

Goals of the space

Local challenges

Implications

Making an inclusive space

- Diverse but insular communities
- Gain parental trust for permission to access space, particularly for young Muslim women
- Conflict between different youth group in adjacent areas
- Stigma around mental health problems, particularly young men
- Tension between positive change and new amenities and fear of gentrification

Designing a safe place

- Safety concerns increase in the evening
- Safety concerns heightened for young women
- Young black males racial profiling as main safety issue
- Parking across the youth space doesn't feel safe
- Conflict with youth communities from surrounding areas

Supporting aspirations and providing opportunity

- Not enough employment opportunities locally
- Mostly traditional food places on the highstreet who provide work opportunities to one group only
- No safe space for young women
- There are only similar and very limited kind of support for opportunities
- No essential facilities locally like cafe, shops
- Lack of financial knowledge for young people

Fostering a sense of ownership over the space

- Disengaged young people looking to engage further
- Young people not feeling represented in decision making over the area

Creating a fun environment

- No places locally that bring different youth group together to meet and build community
- Lack of engagement with the arts e.g. music and dance.
- "School or school is only option right now"
- No places locally for young people to hang out indoors

Programming	Spatial	Governance & management
Partner with local organisations on the highstreet such as SAAFI, Free the Forgotten, the local mosques and ensure they can access spaces for their programs	Create a design aesthetic that does not alienate particular groups such as religious groups, women, etc.	Have a system in place to provide extremely affordable leases of some of the spaces to local groups
Curate women only days / programming	Visible branding of space to centre around youth facilities (not the cafe/ co-working space or other public proposition)	Host parents information sessions on the space management and operation on a regular basis
Set up mens' mental health days	Include a bulletin board with local activities but also how to engage in some public matters around neighbourhood change	Have regular feedback sessions with users of the space
Build strong partnership with local schools, particularly girls schools and provide after school programming that is promoted by the school to parents	Provide access to mental health support without centering the programming on this offer. Include group and 1 on 1 therapy options.	
Set up a balance of programming for different age group (12-25)	Bright and inviting from the outside in. But privacy & level of openness important to consider for different types of activities	
Run programming until 9pm to maintain activity on the high street	Include a lounge space with comfy sofas	
Provide self-defense classes	Increase lighting just outside youth space	Have a system to escort anyone who wants to walk to the car park or down the high street.
Provide first aid classes	Promote indoors hanging out by avoiding design features such as covered entrance, or outdoor seating that suggests outdoor hanging out	Have local 'uncles' and 'aunties' as guardians so that young people have warming characters to interact with instead of potentially aggressive 'bodyguard' figures.
Target programming to local groups through working directly with local organisations that cater to Church End	Create programmes that target participants groups that recognise each other	Set up a membership system for young people to access the free open hanging out area with ability to bring a friend as a companion, similar to gyms.
Set up networking events bringing local businesses and young people together	Set up a small area of the space where young people can use to sell / promote their business	Employ local security, staff and cafe staff, especially targeting young people
Organise mentorship, financial literacy programs	Dedicate a section of the space as a public cafe	Ensure there is a woman in the leadership team running the space
Marketing and PR course	Accessible library space	Set up a partnership with the adjacent music studios
Teaching course	Have an accessible crèche available during the programmes catering to young women / mothers	Set up a referral system to connect young people to opportunities outside the youth space
Organise skill share sessions amongst different youth groups	Programming targeting women: yoga, fitness, marketing, teaching etc. (Do local survey to understand this further)	Lease small space for Pupil Referral Unit to come during the day to support 12-16 year old who are out of school.
Training course to operate/ run a cafe with opportunity to work in the cafe	Include/invite community leaders in the programming of the space	Set up a steering group for young people to steer the work of the operator
Programme performance events	Set up sessions with council teams to discuss youth involvement in public processes	Make space accessible to the community for events and meetings.
Programme movie nights	Set up a dedicated area /wall for curating and exposing local creatives	
Programme open mic nights	Set up a blank white wall for spontaneous expression / tagging	Work with playful, friendly staff that are able to relate to young people
Programme music / dance / drama classes	Include a communal TV managed by a roster of channels/-shows	
E-sport classes and training including setting up tournaments	Have a playstation / gaming room	
	Make the open cafe space able to transform into a performance, projector space.	