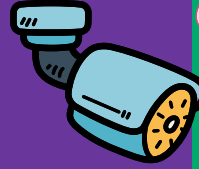


Thanks to the voices of local young people, the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Unit invested £1.5 million in 2023-24, to help provide opportunities and services to support local young people feel safer in their communities.

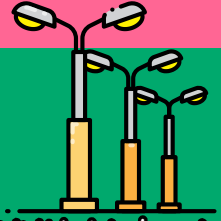
The voices of young people are pertinent to ensuring funding is allocated to what young people are saying they really need in order to feel safer in their communities.

In 2022-23, 1553 young people across Essex, told us they needed:

- Street lighting & CCTV
- Safe & welcoming spaces to hang out
- Trusted adults on the street
- Funded activities/sport for young people
- Education around self-defence
- Publicity or maps of safe spaces/activities/safe people



SAFE SPACES!



Since the VVU Listening Project was set up in 2019, we have heard views from almost 6500 young people!

In 2023-2024:

7,000 children and young people were reached through grants allocated to 17 small charities and 'not for profit' organisations. Grants totalled £230,628. Plus an extra £20,000 was invested in youth clubs to help make them feel more welcoming to young people.

900 young people on the edge of exclusion or at risk of exploitation, were supported through targeted interventions.

An online youth map and a publicity campaign has been created to sign post young people to local activities and safe spaces. So far there are over 1000 groups on the map!

£178,000 spent on the Detached Youth Work programme ~ increasing the number of trusted adults on the streets.

Over 35,000 children and young people overall, supported with positive opportunities that increased social skills/resilience, improved wellbeing, developed protective factors and reduced vulnerabilities.

25% of £1.5 million was spent on various sports activities and interventions for young people across Essex.



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The BIGGEST thanks to everyone involved in this project.

THANK YOU

