



# HYPE

**MEDUSA YOUTH PROJECT,  
BEECHWOOD 2022-2023**





## INTRODUCTION

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**HYPE delivers a range of youth activities tailor-made for young people and the variety of barriers they face. We specialise in supporting young people aged between 7 and 24 years, who are living in highly deprived neighbourhoods where opportunities are limited.**

Realising the impact of what we do, we work towards 3 set impact goals:

- 1. CREATE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.**
- 2. TO SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL.**
- 3. TO STRENGTHEN LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

HYPE is a catalyst, using experience and networking to transform the lives of disadvantaged children and young people. We develop, fund and support learning programmes at every stage of a young persons development regardless of social background. HYPE transforms the landscape of opportunities for young people.



## BEECHWOOD 2022-2023

Hype's involvement in the Beechwood community has brought about several positive changes. Firstly, the organisation has created a safe space for children to engage in meaningful activities. This has been particularly important for children who may not have access to such activities otherwise. The activities provided have been carefully selected to cater to the interests and needs of young people in the community.

Secondly, Hype has encouraged teenagers to take ownership of their youth clubs. This has had a significant impact on the confidence and self-esteem of the young people involved. They feel empowered to make decisions and take responsibility for the activities they participate in. This has also led to a sense of community ownership, where young people feel invested in the success of their youth clubs.

Thirdly, Hype has been instrumental in providing opportunities for young people to develop important life-skills. Through the planning of sessions and trips, teenagers have developed leadership, communication and problem-solving skills. These skills will be invaluable as they transition into adulthood and enter the workforce.

HYPE has helped to bridge the gap between young people and the wider community. Through the organisation of events and trips, young people have had the opportunity to engage with members of the community who they may not have interacted with otherwise. This has helped to break down barriers and create a more cohesive and inclusive community







## PARTNERS

### **Kelly Baker, TRFC Community Manager**

"I've been overwhelmed by the support and delivery HYPE has had on our young people. I have seen first hand the positive impact that Hype has had on the community. The organisation's dedication to providing youth activities to children aged 11-16 years has made our community a safer and more vibrant place to live. The activities provided by Hype have engaged young people and given them a sense of belonging, which has led to a reduction in anti-social behaviour and an increase in community cohesion. We strive to support our young people and keep them safe from exploitation with County Lines and crime/gang culture.

"Hype's approach of involving teenagers in planning their own sessions and trips has been really effective in building trust and mutual respect between young people and the wider community. This has resulted in a more harmonious and inclusive community, where young people feel valued and supported and have shown the way for other younger groups.

"I have no doubt that Hype's continued involvement in the Beechwood community will have a lasting and positive impact on the lives of young people and the wider community. Thank you, Hype, for all that you have done and continue to do for our community and look forward to see the projects growing."

### **Julie McManus, The Little Centre Manager**

"I've been impressed with the work that Hype has done in engaging younger children in a range of activities. I've seen the first steps how the organisation has made a positive impact on the lives of children aged 7-13 years in the Beechwood community.

"Furthermore, Hype's commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment for young people has helped to build confidence and self-esteem in younger children.

"Julie has seen children grow in confidence as they have participated in the activities offered by Hype, and this has had a positive impact on their overall wellbeing.

"The work HYPE has done in engaging younger children in a range of activities has been invaluable in creating a sense of community and fostering a love of learning and exploration. We're all grateful for the organisation's commitment to improving the lives of young people in the Beechwood community and I look forward to seeing the continued success in the future."



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### **Sally O'Dowd, Educational Visits Coordinator at Observatory School**

"I have been delighted with the impact that Hype has had on our pupils. Our students have been involved in one-to-one workshops with bike mechanics, and I've seen them excel and grow in confidence over a short period of time.

"I've noticed that the pupils have learned new skills each week and have become increasingly interested in cycling as a result of the workshops. Some of her students have shown a particular interest in bike mechanics and have expressed a desire to learn more about the subject.

"Hype's commitment to providing young people with opportunities to learn and develop new skills has been particularly evident in the workshops with bike mechanics."

