

Sheffield Young Explorers *Community* Newsletter

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Driving Positive Change to Build a Stronger, More Connected Community

It has been an incredible year...

It's been an incredible year at Sheffield Young Explorers since we began in 2024. Our journey continues to be shaped by the amazing community members, young people, and families who bring strength, ideas, and heart to everything we do. Together, we aim to build a stronger, more connected community where every voice matters and our services bring real value and lasting change.

Thanks to our team's hard work, we've secured funding from the Violence Reduction Unit for a leadership program, and BBC Children in Need to deliver STEM Clubs and wellbeing workshops for young girls, showing the real need for these activities in our communities. From coffee mornings and youth empowerment sessions to research projects, we've seen the impact of communities coming together.

From mums finding friendship, to young girls discovering leadership, to fathers bonding with their children in Dads and Lads sessions, these moments remind us why this work matters.

We look forward to continuing to create safe, inclusive spaces where families can grow, learn, and thrive, and to serving, working with, and growing alongside our community.

Programmes Director,
Alima Ashfaq

Our VAS SY-NC Youth Consultation in Darnall & Tinsely

This year, we held a youth consultation with young girls aged 12 to 18 to hear directly from them about the challenges they face and the changes they want to see in their community. Their voices, ideas, and honesty have been invaluable in shaping our upcoming activities. From discussions on safety, wellbeing, and aspirations for better opportunities, our young people reminded us just how powerful it is when they are given a platform to lead, share their experiences, and influence real change. Here are a number of our activities:

Sheffield Young Explorers & Name It Youth Project present

MINDMatters
Researching Barriers & Solutions through Art

Join us for a MINDMatters Art workshop series focused on barriers and solutions for girls aged 14 to 18. A positive guided space, the doors of happiness.

Sun 18th May
4pm - 6pm
Girls, 14 - 18 yrs
AlMahad Al-Islami

Register TODAY:
Email: info@sheffieldyoungexplorers.org
Phone: 07744555573

£3

Sheffield Young Explorers & We Talk A Lot present

ARTBEAT
Researching Barriers & Solutions through Art

Join us for our second two-part Art workshop series focused on the Heart.

Sun 25th May
2pm - 4pm
Girls, 12 - 18 yrs
Al-Huda Academy

Register TODAY:
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Sheffield Young Explorers & We Talk A Lot present

HEARTSCAPE
Researching Barriers & Solutions through Art

Join us for our first two-part Art workshop series focused on the Heart.

Sun 27th April
2pm - 4pm
Girls, 12 - 18 yrs
Al-Huda Academy

Register TODAY:
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Sheffield Young Explorers & We Talk A Lot present

Tea Party
An Afternoon Tea Special

Join us for a fun, inspiring tea party where we connect through tea, cake, knowledge and art.

Sunday 11th May
2pm - 4pm
Girls, 12 - 18 yrs
Al-Huda Academy

Register TODAY:
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£7

We also collaborated with AlMahad Girls School, Name It Youth, and We Talk A Lot. Working in partnership is at the heart of our ethos, as an inclusive and collaborative community organisation, we value the contributions of others and strive to work in harmony with them.

Celebrating Our 2025 Milestones

Easter Healthy Holidays Club

We impacted over 100 children, and provided hot food, refreshments and enriching activities.

LIMITED

Sheffield **Young Explorers Club**

Register your interest to take part in our Healthy Holidays activities available for families who are a recipient of (means tested) free school meals.

sheffieldyoungexplorers.org/upcoming-event

- Fun Summer Camps
- Exciting Trips
- Family Picnics
- Active Sports
- Arts & Crafts
- Friendly Team
- Enriching Activities
- Play Focused

Summer Healthy Holidays Club

We impacted over 780 children, and provided hot food, refreshments, enriching clubs and fun, engaging activities over 12 days in summer.

Sheffield **Young Explorers Club**

Monday 28th July 12pm - 4pm Welcome Summer Camp

Tuesday 29th July 12pm - 4pm Art in Motion Summer Camp

Monday 4th August 12pm - 4pm City Builders Summer Camp

Tuesday 5th August 12pm - 4pm Celebrate Diversity Summer Camp

Monday 11th August 12pm - 4pm

Tuesday 12th August 12pm - 4pm

Monday 18th August 12pm - 4pm

Contact: info@sheffieldyoungexplorers.org

EAST LAC are funding 10 FREE places for children from low-income households in Darnall, Arbourthorne, Manor, and Richmond to join SYE summer camps. Each child will enjoy a warm lunch, snacks, and fun activities!

Weekly Coffee Morning (East LAC)

EAST LAC have funded FREE hot food and refreshments weekly at AlHuda Academy for women and children every Thursday 9:20am - 11am.

Sheffield Young Explorers

COFFEE MORNING

Every Thursday (Term-Time)

Join us for a special weekly event Hot drinks & Hot food for Women & Children

Al-Huda Academy, Darnall, Sheffield S9 3FY 9:30am - 11am

Coffee in the Park (OLP Legacy Fund)

OLP Legacy Fund funded our Coffee in the Park, where we provided hot food, drinks and provided opportunities for women and children to come outdoors and experience nature collectively.



