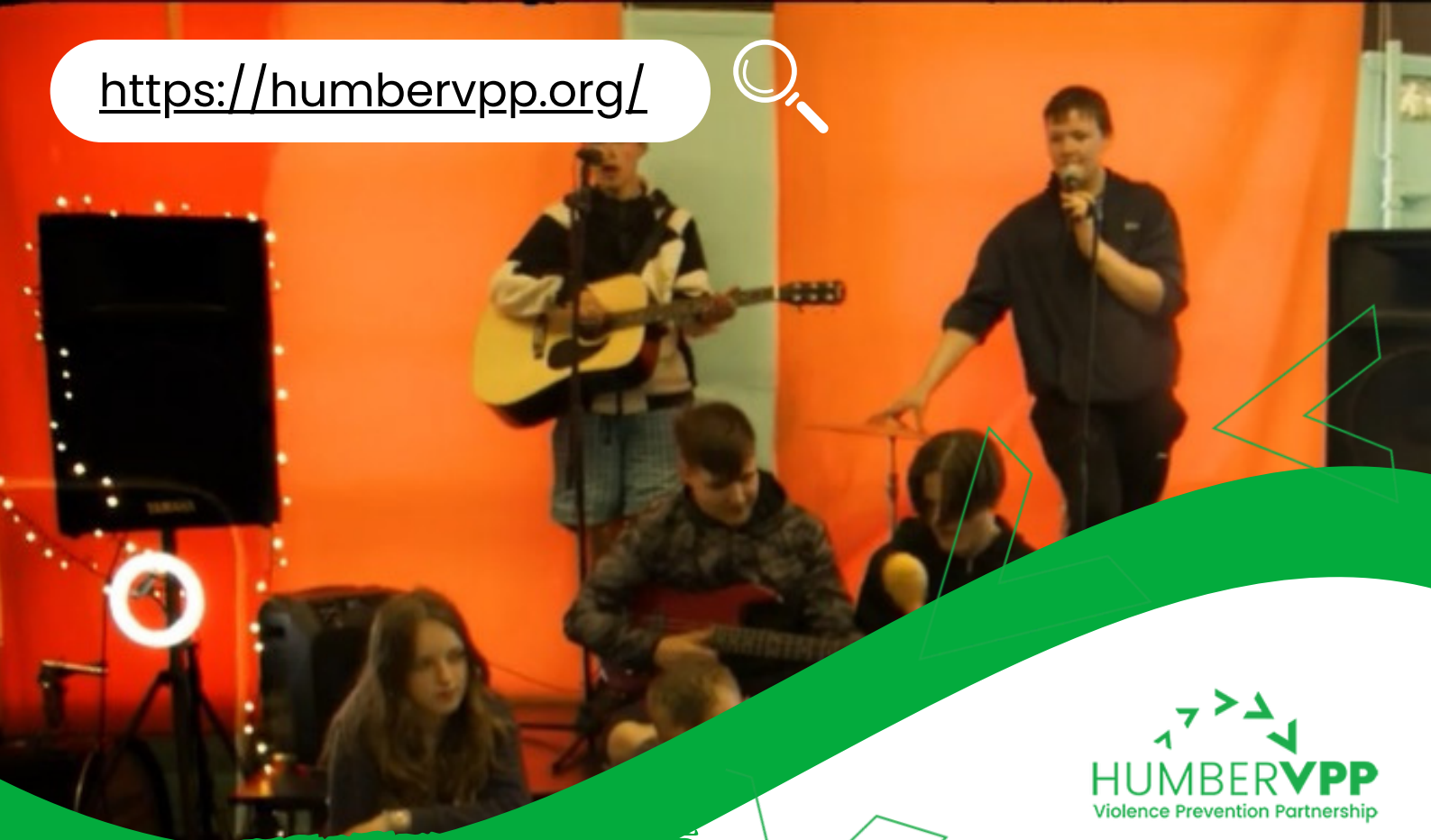


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## Case Study

  
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## Hull City Council – Youth Outreach: My Pockets

The Project ran between March – July 2023 on Tuesday evenings at Route One Youth Centre - it focused on making music, shooting videos, and having creative fun with friends.

### The brief:

To creatively explore local issues on the Orchard Park and north Hull estates to enable young people to share their views and possible solutions to things which effect their lives, working with young people's voice.

To initially work with a cohort of young people from the local area, based at Route One Youth Centre on Tuesday evenings.

The project used music as a main delivery mode in its broadest sense, using words, lyrics and sound; asking questions such as, what is it like living round here? What things concern me/friends, who can help if I/we need it? Where do I/we feel safe and unsafe? What am I/we proud of? What are my aspirations in life/ where do I want to be? How do I keep myself healthy?

The product of the project was determined by the young people, with outcomes such as increased confidence and self-esteem, greater awareness of self and local issues, and a better understanding of where to get help from a trusted adult and increased skills and knowledge.

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Throughout the 12 weeks, My Pockets encouraged young people to talk about their lives and share their views and experiences. These conversations were then used to write songs that expressed how young people felt about their lived experiences in North Hull. This opened the opportunity for discussions around things that affected them daily such as where they lived, their local community and the issues they faced as teenagers. Working with musicians and youth workers, young people also had the opportunity to experiment with different creative mediums such as producing, editing, and recording sound and film. They also learned new skills by singing and playing musical instruments individually and as a group. Young people were in full control of the creative process, and they produced a short film which showcased their collective thoughts and feelings. The film focused on being positive, enjoying life and having fun despite the challenges life can bring. Young people really enjoyed the project and it enabled them to raise their confidence and self-esteem.

### The film



<https://youtu.be/xDVpbfPwcNc>

'We walked around the streets singing, messing around and filmed it. We looked like looneys. Making the song we all came together using all our different music skills. We all brought a different element of music and came together. The song is about how we view the area we live in. We want people to get to know our area, to see what's good and bad about it. This project is about enjoying yourself. It gives us a chance to express ourselves. It helps us relax and have a laugh.'

Young people from Route One Youth Centre - Hull

"Working at Route One was great fun and a real pleasure. The young people really embraced making and playing music, they gave their enthusiasm, ideas, stories, and energy to the project. We wanted to keep things fun and open and were pleased that everyone was happy to experiment and try new things. Every week we were greeted by the young people at the door of the youth club offering to help us carry the kit in, which makes a real difference to us.

We now want to figure out how to keep the sense of fun whilst also supporting the young people in learning more about playing the instruments and digging deeper into music making.

We are proud of all the young people, the staff that supported us so well and the song we've made together."

Peter Snelling at My Pockets

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### Next Steps

Young people involved in the My Pockets Music project continue to work alongside Youth workers at Route One Youth Centre and have signed up to take part in Lifestyle 2023.

Young people have been enthused by their discussions over the last 12 weeks to make a difference in their community. They intend to undertake litter picks in local parks and church gardens, visit care homes and make over the youth club green spaces over the summer months.

Further funding has also been secured by My Pockets through Youth Music and they will return to Route One Youth Centre in September to continue working with the group and more local young people who wish to express their thoughts and feelings through music and media.

