*

These reflections capture exactly what the mentoring project aims to achieve, connection, confidence, and opportunities that help young people feel grounded, valued, and ready to thrive.



***"It takes away stress. It makes me calm. I think it will help me focus and be in a better headspace for the rest of the week."***

# YouFest 2026

**NORMAN SCOTT PARK**  
**TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY**  
**11AM – 3PM**

**WHAT'S ON:**

- DORIS**
- FOOTBALL**
- FOOD**

**EVENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 10-19 YEARS**

**JUST TURN UP, FUN FREE DAY!**

**DORIS**

**CONTACT DAWN**  
[dawn@facecharity.org.uk](mailto:dawn@facecharity.org.uk)  
FOR MORE INFORMATION

**FACE**

# YATE YOUTH FEST

**FREE EVENT FOR AGES 11-18**

**When: Wednesday 5th Aug 2026 12-4pm**  
**Where: Outside the Leisure centre, Yate Shopping Centre**  
**11-18? This is your space. Food, games, entertainment & more. Just turn up and get involved.**

**Armadillo, Station Road, Yate, BS37 4FW Tel: 01454 869 441**  
[info@yatearmadillo.co.uk](mailto:info@yatearmadillo.co.uk), [www.yatetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.yatetowncouncil.gov.uk)

**Yate Town Council**

# 2026 SUMMER HUB

**EMPIRE FIGHTING CHANCE**

Looking for something fun to do this summer? Join us for free non-contact boxing sessions where young people can:

- Learn new boxing skills
- Get active and build fitness
- Make new friends
- Build confidence

**Open to all young people aged 8-16**

**WHEN?**  
Running Monday 3 August – Thursday 27 August  
10:30am – 12:00pm Monday – Thursday

**WHERE?**  
Empire Fighting Chance, The Mill,  
Lower Ashley Road, Easton, BS5 0YJ

**BOOK YOUR PLACE**  
Scan the QR code above or call 0117 233 8700

**SCAN TO BOOK**

South Gloucestershire

# Violence Reduction Partnership



## Join the Fearless Creative Advisory Group

Shape a national campaign.  
Share your voice.  
Create real change.



The **Fearless Creative Advisory Group** is a programme for young people aged 16-21, running throughout the academic year. It gives young people the opportunity to play a key role in creating a national crime prevention campaign.

**Applications close 9th of August.**

[Find out more here.](#)

## Fearless Poster Competition

Fearless are putting out a UK-wide call to young people to help design their brand-new core Fearless posters. You have to be under 21 years old, and there will be two winning designs, each receiving a £100 voucher.

We're looking for creative, bold ideas that promote awareness of our 100% anonymous reporting service and empower young people to speak up about crime. **Applications close 20<sup>th</sup> of August**

[Enter the Fearless Poster Competition here.](#)

# Youth Castle Park

## FREE Summer Events

Every Wednesday  
(29<sup>th</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> Aug)  
2:00pm - 5:00pm

What?

5-A-Side Football  
Tournament  
Inflatable football  
Basketball  
Music  
Arts & Creative  
Activities  
Online Gaming Zone  
Free Food!

Bring your friends, meet new ones!  
Open and free to all.

Tel: 0117 987 3700

Ages 13+

**FREE! Just turn up**



# Updates and Information

## South Gloucestershire Children's Partnership

In April 2025 the South Gloucestershire Children's Partnership launched an updated Risk Outside the Home (CP-ROTH) into our Child Protection Processes.

This change is needed:

- to ensure that all organisations are recognising and responding to risks outside the home (ROTH)/extra-familial harm as safeguarding issues which require a multi-agency safeguarding response.
- in recognition that a different response is required to reduce risk to children where the risks are ROTH rather than relating to factors within the family/home.

[Click here for CP ROTH guidance](#)

[Click here for the new CP ROTH tool.](#)



## Did you know?

We have our own dedicated page on the Avon and Somerset VRP webpage, here you can find out more about what is happening across the A+S force area and locally, what we have achieved over previous years and more about the interventions we have previously funded and their impact. There is also links to resources, toolkits and support.

[South Glos Violence Reduction Partnership](#)



**Talk to us**

[VRP@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:VRP@southglos.gov.uk)



Fearless enables young people to pass on information about crime 100% anonymously  
[Fearless.org](https://fearless.org)

## Useful Links

[Child exploitation - information for parents and carers](#)

[Guide for parents to start conversations about knife crime](#)