

Sample Case Study

Jane*

Ex-Salmon Youth Centre Club Member

At sixteen Jane was in foster care and a member of SYC. At seventeen she became a young mum, giving birth to Lee. Over the next few years her partner James served time for a firearms offence, and her best friend Gina served eighteen months for drugs trafficking. At around nineteen she started studying for her A levels and volunteering at SYC.

After her A levels she decided that she needed to gain more experience of working with people and the security that SYC offers, so she took a place on the STEP project (gapper project). At the end of the STEP year, in which she started new work for SYC with other young mums, she was offered a job with SYC to continue this work. She also started a university degree course.

A year on Jane is still at university and has just flown the SYC nest to work with the community on an intergenerational project with young and older people, with The Children's Society in a neighbouring borough. James, who volunteered at SYC prior to getting a job on his release, and Jane continue to be fantastic parents to Lee. Gina has also volunteered at SYC works and now works as a case worker for St Giles Trust. Not one but three people we are proud of, not to mention all the young mums she has encouraged and inspired.

(*her name has been changed at her request)