

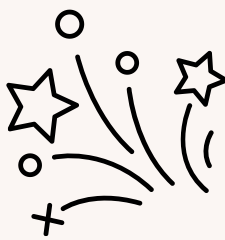
# YEPS NEWSLETTER



## AUTUMN EDITION

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## YEPS CELEBRATION EVENT 2024!



The 2024 YEPS Celebration event took place at the start of the summer and gave us the perfect opportunity to showcase and celebrate some of the amazing achievements from young people in Rhondda Cynon Taff over the past year. For the first time ever, we held the Celebration Event on a Friday night to really allow the night to have the full party atmosphere. Once again, the Coliseum in Aberdare provided the perfect venue to host the awards and also the youth disco that followed the ceremony. Across 8 different award categories we saw incredible examples of positive youth work, creative projects and thought-provoking personal stories that together demonstrated the amazing contribution of young people and youth work.





## COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT

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YEPS developed a summer gardening project alongside Meadow Street Garden in Treforest. This project enabled young people to gain new skills in gardening and horticulture and learnt how to use new tools whilst making new friends along the way. Through learning and caring for the environment they inadvertently learnt how such acts help care for themselves, care for their mental health, care for their wellbeing, and care for their soul. We aim to provide the opportunity for many more young people to engage and help in Meadow street garden in the future.



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## EISTEDDFOD COMES TO PONTYPRIDD!

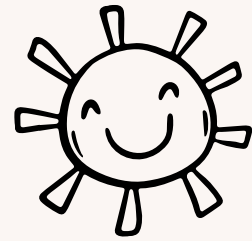


Summer 2024 we saw the Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru visit Pontypridd! Throughout the week of the Eisteddfod, YEPS organised trips to attend the Eisteddfod. Approximately 150 young people visited with YEPS. The young people who attended were so grateful for the opportunity to experience the Welsh language and culture at the event.



## SUMMER PLAY DAYS

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Throughout the Summer, YEPS organised three large scale family fun days in leisure centres in Tonyrefail, Ystrad & Aberdare. The family fun days were delivered offering activities such as crafts, nerf wars, glitter tattoos, sports, bouncy castle and more. Each of these events were attended by key family support services there to offer information to families and young people. They were hugely successful with feedback provided being positive and the turnout showing that over 900 attended across all dates.



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## YSTRAD SKATE JAM



Skate Jam is an event for young people to showcase their skills on skateboards, scooters and BMX's. It's an action-packed night with lots of fun activities. For Skate Jam 2024, a group of young people asked if they could be involved in the planning of the event, as they had ideas on how to make the event more inclusive and wanted to create a survey to get residents thoughts on the local Skate Park in Ystrad Rhondda. The group want improvements to the skatepark and investment to make the park more accessible, safer and add lighting. The Skate Jam event was held on 23rd August and was a huge success with over 200 people attending. The survey feedback was amazing, the group spoke to adults and young people about the Skate Park and how the Skate Park could be improved!



## WELSH YOUTH PARLIAMENT

August 2024 YEPS became named as an official Partner Organisation for the Welsh Youth Parliament 2024-2026. This is an exciting and valuable opportunity for young people to have their voices heard on issues that effect them in Wales and their local area. Welsh Youth Parliament consists of 60 seats (40 constituency seats and 20 partner agencies), of which YEPS as one seat, which we will elect a young person from RCT into.

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## YEPS CONTENT CREATORS

Recently the YEPS Content Creators met up at Canolfan Calon Taf in Pontypridd to learn how to use the equipment needed to make content for our platforms. They talked about how to plan out a piece of content, what pieces of equipment they would need and how they would direct it. They also learnt about how to do some basic editing and filming techniques that they would use in the future.

They created a short film to promote the Content Creators, which can be seen on the YEPS YouTube channel.

