HOPE'S PLACE

Student mental & emotional well-being support for schools across Bristol

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Nine courses up and running!

With the recruitment of Claire and Ellie as new facilitators for girls' courses, Anna is pleased to announce that Hope's Place has increased the number of courses we can run this term, and demand is as great as ever. As a trusted partner of Bristol City Council, we are finding more and more schools welcome our input and the results from last term are encouraging. The great majority of the girls attending the courses reported that they had been really helped, with comments such as:

'I enjoyed being able to talk about anything and not getting judged about anything.'

'I would like the school to know that this has helped me a lot and I would keep liking more things like this and get some other support too. But I have really enjoyed this.'

'What I found helpful is I know what a healthy relationship looks like and I want to remember that.'

What about the work with boys?

The need to help teenage boys survive, thrive and play a positive role in society has never been greater. Hope's Place is hard at work in developing a new way of working in schools with groups of boys who are alienated, or not reaching their potential. There's a lot to be done, but we'll keep you in touch with developments.



Hope's Place is growing!

Since our last newsletter we've been able to appoint two new Facilitators and two new Trustees. Claire has already run her first solo course as well as working with Senior Facilitator Anna on another, and is running two courses this term. Ellie has just begun work with us and has one course to herself, while working with Anna on another two. Suzie has left her role as a facilitator to take up a full time appointment in one of the schools where she worked with us. We wish Suzie every success

Our Board has been joined by Fiona, who brings a wealth of experience in education and management, and Dan, who is well known locally as an educator and sports coach. Having stayed and worked hard until we recruited these two, Amanda has retired with our very best wishes.