

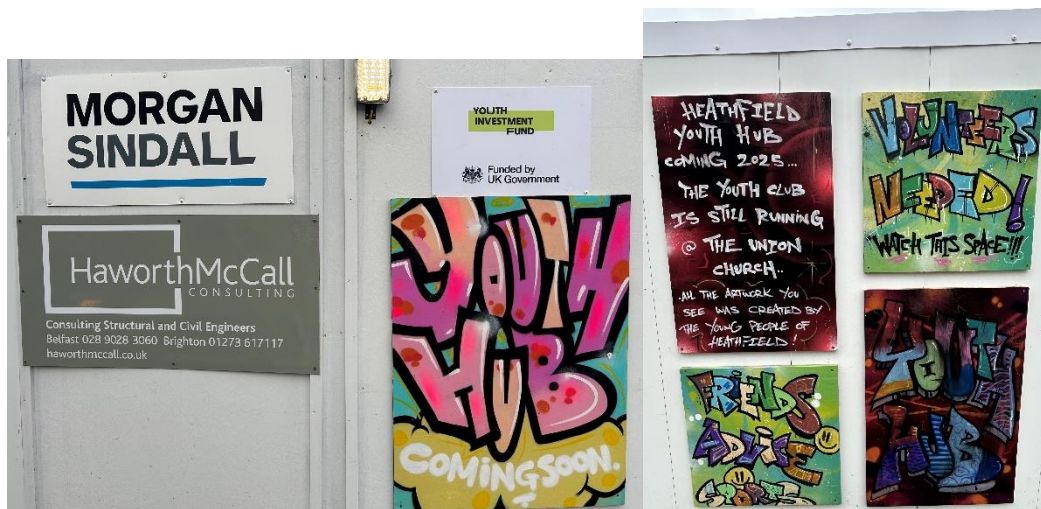
## Heathfield Youth Hub

Whilst we eagerly await the opening of our new Heathfield Youth Hub in the summer of 2025, our fantastic Youth Work team have been facilitating youth sessions for the young people of Heathfield and the surrounding areas. Our sessions include Funky Teens, which is a referral-based SEND session, juniors for those aged 10-13, seniors for those who are 13+ and LGBTQ+ for those who identify in the community, or who are exploring their identities.

In October we delivered three graffiti sessions, for young people to create artwork with local artist Tom Goulden. The young people designed graffiti artwork to spread positive messages and advertise the new Youth Hub.



Their art now surrounds the hoardings of the building site.



Heathfield's young people are excited for the new building, echoing how the Youth Hub will be a space in the town that is truly for them.

A youth club member, aged 15 said "I'm really looking forward to the new sensory room, that's really important for me."

Another youth club member, aged 12 said "I can't wait to try out the new gaming room and the kitchen."

The young people have been involved in consultations about the facilities, from discussions about what equipment they would like the Youth Hub to have, to paint colours. In the new year, the young people will be invited to take part in landscaping and carpentry workshops with the environmental charity Groundwork. The new facilities include but are not limited to, a music room, multi-use sports hall, sensory rooms, garden and a fitness suite.

If you'd like more information about our youth sessions, or to make a referral, please email: [EEHighWeald@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:EEHighWeald@eastsussex.gov.uk)

We are always looking for volunteers to help deliver our sessions! If you are interested in a career in youth work, have a skill that you'd like to teach young people, or would like to give back to the Heathfield community, please email: [YHVolunteers@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:YHVolunteers@eastsussex.gov.uk)