

#### Site

Darlington YOS

#### Name of project / initiative

D of E Darlington

#### Overview

Our DoE programme is run on by YOS staff and volunteers (much of it in their own time). The programme engages young people, teaches them new skills, and introduces them to activities not usually available to them, as well as promoting confidence, resilience, leadership, teamwork and communication skills. It also gives the YOS an opportunity to observe the young people and identify any particular needs they might have, and additional support they might require; and it helps build trust and relationships among the young people, and with staff. The programme is also offered to young victims of crime, and residents in the local YMCA. We have now had to date had 20 young people qualify at Bronze Level and have fourteen waiting to start in April 2021. To date, none of those who have been through the programme have reoffended and many previous participants have remained in touch with us. The programme was highlighted as good practice in our most recent HMIP report.

#### Longevity

Since early 2020

#### Benefits

See under "overview"

#### Uniqueness

Darlington was the first YOT to introduce DoE, and a number of others are now taking it up

#### Applicability

The programme could be taken up anywhere and is already being rolled out more widely

#### Requirements

Not a lot but need staff prepared to volunteer to support / supervise for expeditions etc...

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