Sally has seen the positive impact that this approach has had on her pupils, and she is grateful for the organisation's dedication to creating a supportive and inclusive environment for young people.

Sally believes that Hype's work in providing opportunities for young people to learn new skills and explore new areas of interest is invaluable in helping them to develop into confident and capable individuals. She is excited to see where her pupils' newfound interest in cycling and bike mechanics will take them and looks forward to working with Hype in the future.







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### Steve Mitchell, Veolia Regional Director

"Veolia is committed to supporting the communities we work in and we are really proud to be working in partnership with HYPE. We would like to congratulate the team at HYPE on the positive impact of the scheme through the reuse of unwanted bikes to give them a new lease of life."

### David Huyton - HYPE Head Youth Worker

"I've noticed the positive development of a group of teenagers involved in a youth project over the past year. The group has improved their communication and concentration skills, attendance, punctuality, and behaviour."

"The improvement in communication and concentration skills is crucial for success in any aspect of life. The increased attendance and punctuality indicate the teenagers' commitment to the project, and their improved behaviour shows the positive impact of the project on their personal growth and development."

"I believe that the group's progress provides a solid foundation for further work with the group. The success of the youth project is a testament to the positive impact such projects can have on teenagers' lives and the value of investing in youth development."





## YOUNG PEOPLE

### Toms Story

"Before I started working at the bike shop, I was in a really bad place. I had been in trouble with the police a few times and didn't have a lot going on in my life. I was just hanging out with the wrong crowd and getting into trouble. But then I started volunteering at HYP Urban Bikes and it changed everything. I had always loved bikes, so when I heard about the opportunity to volunteer at a local bike shop, I jumped at the chance.

"At first, I was really nervous about starting the volunteer placement. I didn't have any experience working with bikes, and I wasn't sure if I would be any good at it. But the people at the bike shop were so welcoming and supportive. They took the time to teach me everything I needed to know, and they were always patient when I made mistakes.

"After a few months of volunteering, I was offered a full-time job at the bike shop. I couldn't believe it. It was my first job, and I was so excited to be working somewhere that I enjoyed so much. The mechanics at the bike shop have been amazing mentors to me, and I've learned so much in a short space of time. I never thought I would be able to do things like strip a whole bike back and rebuild it or simply deal with customers in the shop or on the phone but now I can do those things with my eyes closed.

"I'm so grateful to the Police for pointing me in the direction of HYPE Urban Bikes. It has completely turned my life around and I'm excited about my future for the first time in a long time. I'm proud of the work that I do, I was even at my old youth club the other day showing kids how to maintain their bikes. I feel like I'm part of a team, and that's something that I've never experienced before."







## YOUNG PEOPLE

### Niall's Story

Niall stated that "Before I started at HYPE, I was in a part-time job which I hated with no career pathway and no opportunities to progress. It was really frustrating, and I felt like I was stuck in a dead-end job. But since I started at HYPE, everything has changed. I have a sense of purpose now, and I feel like I'm learning new skills every day. I'm excited about my future for the first time in a long time.

"My most enjoyable part would have to be the positive impact I have at HYPE with our members. When working at the holiday club, I get to see the reactions and smiles on the kids' faces, and it's brilliant to see them all getting involved so much with all of our activities. It's really rewarding to know that I'm making a difference in their lives, even if it's just for a few hours a day.

"When I started at HYPE, I only knew the basics around bikes and needed a lot of supervision and support. But now, I am working through 2-3 bikes a day on my own pretty much, and that's something I am proud of. It's great to know that I've come so far in such a short amount of time. I feel like I'm learning new things every day, and I'm excited to see where my career at HYPE will take me in the future.

"If I'm honest my biggest challenge in my new role would be working full time. When I started, it was quite a shock to the system, but now I am settled, and it's just part of my routine. I'm getting used to the longer hours, and I'm finding ways to manage my time effectively."

### Karl aged 15

"The sessions have been boss and we've been on trips as well that we all picked and sorted out ourselves. Although it's only a few times a week its good space for us to use and it's where we all live."

### Thank you to our partners



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