



**2020/21
Impact Report**



LPW 2020/21 Impact Report

Determination, adaptability, resilience, partnerships and kindness are themes that underpinned our 2020/21 year.

While Covid-19 undoubtedly **changed the world** as we all knew it, we **stood strong** and maintained our **commitment** not just to children and young people, but to their families and the **communities** we work within as well. During some really difficult times our **support was unfaltering** as we worked to ensure **no child, young person or family was left without help.**



As an organisation, a sector and individuals we take **great pride** in what we **achieved together** and this report highlights some of our collective **accomplishments** during a year that challenged us all.

Children and young people's **home environment, engagement** in their wider **community** and **education** all have a significant impact on their **personal development, growth and futures.**

2,074
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sessions
completed
with

250
individual
children
and young
people

Yet in 2020, as the world went into lockdown, children and young people's ability to **engage positively** in each area diminished. Already vulnerable children, young people and their families became significantly more vulnerable as support services were forced into near shutdown to **slow the spread** of infection, **protect the NHS** and **save lives.** Already strained home environments became more so, as families struggled with furlough and job losses; energy and food bills soared as families were confined to their houses; young people didn't have access to technology to stay connected to friends and complete school work from home; and traditional **support networks** crumbled for families. Children and young people became **'hidden in plain sight'**.



Through **planned early intervention** and in **times of crisis,** we are always there for children and young people, and we firmly believe **partnership work** is central to achieving the **best outcomes.** In a year like no other, and as we progress further forwards into 'recovery', we are incredibly **proud** to reflect on how our organisation, our staff team, our partners and the voluntary sector **pulled together** to **respond collectively** to one of the biggest challenges we have faced together.



AMAZING



*I took a sibling group to **Teyfant road** yesterday and I just want to say the workers Becky and Sarah were **AMAZING.** The children's mum has been really unwell and 2 hours at the playground yesterday was exactly what the kids needed. Unfortunately their mum passed away last night but they have already contacted me saying they still want to **go back** to the **playground** next week. Becky and Sarah were just **so fantastic** and I really can't sing their praises enough - the kids told me they had the **time of their lives** and really enjoyed all the arts, crafts and cooking their own lunch - I also had the **best time** running around with them playing hide and seek - **they can't wait to go back!** Families in Focus Worker.*

LPW Independent School

LPW Independent School **re-engages young people** with their **education**. We provide a **safe, supportive** and **ambitious** learning environment that **inspires positive outcomes** and **personal growth**. We work with young people to support them to develop their sense of responsibility, **respect for self** and others. We create a sense of community that recognises and **celebrates diversity**.



Determination

Our LPW 'Independent School' status meant that during lockdowns we weren't eligible for government support like **technology** and **supermarket food vouchers**. In fact our status meant we were compared to private schools such as Eton and Harrow, which we are clearly a world apart from. Our staff team **worked tirelessly** to secure emergency support for young people which enabled us to provide food, essential items, clothing, technology and money for families to put towards increased utility and food bills, and spent many hours delivering it to children, young people and families' doorsteps around the city.



Adaptability

"The Covid-19 pandemic brought out the **very best** in LPW staff who managed the challenges of keeping the school open, alongside offering remote learning and outreach work with great success. We also **supported families** with their day to day needs including delivering over 700 food parcels, sourced items of clothing, and provided technology to support families affected by the digital divide. These measures helped some of the most **vulnerable young people to flourish**." Dan Carter, Head Teacher, LPW Independent School.



A quiet space amongst the grey vista... Staff and students have helped transform a dull, empty, black-tarmac-odd-shaped space to a garden of **colour, growth** and **enjoyment**. Our garden at LPW House is flourishing, with pupils learning about plants and herbs. It's an area we can **all enjoy** and use. Many members of the local community have also commented on the **positive impact** upon them, even to the point of asking some of the students if they could make some planters for them to buy.

Resilience

In a year like no other our staff and students have **risen to the challenge** ensuring every young person, regardless of circumstances or background can **achieve** their potential and **progress** successfully into further education.



For the first time in the school's history we achieved a **100%** pass rate in all subjects, including **record** high GCSE grades and **fantastic** achievements across a wide range of vocational subjects.

Partnerships

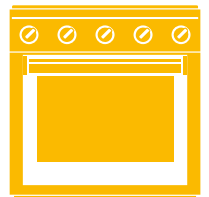
With thanks to the Foundation for Children, young people had the opportunity to take part in day trips to Jamie's Farm this spring where they were able to: share farm-focussed, **practical experiences** that supported their communication skills; **develop compassion** through their interaction with animals; engage with and **build relationships** with their peers and adults; strengthen their **sense of self**, and take ownership, **pride** and **responsibility** through caring for animals.

*"I will take away so much **confidence** and **passion** and a new love for farm animals... I just want to thank you for making me **smile** more in a week than I have in a year."* Young person, 15



Kindness

Cooking on gas! With thanks to Feeding Bristol we now have a fantastic **new kitchen facility**, complete with commercial standard hobs, ovens and fridge/freezer so we can now cater for all the young people at LPW Independent School.



