



IMPACT

REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

The funding received from the Duchy of Lancaster has significantly enhanced the capacity of the UYA (Youth Action) to empower young people through the establishment of three dedicated Social Action Groups: the Young Men's Group, the Young Women's Group, and the LGBTQ+ Group. Each group is committed to amplifying the voices of young individuals and fostering their development as active contributors to their local communities.





YOUNG MEN



WHAT HAVE WE DONE

The Young Men's Group has initiated a youth-led Podcast project entitled "What About The Boys," which focuses on mental health and wellbeing. This project facilitates discussions among young men regarding their experiences and challenges, providing a platform for them to share personal stories and insights. The group has successfully engaged with local business owners and professionals from male-dominated industries, as well as individuals involved in mental health initiatives. The upcoming Season 2 promises an exciting array of guests and topics, including internet safety and the representation of men in the arts, thereby continuing to address pertinent issues faced by young men today. Moreover, the young men were instrumental in co-developing a game named 'Sam's Journey', which explored the experiences of young men across Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre, where they explored these challenges through a fictitious character based on realistic events.

39%

OF YOUNG MEN
HAVE SEVERE
WORRIES AT LEAST
ONCE A WEEK

BUPA (2025)

LGBTQ+ YOUTH

WHAT HAVE WE DONE

In parallel, the Lavender Lineage podcast, hosted by the LGBTQ+ Group, serves as an intergenerational platform where queer youth engage in meaningful dialogues with older LGBTQ+ individuals. This initiative aims to preserve the rich narratives of the LGBTQ+ community while fostering connections across generations. Season 1 is currently in production, featuring enlightening conversations with a STEM ambassador, the lead organiser of a significant queer community event that unites thousands, and a genderfluid filmmaker-actor who shares his unique experiences within the creative industry. This initiative not only enriches the participants' understanding of their identities but also cultivates a sense of belonging and community.

320%

OF LGBTQ+ PEOPLE
IN URBAN AREAS
NEVER ATTEND COMMUNITY
SPACES

LGBT IN BRITAIN - HOME AND COMMUNITIES (2018)



YOUNG WOMEN

WHAT HAVE WE DONE



The Young Women's Group plays a pivotal role within the WISE Women (Wales, Ireland, Scotland, and England) Collective. This collaborative effort empowers young women across the four nations to raise awareness of the challenges they encounter and to advocate for their rights. The group has undertaken various activities, including travel to each nation to participate in events aimed at elevating the profile of young women's issues. Notably, in March 2026, the young women are scheduled to attend the Violence Against Women and Girls rally in Northern Ireland, furthering their commitment to social justice and advocacy. In March 2027, the International Women's Day events are coming back to Blackpool for the 5th year of working with the 4 Nations to celebrate the achievements of notable women, whilst still exploring the barriers being faced by young women on a daily basis.

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YEAR YOUNG WOMEN'S
FYLDE COAST
STRATEGY DEVELOPED
& REVIEWED

WHAT ELSE

Additionally, the UYA has co-designed a newsletter that serves as a vital communication tool, predominantly featuring articles authored by young people. This publication allows them to articulate their experiences and reflections on the various events, meetings, and activities in which they have participated. By providing a platform for young voices, the newsletter not only enhances their writing skills but also fosters a sense of ownership and pride in their contributions. This newsletter is released quarterly and is inclusive of a wealth of events and activities which included young people and ensuring their voices are heard.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In summary, the Duchy of Lancaster funding has been instrumental in facilitating the development of these Social Action Groups, enabling young people to engage in meaningful dialogue, advocate for their rights, and contribute positively to their communities. The initiatives undertaken by the UYA exemplify a commitment to nurturing the potential of young individuals, ensuring that their voices are heard and valued in the broader societal context.

**WE THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN
OUR PROGRAMS**