



The Base Partnership
Alternative Provision Prospectus 26/27



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Welcome to The Base

About The Base

The Base is a newly modernised youth centre co-designed with young people, for young people. Officially opened in March 2025 after a £3.8 million transformation, The Base offers a safe, inclusive, and inspiring space for young people aged 11 to 18, and up to 25 for those with additional needs.

The Base Alternative Provision

The Base Partnership is made up of three charities – Young Swindon and Wiltshire, WAY UK and STEP. We work together to deliver innovative, engaging, and practical alternative provision for young people who may find mainstream education challenging. We believe every young person has the potential to achieve, and we are committed to providing a carousel of creative, skills-based, and career-based opportunities to support their personal development, build confidence, and prepare them for success in education, employment, or training.

Our programmes are delivered in small groups by specialist teams, offering a high adult-to-young person ratio in a safe, supportive, and trauma-informed environment. At The Base, we put young people first, helping them develop essential life skills, build strong relationships with trusted adults, and transition confidently to adulthood.



Why Choose The Base Partnership?

- **Specialist Programmes:** Delivered by experienced subject experts in purpose-built environments.
- **Small Group Sizes:** High adult-to-young person ratio for personalised support.
- **Trauma-Informed Approach:** Supporting emotional and personal development in a psychologically safe space.
- **Flexible, Engaging Learning:** A wide variety of practical, creative, and industry-relevant options.
- **Pathways to the Future:** Skills and experiences that support reintegration, further study, or employment.

Get in Touch

We welcome referrals from schools, local authorities, and other professionals. To refer and enrol a young person into The Base Partnership's Alternative Provision, please get in touch with us:

WAY UK:

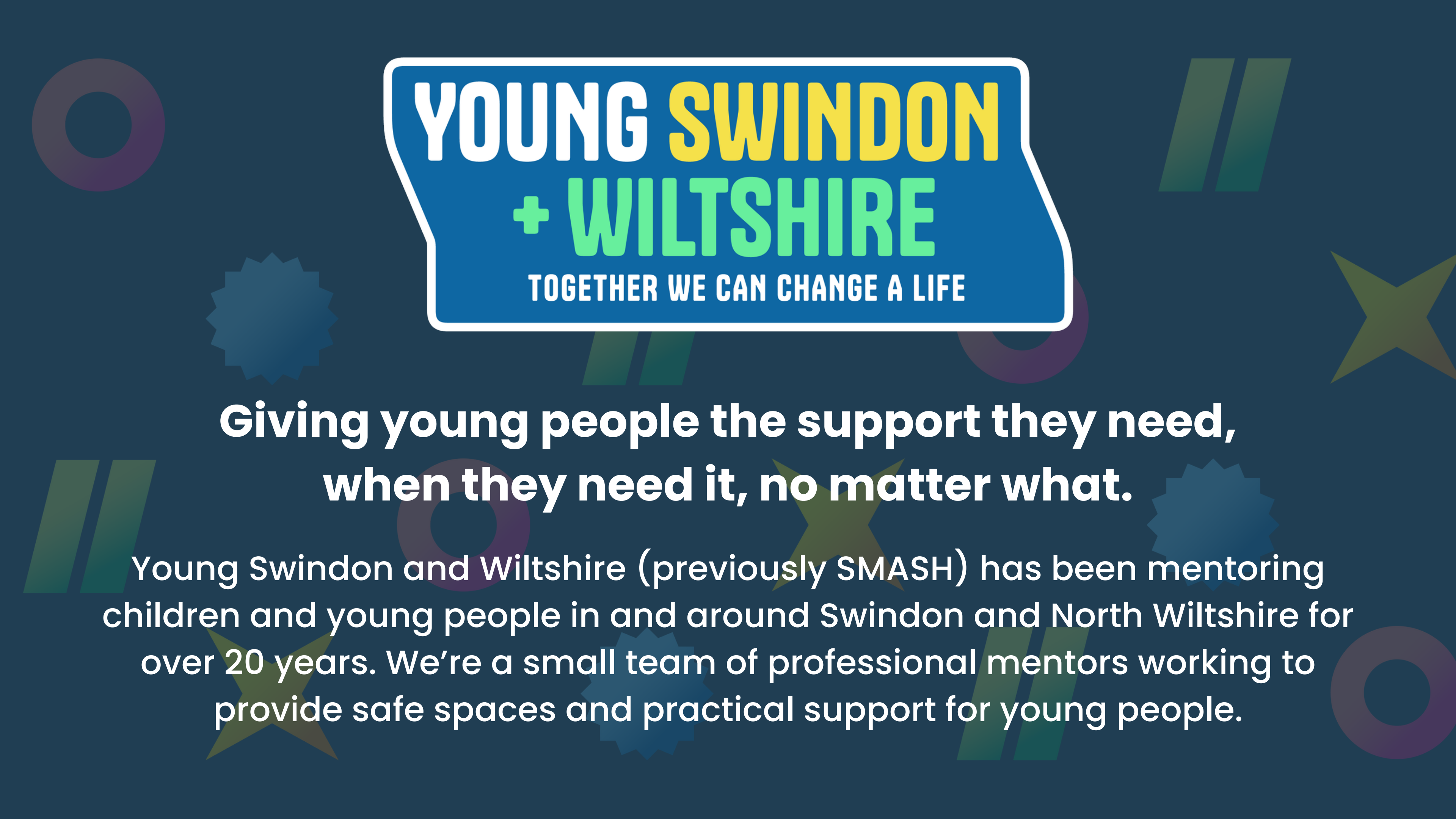
hello@wayuk.org

Young Swindon and Wiltshire:

education@youngswindonandwiltshire.org.uk

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Our Offers



YOUNG SWINDON **+ WILTSHIRE**

TOGETHER WE CAN CHANGE A LIFE

**Giving young people the support they need,
when they need it, no matter what.**

Young Swindon and Wiltshire (previously SMASH) has been mentoring children and young people in and around Swindon and North Wiltshire for over 20 years. We're a small team of professional mentors working to provide safe spaces and practical support for young people.

Young Swindon and Wiltshire



Young Swindon and Wiltshire provides young people with a range of vocational experiences, designed to ignite curiosity, spark creativity, and develop practical skills in purpose-built learning spaces. Key skills in maths and English are embedded in every session, and young people are able to work towards many different certificates from the AQA Unit Award Scheme to create a portfolio of achievement.

Hair and Beauty

Delivered in a fully equipped salon, this programme introduces young people to the hair and beauty industry through hands-on, introductory sessions, including:

- Hair styling
- Nail art
- Make-up application
- Skin care treatments

Cooking

Young people will learn essential cooking and life skills in a professional kitchen, building confidence for independent living and exploring the culinary industry.

- Food hygiene
- Creating two-course meals
- Nutrition awareness
- Allergen and cross-contamination management



Young Swindon and Wiltshire



Fashion and Textiles

This diverse programme introduces young people to a range of creative mediums and techniques, encouraging exploration and self-expression through:

- Sewing, embroidery, crochet and knitting
- Jewellery making, accessory creation, fashion design
- Recycling, repairing and redesigning clothes



Bike Mechanics and Maintenance

Young people will develop practical bike mechanics and maintenance skills to promote independence, sustainability, and safe cycling.

- Basic servicing and repairs
- Road safety awareness
- Tool identification and safe use



Young Swindon and Wiltshire



Construction and Property Maintenance **Coming Soon**

Hands-on, introductory construction and property maintenance sessions offering skills that are transferable to multiple industries. These may include:

- Bricklaying
- Woodwork
- Painting and decorating
- Identifying and repairing defects





Timings and Costings

Session Type	Time	Cost per Young Person
Half Day	09:30 – 12:15	£80
Half Day	12:15 – 15:00	£80
Full Day	09:30 – 15:00	£140

- Young people can access up to four half-day sessions or two full-day sessions per week.
- Half-day sessions include either breakfast or lunch. Full-day sessions include both.

Referrals

Contact us: education@youngswindonandwiltshire.org.uk



By Young People. For Young People

WAY UK is a Swindon-based charity empowering young people to take ownership of the change they want to see in their lives. We do this by delivering a range of hands-on and interest-based projects led by subject experts.

WAY Sports



WAY
Sports

WAY Sports provides interest-led learning, but with a focus on physical activity. Through structured, small-group sessions, young people can explore fitness, boxing, circuit training, and combat skills in an engaging and supportive environment.