Re-engagement and Support

Determination

As one of Britain's most vulnerable and marginalised groups our work with Gypsy and Roma Traveller (GRT) children, young people and families has always been **critical**, but it is even more so because of Covid-19. This year, thanks to the Bristol Health Fund and Quartet Community Foundation, we secured funding to continue to deliver PIER - our targeted project to bring about **positive change** for GRT children and young people across Bristol; **give them voice; opportunity** to participate in their wider community; and **reframe society's misconceptions** about their lives and cultures.



"The need for a participatory, and empowerment-focused approach to GRT youth work is imperative in addressing the inequalities experienced by CYP in these communities. LPW's **commitment** to the work has made a significantly **positive impact** on the GRT Community's relationships with wider



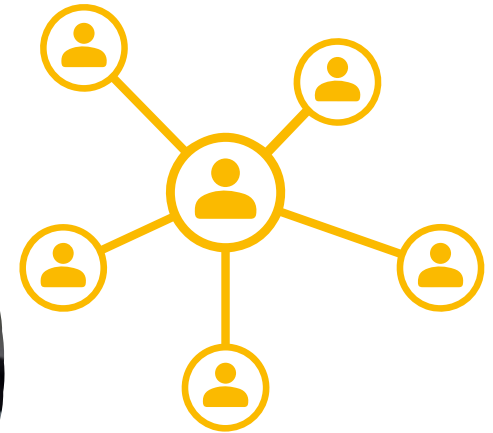
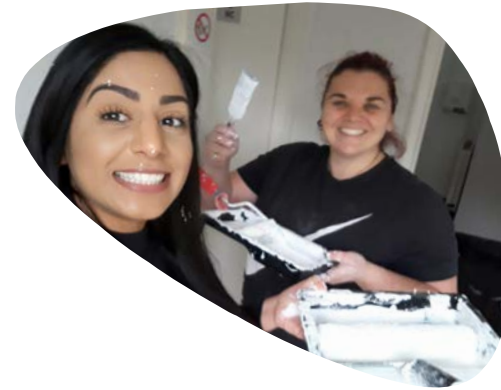
services (education, health, the arts and local community centres.)" Jordan Maynard, project partner and doctoral researcher at the University of Bristol.

Adaptability

"I have been involved with LPW since March of this year as my godson, who is ten years old, has not been in full time school for two years. He has very high trauma issues and trusts no-one. Especially adults. Since his engagement with two of the Engagement Workers from LPW I have seen his **behaviour transform**. He hasn't had a violent outburst since. His **confidence and self-esteem** has started to build. It has literally been **a lifeline for both of us**. His Engagement Workers are **efficient and professional**, and have also been fluid and accommodating in our situation and always open to **listening** and a chat!" Carer



10,781

 Session hours

Kindness

With thanks to The John James Foundation, Business in the Community, Gresham Tech, Raspberry Pi and LiveWest we have given out

more than **70 laptops**

and Chromebooks to support children and young people who didn't have access technology to **complete school work** and **stay connected** to their friends and families during lockdowns.



Partnerships

The John James Foundation helped us to secure a new container at our adventure playground in Hartcliffe, which we are using as a classroom and break out space. **Nestled in the trees** at The Hideout, it's a **calming learning environment** for children and young people at Teyfant Road.

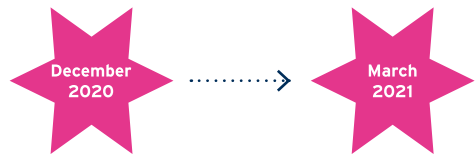


35,181 contact hours with children and young people

Community work

Determination

In November 2020, the Government announced a package of targeted extra financial support for those in need over the winter period which included the COVID Winter Grant Scheme that was made available between



We secured **£12,600**

under the scheme which meant that, when we identified vulnerable children, young people and families that were struggling, we could **respond immediately** with **emergency funding** for them to spend on groceries, essential items, clothing, and utility bills.



"YPI, lives on his own and is struggling to meet all his own needs. He would use the grant primarily to pay for food items. This would reduce worry and distress over hunger, allow YPI to

maintain a healthy diet throughout the winter months and promote good awareness of nutrition." Engagement Worker



Adaptability

As the first national Lockdown started in March 2020, so too did our play-focussed work **delivered in partnership with Playful Bristol**, funded by the National Lottery Community Fund.



To maintain our support to children and families, Playful Bristol mobilised and ensured that children still had **access to varied and engaging play opportunities** that they could play with at home. Children's Scrapstore produced the packs and together we **distributed thousands** to children and their families across the city. These door-step drops quickly developed, as we identified families that were struggling with the extra cost of food, utilities, basic essentials and technology associated with lockdown. Through our partnerships, we were able to **connect families** to food banks, provide them with emergency top up shops and basic household essentials, technology to **support home learning**, emergency items like clothing, and **help towards** to cost of rising utility bills.



