



Community Reparation

The difference Youth Justice
is making in your Community



About the YJS

Sheffield Youth Justice Service is key to the successful delivery of the Youth Justice System in Sheffield.

The 'YJS' is a multi-agency organisation made up of representatives from statutory partners;

South Yorkshire Police, The Probation Service, Primary Care Trust, Sheffield City Council and supported by the Police Crime Commissioner for South Yorkshire. These representatives work alongside a range of other staff including those from the voluntary sector to engage with young people aged between 10–17, who are subjected to community sentences.

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The key to maximising the impact of community reparation is firstly the range of placements available; variety is paramount, as is the quality of supervision placed alongside young people whilst accessing those placements. Get these two basic principles right and reparation becomes the challenging, rewarding and fulfilling activity it deserves to be and can form the cornerstone of every young persons court order.

Young people not only have the opportunity to make amends for their offending behaviour but also to understand the impact of their actions.

Community reparation also offers the opportunity to access work experience and interests which could lead them away from past offending behaviour.

Steve Jones,
Remedi Director



Hillsborough park project



Community Reparation in Sheffield

In 2012 there were over 4000 hours of community reparation completed in Sheffield by young people as part of their community sentence.

People and communities have benefitted enormously from the work of these young people, a lot of the time without publicity or praise. You may yourself have walked past a wall that no longer has graffiti written on it, or walked through a park that has been cleared of litter.

This brochure aims to present information and raise awareness of some of the positive work done by young people and the effectiveness community sentences can have on the people and communities most affected by youth crime.

If you would like to get involved or make a suggestion of a possible reparation project please get in touch, via youthjusticeservice@sheffield.gov.uk or for more information you can visit the website, www.sheffield-YJS.org.uk for more information



Where we work

Placements are drawn only from organisations that are not for profit, neighbourhood and community groups, registered charities, local authority departments, and companies limited by guarantee.

Commercial organisations are used only when direct reparation takes place, which means that the organisation is the direct victim.

With over 50 different placements across the city the following are just some of the examples of where we currently work.



Good reparation is about getting the balance right between the needs of the the young person, the victim and community.

Charity shops

Shelter is just one of the charity shops we have worked with in the past. Tasks include sorting out donations, organising stock and working with customers.

Charity shops are particularly useful as an indoor placement for Sheffield's rainy days.



Working with Shelter at one of their charity shops in Sheffield





COMMUNITY RIVERLUTION PROGRAMME



Young person receiving his ASDAN award for his work on the RiverSide Project, the pilot for Riverlution.