Our child-first coaching empowers students to develop an understanding for skills, preparing them for employment within the sports and leisure industry and providing transferable skills for other career paths. By integrating **English** and **Maths** directly into our sports based activities, we seamlessly demonstrate how these essential subjects apply to both the industry and daily life.



Fitness, Boxing & Circuit Training

An introduction to building physical fitness, confidence, and life skills through structured boxing, gym, and personal training sessions. Sessions are designed to give a taste of employment in the leisure industry and developing work-ready skills.

- Boxing, pad work, and gym sessions
- Personal training and goal setting
- Strength, conditioning, and cardiovascular fitness
- Risk Management in a leisure and fitness context
- First aid training
- Health, nutrition, and wellbeing education

WAY Sports Lead, Dan Martin, is a former footballer and qualified PT and fitness coach, with over 19 years in the leisure industry.



WAY Studios



WAY Studios provides young people with practical, project-based learning in music, design, and digital media. Our approach empowers students to develop vital creative, technical, and personal skills, preparing them for employment within the creative industry and providing transferable skills for other career paths. By integrating **English** and **Maths** directly into our creative projects, we seamlessly demonstrate how these essential subjects apply to both the industry and daily life.

Music Studio

Through hands-on sessions in our industry-standard music studio, young people explore:

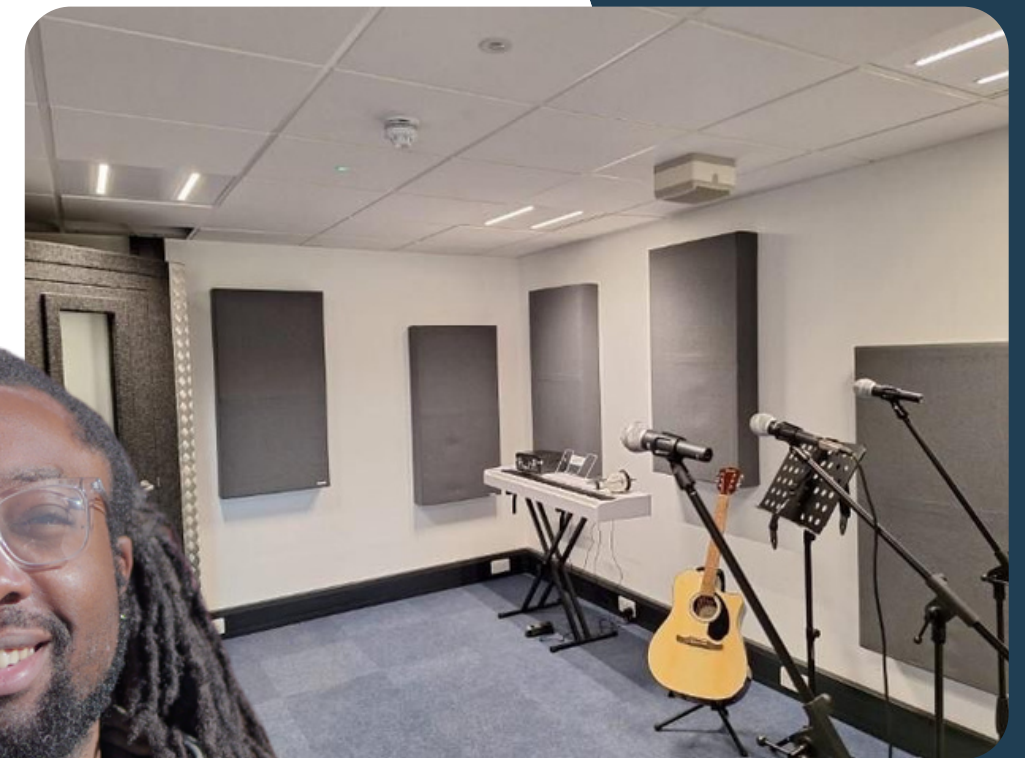
- Writing, recording, and producing music
- Beat making with Logic Pro
- Drum and keyboard skills
- Engagement with industry professionals

Digital Design and Media

Young people explore the industry practices of social media content creation, visual branding, and marketing strategies. Alongside marketing professional Chloe Hepburn, young people explore:

- Developing social media content and communication campaigns
- Graphic design using Canva and Photoshop
- Video and photography
- Campaign planning and branding concepts

WAY Studios Lead, Michael Lartey, is a qualified sound engineer, music producer, and professional music artist.





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