*"Through some really challenging times, the sector has shown how **resilient** we are and how **quickly** we can adapt to **respond need**. We worked **collaboratively** to ensure that children had varied and engaging play opportunities to have **fun with at home**, but also to identify families that needed support." Kirsty Wilson, Deputy CEO Children's Scrapstore.*

Resilience

From origami lessons to new hair style tutorials; slime making tutorials to making art from nature; tips on how to grow fruit and vegetables to cake recipes, our **quick thinking** and **creative** Engagement Workers pulled together **hundreds of online resources** and livestreams to help keep children and young people **occupied, connected and happy** during lockdowns.



Partnerships

The See Hear Respond (SHR) funding programme was announced by The Home Office in partnership with Barnardo's in early June 2020 to support the most vulnerable children

and young people impacted by the pandemic.

*"Working alongside LPW has been such a positive experience. Mobilisation was swift, understanding of the programme was innate, and all work has been delivered with **flexibility, creativity and with children and young people at the centre of their work**. We have now reached over 25,000 children and this has only been made possible by the incredible hard work and **dedication of partners** like LPW." Barnardo's Programme Coordinator.*

As part of the **Holiday Activities Fund**, we delivered

99 HAF sessions this summer alone

engaging more than 200 individual

children with 1749 contacts,

and 64 young people

with a total of 925 contacts.

Kindness



*"Creating **#opportunities** and helping young people to discover **#newinterests** is a really **positive** way to divert their focus. Huge thanks to Shaun at VANUP for ordering and personally delivering fishing equipment for one of our youth groups to **try a new hobby**"*

Wessex Water helped to prepare the site at Teyfant Road, in readiness for our new play structure at The Hideout which was ready to use just in time for the 2020 summer holidays!



Organisational developments

Determination

Central Government released Holiday Activities Funding (HAF) for children and young people eligible for free school meals during Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays in 2021. Working with Playful Bristol, we worked **collaboratively to help remove barriers** to accessing funding and ensured that grassroots organisations, already embedded in local communities and delivering **critical play and youth work**, could access the funds available. **Across the sector** we helped secure



£180k

for the Easter holidays and **£1.2 million** for summer, all of which **created opportunities** for vulnerable children and young people to engage in **positive play and youth activities** during the school holidays.



15,626

attendances at our provision

Adaptability

We continuously look to **build new ways** of working with young people to **improve wellbeing** and reduce the risk of exclusion. By forming **secure positive relationships** with young people, we can help young people to **rebuild relationships** with schools, statutory services, family, peers and their community. By working in this way we have seen young people, who have not stepped foot on a school site **re-engage for the first time** in 3 years - and become regular attenders.



Resilience

We delivered specialist training to The Crown Prosecution Service and The Prince's Trust, upskilling their staff on Child Criminal Exploitation and Serious Youth Crime. *"Apart from reminding me of my age and how out of touch I am, I really enjoyed that session. In all seriousness, it actually reminded me why we do, what we do."* The Prince's Trust Youth Worker.

672

home visits to help children and young people

build stronger relationships with their families



Partnerships

In response to feedback from children and young people LPW, Youth Moves and StreetSpace **worked collaboratively** to implement a secure detached offer to **improve outcomes** for children and young people in south Bristol.



'one team'

'The **'one team'** approach to detached outreach in south Bristol is a good example of organisations (LPW, Youth Moves and Street Space) coming together, **playing to each other's strengths**, to provide a **coordinated approach** to supporting young people.' Quartet Community Foundation, May 2021.

Our approach has helped **shape** and inform the same approach to **collaboratively co-delivery** in other areas of Bristol.



Kindness

"It has been an **absolute pleasure** supporting LPW and their beneficiaries over the past year through the lockdown, via our National Business Response Network programme. Through our network of businesses, we were able to make donations of technology, stationery, equipment and PPE to **support** young people most in need across Bristol. Working with a non-mainstream education provider has **opened my eyes** to some of the key challenges faced by young people with additional barriers in Bristol. **Hats off to LPW** and the work you do, keep going and I hope to continue working with and supporting you" Business in the Community



THANK YOU

This yearly summary showcases and celebrates some of our achievements over the last year, and demonstrates the **breadth** of both **crisis and early intervention support** we offer children, young people and families across communities, mainstream education and alternative learning provision.

LPW would like to thank and acknowledge the support of:

The children, young people and families who have contributed so much to the success of our work. It is an absolute pleasure and a privilege to work with you all!

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Raspberry PI

Gresham Technology

Barnardo's

Andy Street

Feeding Bristol

Morrison's

LiveWest

The Foundation for Children

The Nisbets Trust

Quartet Community Foundation

The John James Foundation

The Joshua Trust

B&Q

Bristol City Council

South Gloucestershire Council

North Somerset Council

Yate Town Council

B&NES Council

Local Schools in Bristol, South Gloucestershire, North Somerset and B&NES

The organisations, groups, companies and individuals we have worked in partnership with: there are too many to list but we couldn't do our work without your support and involvement.

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