

Hi Diana

Thanks for your email – I appreciate your call to let me know this was coming through.

John and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Groundwork for its support in being so instrumental in setting up and running youth club. This has been a really difficult year but we are grateful for your willingness to try and find new ways of maintaining the service. I think the uncertainty around what will happen next year makes it very difficult to plan too far ahead. Certainly a discussion around delivering sessions outside would be something we would welcome.

The decision as to restarting youth club activities after half term to run the 6 week project is one for the Joint Committee and this can be discussed at the meeting on 13 January. Hopefully there will be some clarity on what activities are permitted at that time.

In the meantime, thank you for your hard work and support this year in trying to maintain the service. The fact that sessions have been suspended is a real disappointment to all concerned but these decisions are largely driven by events outside of our control.

I do hope that you have a restful Christmas and best wishes for the new year.

With best wishes
Claire

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Subject: Melbourn Youth Provision

Dear John and Claire,

Groundwork East is incredibly proud to have worked with MAYD to set-up and run the youth club since 2014. It has been a pleasure to work with MAYD and deliver the support to young people from Melbourn and the surrounding villages. We have however made the very tough decision to inform you that we will not be submitting a proposal to deliver another contract for all-year round evening delivery. As you know Sasha is leaving Groundwork and we have decided to not replace her role. This is in part due to the pandemic having an impact on Groundwork and as we aim to ensure Groundwork's long term sustainability we have had to

make some tough decisions. It is also in part because we don't feel that the evening based youth club offers the best value for money for either organisation. We would however like to extend the discussion we had on a different approach to working with young people in Melbourn and the wider community, by proposing a positive activities project delivered at certain times throughout the year. We believe this would provide sport and recreational activities while also offering the wider support young people need and could be delivered utilising indoor and outdoor spaces in all the villages.

Our current contract ends 31 March 2021 and below describes how we propose to deliver Jan-Mar.

Groundwork will deliver the 6 week project starting the week after the February half term running up to the end of March 2021. As already decided by the young people and planned by Groundwork, this will be an art project. 8 young people from the youth club are already keen to engage in the first session and another 8 will be encouraged to join the second group from the Melbourn Village College and the surrounding areas.

I will be happy to discuss any future alternative proposal at our meeting on the 13th January and look forward to speaking to you then.

I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Kind regards,



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