



*YKIDS*

*“I had a real heart for the inner city and wanted to do something in the worst places to help the children with the most difficult circumstances to know that they were loved.”*

Claire Morgans, CEO

### Vital Signs Themes

- ▶ Strong Communities
- ▶ Education & Learning
- ▶ Health & Wellbeing
- ▶ Safety
- ▶ Employment

### Community Need

In Sefton there are **3000 children living in poverty**

For every 100 Children (0-18yrs) in Bootle, **29 will live in poverty** and only 52 will achieve 5 A\*- C GCSEs (including English & Maths)

In Sefton, **50% of hospital admissions for self-harm were aged 10-24** - higher than the national average

Based in one of the UK's most deprived areas, **YKIDS'** vision is to see the transformation of Bootle through its children and young people, by encouraging and giving the necessary tools to children from disadvantaged backgrounds to become 'world changers'.



### Meet Claire (Community Leader)

“I had grown up in a family that didn't know how to make me feel valued and loved. I had quite a dysfunctional family and a difficult childhood, even though my family were quite middle class I grew up with quite a few mental health problems.

When we began in 2002 in Bootle it was very much a group of volunteers that grew rapidly. In 2004 we took on our first part-time member of staff which was myself and we began to grow from there.

The Community Foundation was one of our first funders, from £200 in our

first pot to our turnover being now half a million. I remember dancing around the room when we first got that £200 because it meant someone believed in us.

I really value building a relationship with funders because it is a two-way street, we want the funder to see and know that they have really made a difference and have made an impact. With the Community Foundation we have been able to do that because we have built a relationship over many years. If it wasn't for them, we wouldn't be here now, so thanks to the Community Foundation and all the funders they have a relationship with that have helped along the way.”



### Meet Jack (Beneficiary)

“I wanted to join YKIDS because they always seemed really supportive and after I joined I found out that they were. It was something I always wanted to do because they always were doing something fun and unusual.

I have done beekeeping with YKIDS and it was really good, I took a lot from it. We would do bee inspections or sit and actually learn about the bees', we learned how the structure of a hive

works, the hierarchy in the hive and it was just a really enjoyable educational experience. It wasn't sit down and read from a textbook like it is in school, it is more hands-on and interactive. I have autism and ADHD so if I hadn't had YKIDS I don't think I'd be here today. There's been times where I have been really low and not had anywhere else to go apart from YKIDS, the social aspect of my life wouldn't have been the same because I wouldn't have gone out of my house and spoken to people. The only time I leave my house is to come here and meet people, YKIDS has just been a really big part of my life.”



### Meet Aaron & Angela (Beneficiaries)

“YKIDS have offered me a lot of things, all the friends and the relationships with the staff that I've made over the 3 years I have been here. I have dyslexia which makes reading and writing hard and they've really helped with it. They help me with the work I need to do at school, especially hitting year 11, they've made me revise more for exams in school, pushing me toward what I want to do, to get the grades for what I want to do. I want to be a professional footballer but if that doesn't work out then teaching in a school.”

“I came into YKIDS with my grandson Aaron three years ago, it changed our lives completely, and we were in a dark place before we came here. They're so friendly, they're special people, if you need a talk or a chat anytime or if you call in there's always somebody there to talk to you. Aaron is here every day, he does football, homework club, beehives, and all different things. I have watched him blossom here, he has become the grandson I am so proud of.”



## Community Investment

**This year, to highlight our long term impact, we decided to select a group that we've supported over many years.**

As one of YKIDS first ever funders in 2002 we have spent a long time developing a relationship and supporting their work. Since their establishment YKIDS have received a range of different sized grants from £250 to purchase video equipment to £20,000 to create an accredited volunteer programme that was requested by the kids themselves.

The Liverpool ONE Foundation is one of YKIDS most frequent donors. The Liverpool ONE Foundation focuses on improving the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people and have donated over £50,000.

YKIDS is an excellent example of the impact a group can make in their local community and the Community Foundation look forward to supporting them and the children of Sefton for many years to come.

### Supported with

**21** Grants  
Total Funding **£108,918**

### Supported by

- ▶ Police Property Act
- ▶ Liverpool ONE Foundation
- ▶ High Sheriff & Merseyside Police Charitable Fund
- ▶ Comic Relief
- ▶ Merseyside Youthbank
- ▶ 23 Foundation