Upcoming SYE Events in 2025 - 2026

We have an exciting lineup of events coming up for families and young people in our community! From coffee mornings and nature-based activities to youth empowerment sessions and Dads and Lads meet-ups, there’s something for everyone. These events are a great opportunity to connect, learn, and have fun together, we can’t wait to see you there!



- **Welcome Tea Party** on Saturday 18th October, 5pm - 7pm
- **Autumn Healthy Holiday Activities** from 27th Oct - 30th November
- **Weekly Coffee Mornings** at AlHuda Academy, Thursdays, 9:30am - 11am
- **Weekly Sip & Paint** at AlHuda Academy, Thursdays, 11am - 12:15pm
- **Monthly STEM Clubs** every last Friday of the month, 5pm - 7pm
- **Monthly Well-being workshops**, third Friday of the month, 5pm - 7pm
- **Monthly Together We Thrive** Activities, at selected locations
- **Leadership workshops for Girls**, 12 - 18 last Saturday of the month
- **Youth Retreat** on 13th - 15th February 2025
- **February Healthy Holiday Activities** from 16th - 20th February

You can register and find more information on sheffieldyoungexplorers.org

SYE Youth Panel - Your Voice Matters

This September, we held call-out interviews and have elected seven Youth Panel members who bring a range of skills, passion, and ideas to the group. They will play a key role in shaping our Youth Leadership Program.

Our new Youth Panel brings together young girls aged 12–18 to share their ideas, experiences, and opinions, helping shape the projects and activities that matter most to them. Their insights are guiding us to create a community that truly listens and responds to young people’s voices.

Our next steps are our Youth Panel will come together twice a month to design and deliver the Leadership Program.

Thank you to the Violence Reduction Unit & South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority

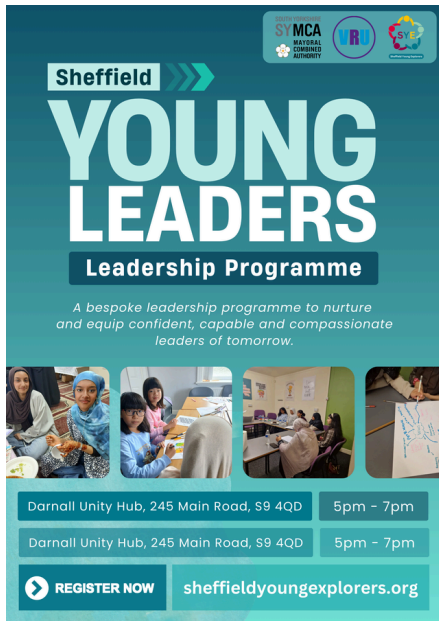
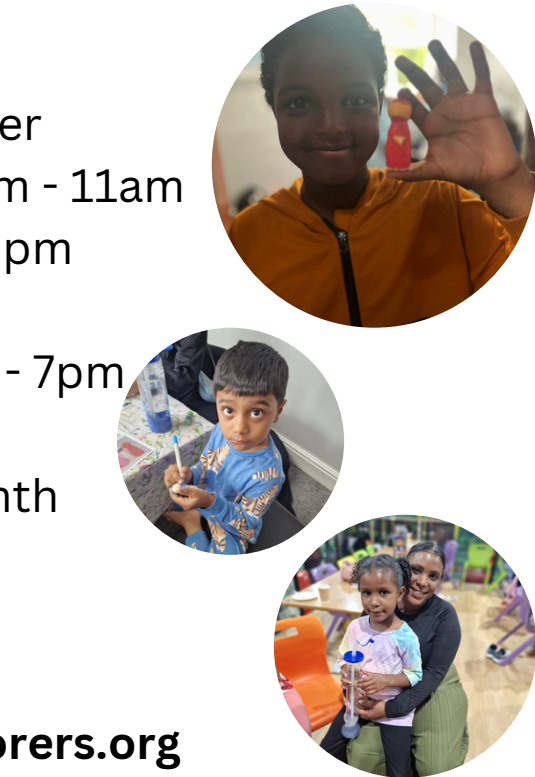
Together We Thrive

Together We Thrive is our monthly activity where families can connect, build friendships, and enjoy time together. In September, 90 community members joined us at AirHaus, and in October we’ll be heading to Monkey Bizness for more fun!

Appreciating Our Volunteers’ Dedication

We are so grateful to all our volunteers whose time, energy, and dedication make Sheffield Young Explorers’ work possible. Your support helps us create safe, inclusive spaces and meaningful opportunities for families and young people across our community. Thank you for everything you do!

Get in touch for further details: info@sheffieldyoungexplorers.org



Celebrating Our 2025 Milestones

Weekly Sip & Paint

We started Sip & Paint in July 2025, and have welcomed 25 women weekly to sip and take part in engaging art activities to support their wellbeing. These run every Thursday from 11:00am to 12:15pm and are FREE, but registration only.



Dad’s & Lad’s Monthly Walks

We started Dad’s & Lads - Making Memories in July for fathers and sons, to provide role models and strength relationships. These run every monthly and are FREE.



Voices for Young Explorers

“It was really good and I had an amazing time with everyone. I did things I don’t usually get to do and made some new friends. I’d love to do more of these activities, I’m already excited to see everyone again!”

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Photo Gallery