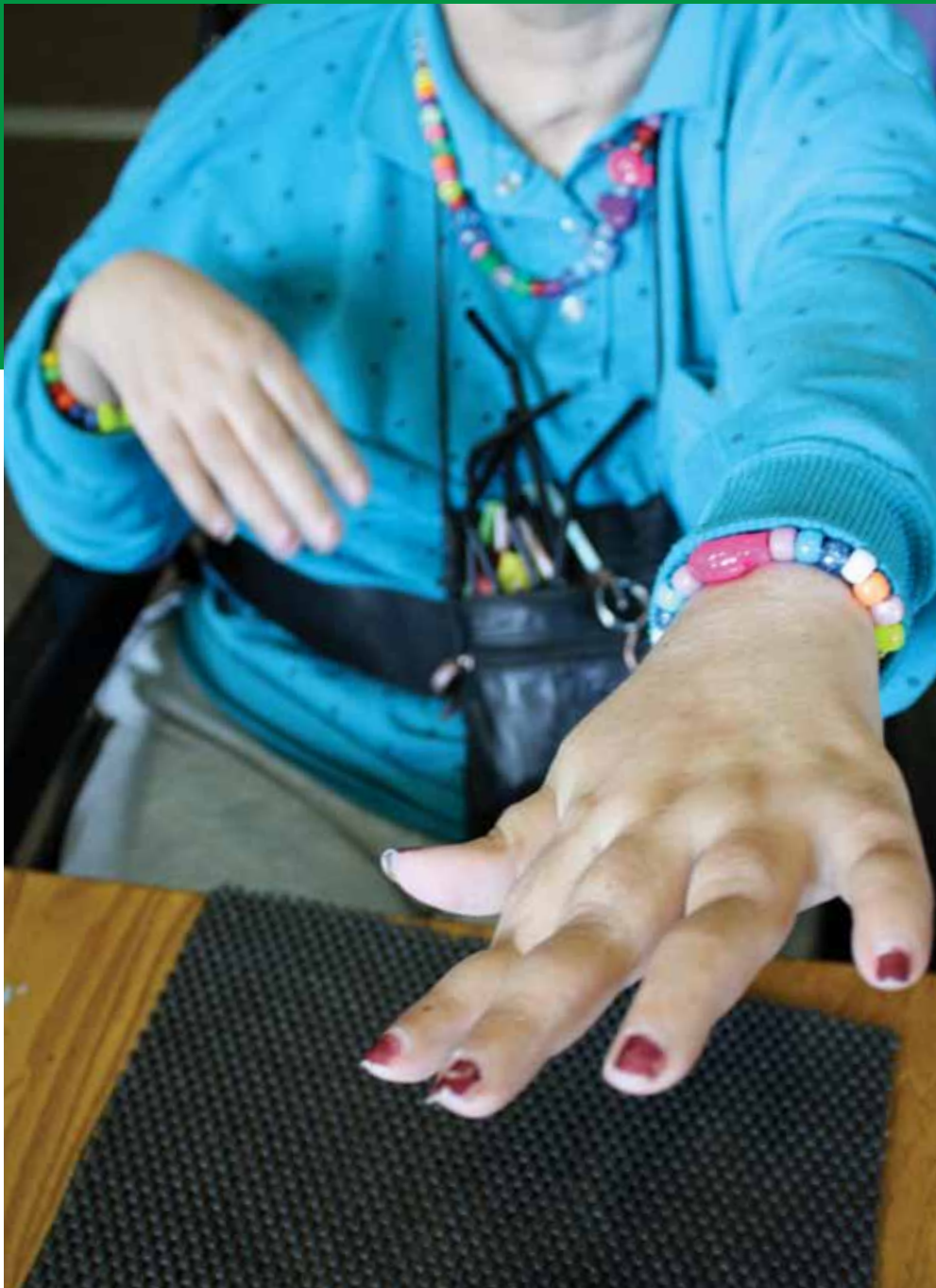
Riverlution

Following a successful partnership project to engage young offenders in practical work to improve waterways in Sheffield, the pilot project will continue, bringing together partners from River Stewardship Company (RSC), Environment Agency (EA), Sheffield Wildlife Trust (SWT) and Sheffield Youth Justice Service (YJS)/Remedi.

The River Stewardship Company will host the volunteer days, whilst Sheffield Wildlife Trust will provide a mentoring service for the young

