



**Pershore's Riverside Youth Centre supports the young adults of tomorrow.** Our experienced Youth Workers provide a safe and friendly environment for young people, through accessible and affordable drop-in sessions, activities and ongoing support, including summer activity weeks.

"Good youth work helps young people to have fun, while quietly supporting them to face their personal challenges and to be the best they can be."

*Liz Tucker, Chair of Trustees*

A genuine community resource, the Centre is also home to Wychavon Kayak and Canoe Club, St John Ambulance, Bonkers Activities, Brighter Life Day Services and other regular bookings.



## **Pershore Riverside Centre CIO**

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## Regular Youth Club sessions

**Monday Club: Age 9-13** 6.30pm-8pm

In Monday club we strive to build relationships with young people before they reach their teens, through their choice of activities, discussion topics and games.

**Tuesday Youth Group: Age 13-17** 6pm-8pm

**Wednesday Youth Group: Age 13-17** 6pm-8pm

These groups provide a relaxed environment for teens to meet, eat, play pool and use the computers. We run informal sessions and discuss relevant issues that are currently affecting their daily lives, listen and provide support. All are welcome, as long as they are prepared to engage and respect the group, the staff and the centre.

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Pershore Riverside Centre has an amazing site with easy access to the River Avon. In order to make the most of these facilities, we work closely with local provider Bonkers Activities, run by Alex Mellor. For details see [www.pershoreriversidecentre.org/activities](http://www.pershoreriversidecentre.org/activities)

For water sports and activity bookings, contact:

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## **Our vision**

Our vision is for local young people to have the confidence, motivation and skills to improve their lives, focusing on those who need it most.

We work to achieve this vision by providing a calm space, away from school and home, where they have time to think and talk about options with their peer group and professionals. We also create opportunities and partnerships with local colleges and companies to inform, inspire and encourage the youngsters to look to their futures.

We encourage attendees to feel part of their local Pershore community, supporting them to get involved in events, fundraising and young volunteer programmes. We also host disability inclusion groups at the Centre and run projects involving local schools to bring the community together.

## **Our services**

Each week groups of 9-17 year olds, mostly from Pershore, come to the Riverside Centre to socialise, relax in their own space, or get involved as much as they wish to: "Coming here stops me from getting into trouble because if the youth centre wasn't here then I would probably just be hanging around in the town."

While here, young people may turn to us for help. Our focus is firmly on providing positive activities based on the current requirements of attendees. We offer them practical ways to find confidence, through life-skill sessions like cooking; to develop the skills they need to get on track, through informal education; and to broaden their training or job opportunities, through career taster sessions in a range of industries.

We also provide additional support and guidance for those who are facing challenges, such as a disruptive home life, caring for a family member, difficulties at school, coping with a mental health issue, or just feeling lost. Uniquely, this includes access to an independent counsellor on site, arranged through our youth workers.

## Who we are

Pershore's Riverside Centre has a small, dedicated team of staff, regular volunteers and 11 trustees.

Brad, our Lead Youth Worker is qualified with a BA in Youth & Community. He is supported in the sessions by other trained youth workers. Abi, our Centre Manager holds a BA in Education and MSc in Psychology. All staff, youth workers and visiting healthcare professionals are DBS checked and work within safeguarding protocols.

Everyone involved in the youth work is aware of the issues faced by some of Pershore's young people and is passionate about engaging with, supporting and motivating them to find a way through any concerns – while having fun and eating pasta!



As a charity, Pershore Riverside Centre needs to raise funds to continue to deliver its youth services. Hiring our well-placed and well-equipped venue is one way to support your local community.

To enquire about booking a meeting room for a regular group,  
the hall for occasional sessions,  
or the whole venue for an event with a riverside view,  
email [lettings@pershoreyouth.org.uk](mailto:lettings@pershoreyouth.org.uk)

**We also welcome fundraising ideas, donations and gifts in kind**  
email [abi.wilks@pershoreyouth.org.uk](mailto:abi.wilks@pershoreyouth.org.uk)

We are very grateful to Kate Cox @clikclikcollective  
for her support with this year's Carnival.