

KORI

YOUTH CHARITY

A photograph of a residential site. In the foreground, a person wearing a dark jacket, blue jeans, and black boots is walking away from the camera, carrying a long wooden pole. To the left, a small child in a light-colored shirt and dark pants is walking. The ground is covered in wood chips. Several tents are visible: a large blue dome tent on the left, and several smaller green and blue tents in the background. A blue tarp is draped over a wooden structure in the middle ground. The background is filled with trees, some with green leaves and some bare, under a blue sky with light clouds.

KORI - Youth Charity & Bransford Community Farm Pilot Residential

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*I liked the outdoor experience
and living life from scratch.
A natural life.*

~ Austin

Project Background & Aims and Objectives

KORI has been taking young people from London into the countryside since 2004. Our aim to build stronger foundations for young people is actioned by working in nature. It allows us to facilitate Youth respite and wellbeing, expand young people's range of experiences and build their connections with new environments.

Bransford Community Farm is a fast developing rural enterprise with a difference. Its aim is to involve the local community and provide opportunities to experience rural activities. The farm is a meeting place for people to learn, share knowledge and experiences with a focus on improving the wellbeing of all involved.

This pilot residential was designed at the intersection of our shared goals—to create a functional residential campsite that would serve young people and the local community for years to come. This was a proof of concept, demonstrating that safe and enriching activities could be successfully delivered in this space, fostering positive outcomes and valuable learning experiences for young people.





Something I will be taking back from this trip is that I can stay off my phone for a long time and now I know how to cook deer!

~Malachai

Activities and Insight

For both organisations, embedding Youth participation and environmentally friendly practices was a key part of the residential. Young people and staff were collecting water, setting up structures, cooking outdoors and using purpose built compost toilets much of which were new and sometimes challenging experiences for the young people. However, living this way for a week provoked important conversations around the value of necessities like heating, water and electricity usage; essentials that are often taken for granted in city life.

In addition to this young people took part in a range of workshops and activities including:



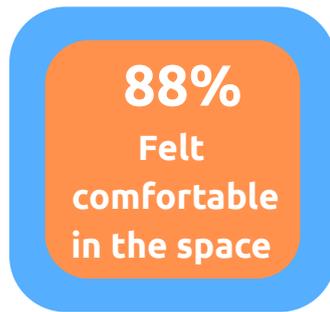
These workshops, led by both the KORI team and Bransford Community Farm staff, offered new ways to connect with food and the surrounding environment. From learning about food chains and ecosystems in the ethical hunting workshop, to growing potatoes at home or cooking over an open fire. Movement and breath workshops in an open hillside to sharing personal stories around a fire.

These activities offered young people a space to learn, to be challenged, to reflect and enjoy the natural environment.





The work was hard, really hard... long hours and so many moving parts, but I would do it all again in a heartbeat because like, you can see the difference it makes to the young people
~ KORI Staff Team Member



Impact

This residential made a positive impact on the young people that KORI engages, providing access to expansive first time experiences and the therapeutic potential of being in Nature. The Partnership between KORI and The Bransford Community Farm has created a space and a process that has the potential to offer truly transformative nature based experiences for young people.

I really enjoyed being in nature with my friends as well as the food!

~ Melany

How nice everyone was, made me feel really comfortable here

~ Malachi J

I learned a lot on the residential, how to build a fire, and also more about the wildlife and how a species can become invasive and a problem to the ecosystem.

~ Divine

I learned a lot about trees and how birds communicate, being able to visualise the facts I was learning was amazing

~ Austin

I like how us as the young people worked as a team and made sure we helped out. I learned a lot about myself through my experiences here and I have to say it's the most beautiful and important lesson I'm leaving with

~ Ernest

Young People's learning and What's Next?

Bransford Community Farm offers the perfect environment for deep respite from the daily challenges faced by our urban young people. Moving forward, we plan to continue to develop the residential space through providing a menu of engaging natural activities.

It is important that we engage with local Worcester residents as well as inviting environmentally focused organisations and corporate partners to both contribute and benefit from the space. We are committed to long-term, sustainable engagement that will in turn ensure a continued positive societal impact for all involved.



I am taking away from the experience that there are still kind people who are trying to make a good impact in young people's lives ~ Jhostin

With special thanks to the
Bransford Community Farm Team