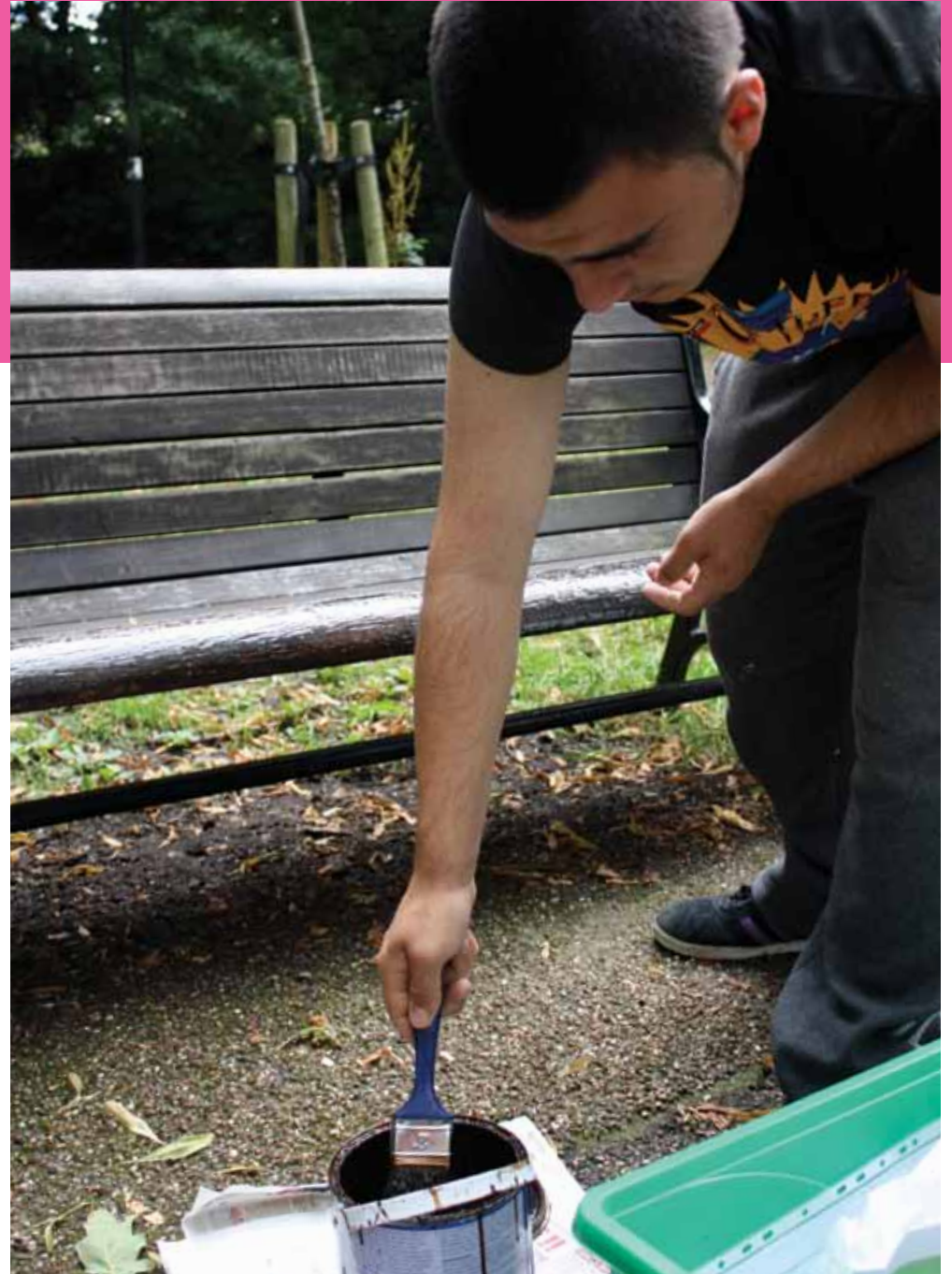
people as well as supporting them with progressing towards nationally-recognised AQA or ASDAN accreditations. The Youth Justice Service and Remedi will provide suitable referrals of young people onto the programme, in addition, they will provide supervision and transport.

The project is funded and supported by the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Sheffield City Council, Community First, and the Environment Agency.



Young people interacting with people and learning new skills

Parks and green spaces of Sheffield provide great opportunities for community reparation





