

Moto and the Youth Association have been working together since 2012, with the association receiving a number of grants in that time. Here are just some of the projects the funding has contributed to.



Tell Me Residential Programme

This residential activity was run for students of Wakefield College's Castleford Campus over the summer holidays. The aim of the programme was to build relationships with young people with low self-esteem or mental health issues or those caring for relatives and to support them during the summer of 2019.

Running for three days, modules included developing confidence, money management, speaking in front of others and independence. The course encouraged the students to explore opportunities into employment, education and training with a view to improving resilience, increasing college attendance and higher re-enrolment numbers at the college in September.

"I have developed confidence to work in a group and I want to learn more teambuilding skills." (Libby)

StreetSmart Project

In early 2017 the association received a grant to purchase three tablets and two mini wifi devices to help with their youth programmes across Barnsley, Doncaster and Wakefield. The devices enabled youth workers to deliver short digital training programmes on the streets, boosting skills and positive attitudes. Youth workers were able to help young people with their CVs and explore future employment opportunities quickly and easily, without the need for paper, pens and hard copy equipment. As well as this 'mobile' training experience, youth workers also offered visits to colleges and universities in the region, with a view to broadening horizons and increasing aspirations.



Ambassadors for Talent Match Residential

MITC was able to fund a this residential course in 2019. This weekend was for a group of long term unemployed young people aged 18-24 and aimed to improve their employment prospects. Activities included team bonding exercises and workshop activities focusing on interview skills, self-presentation and developing a functional CV.

By the end of the weekend the group, who came from very diverse backgrounds and had become an amazing team, giving them all confidence for the future.

"I enjoyed it all, it has helped me with my confidence with speaking to new people in the session" (Jasmine)

Royston Urban Arts Project

This urban street art project in Royston was designed to empower young people, reduce youth nuisance levels and support mental health awareness.

The group of teenagers worked with an artist to create a mural in Royston Park in tribute to a young local man who had a struggled with mental health issues. The project developed arts skills, confidence and pride amongst participants, reduced both nuisance behaviour in the school holidays and the graffiti at a local skate park.