Norfolk Park, Sheffield





Sheffield Youth Justice Service
even has its own allotment

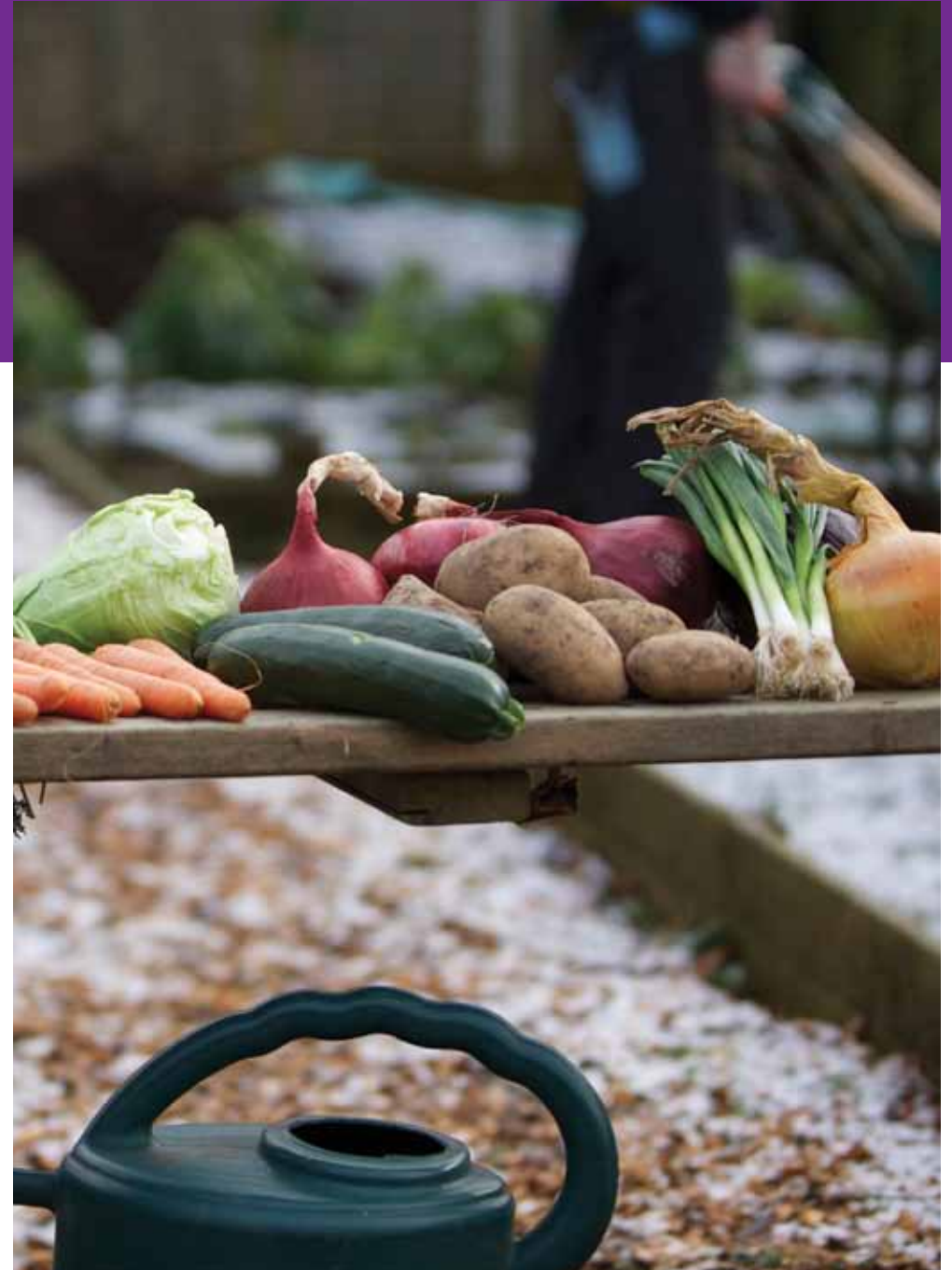


New Leaves Allotment

As well as learning new skills, all the produce grown by the young people is donated to local charities and hospices.

“I used to go with my grandad to his allotment when I was little. Coming here reminds me of him, I think I’d like to have my own allotment one day.”

Kyle aged 17, making amends for criminal damage





‘This smallest bit of artwork has made the biggest impact on the appearance of the waterway’.



Responsive to need

As well as working with some long standing partners on community reparation projects we are always looking for new and exciting projects.

“What a valuable service and a quick response, a win-win situation for all that are involved. The cemetery is visited by dogwalkers, photographers, historians and others passing through. We want to make it safe and easy to get around, whilst preserving the mini nature reserve quality of the area. These young people are helping to make that happen”.

If you have suggestions for community reparation placements please contact us on youthjusticeservice@sheffield.gov.uk or find out more on the website www.sheffield-yos.org.uk

Meet the supervisor

“Reparation can be a good springboard for getting young people to think about future employment and/or education.

I’ve worked with young people who often say ‘I wouldn’t mind doing this when I leave school’

So you can see other benefits coming out of reparation aside from its main aim.”

“On one of my first reparation sessions I remember having my lunch break with the young person I was supervising. We were sitting on a wall with our litter pickers, in the middle of a housing estate in the rain. Despite the horrible weather he didn’t complain and he sat and chatted to me, reflecting on his life and talking about all the ways he planned to stop getting into trouble.”

Jess, reparation supervisor



Reparation supervisors are there to engage the young person and ensure safety throughout the session

Partnerships

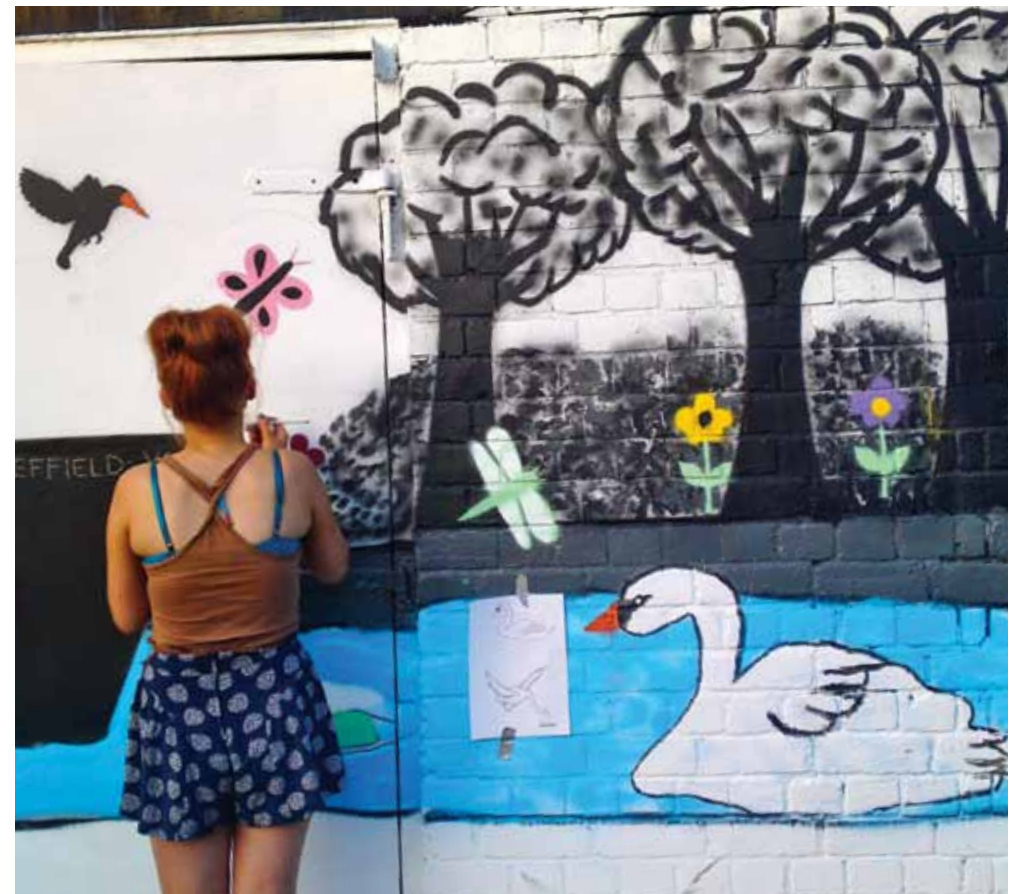
Sheffield Youth Justice Service works in partnership with local restorative justice charity Remedi in arranging and supervising the community reparation. It is a partnership that has evolved over the last 10 years, bringing with it a commitment to ensure all community reparation is delivered to the highest possible standard, with victims and communities at the heart of the process.







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Young people making amends for their offence,
to the victims and communities most affected

For more information on Remedi visit their website www.remediuk.org