

young in tad



about

How this project came about?

This project is a creative partnership between ARCADE Arts, The Barn Tadcaster, and NowThen! It grew organically from conversations following the first phase of the programme. The young people involved wanted to take their experience further, moving from personal expression toward a social enterprise that could benefit the entire town.

Working alongside photographer Matt Storm and artist Joel Hague, the group is now channeling their energy into a professional context, building the confidence to see themselves not just as participants, but as creators and entrepreneurs with a visual identity all their own.

Young in Tad (YIT) began as a series of weekly workshops designed to unlock the creative potential of Tadcaster's young people. The goal was to provide expert guidance that allowed participants to discover and sharpen new skills, culminating in an exhibition they co-curated themselves.

The result was a powerful, immersive takeover of the local space. The exhibition challenged the way the community perceived its youth, using everything from scenic drone footage and portraits to dynamic performance art. The highlight was 'Tadcaster Underground', a basement transformed by UV light and 'dirty bass,' where the groups own lyrics and voices vibrated through the walls. It was a sensory proof-of-concept, showing exactly what happens when young people are given the tools to tell their own stories.

Guided by feedback from the participants, this second phase of YIT shifts the focus toward the future. The group is now exploring the intersection of commercial photography, brand identity, and social enterprise. Driven by an interest in launching their own clothing brand, the project uses photography and zine-making as both creative and strategic tools. They aren't just making art; they are building a business. By developing a compelling brand concept and a unique visual language, these young creators are working to ensure their project leaves a tangible, positive legacy in Tadcaster.





alfie

**My name is Alfie Devine Simpson, I am 15 years old.
Born in York, lived in Leeds half my life and moved to Tad
when I was 9.**

**The Barn is a good place to hang out. It's fun
The work we are doing in developing a social is good,
it's good about what we are doing for
the community.**

**"We are Shepherds, not sheep."
- Alfie, 2026.**



caleb

I am Caleb, 14 years old, living in Tadcaster, born in Belfast but I came to Tadcaster straight after I was born. My dad was in the army.

I think the barn is a great place with great people, providing an amazing way to socialise. We get many great opportunities to get involved and learn new things.

I am excited because a social enterprise is a real thing; I like to see this brought to life

**“We are the Shepherds.”
- Caleb, 2026.**



edward

Edward, 12 years, born on Harehill Leeds, live in Tadcaster.

The Barn is good because I can spend time with mates, chilling out, having something to do.

On social enterprise: Great - proud of us doing social enterprise.

**“Don’t be a sheep, be a shepherd”
- Edward, 2026.**



tyler

I am Tyler, I am 14 years and from Tadcaster. I am into streetwear, I am doing the young in tad to help people have new experiences

The barn is a great place to hang out and have a great time.

I like to develop a social enterprise because it can help giving new opportunities to young people

**“Dress to look the best.”
- Tyler, 2026.**



lewis

I am Lewis, I am 15 and born and brewed in Tadcaster.

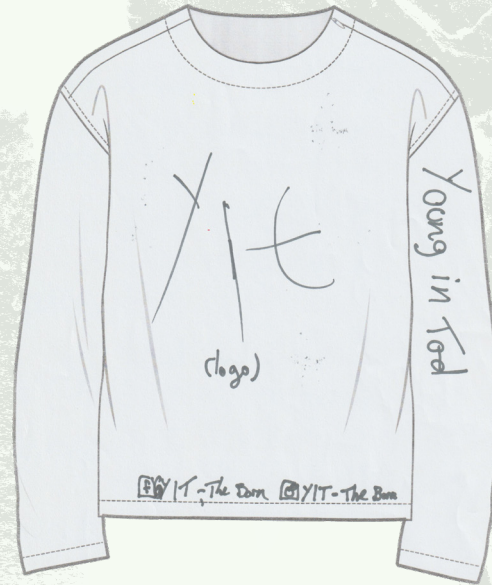
The Barn is a nice opportunity for young people to come together and socialise and meet.

It's benefitting to get closer to people I already know. Get a mix of serious and messing around. It's fun working on this.

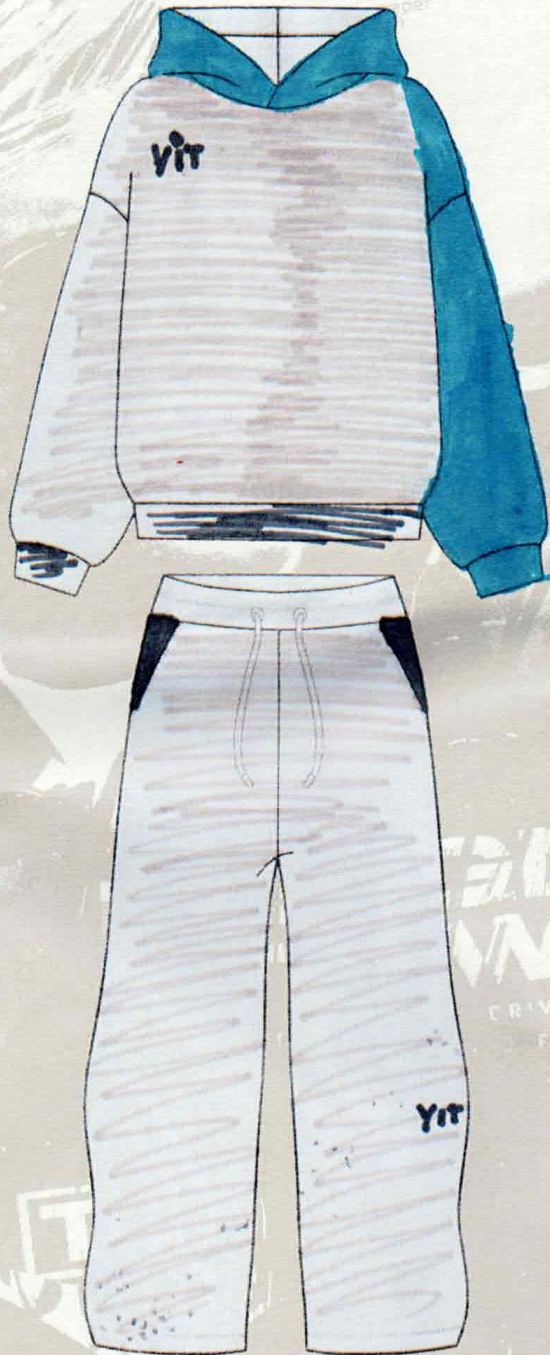




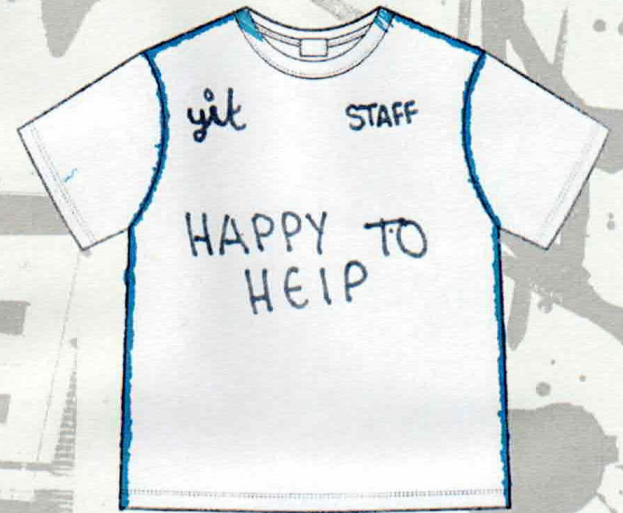
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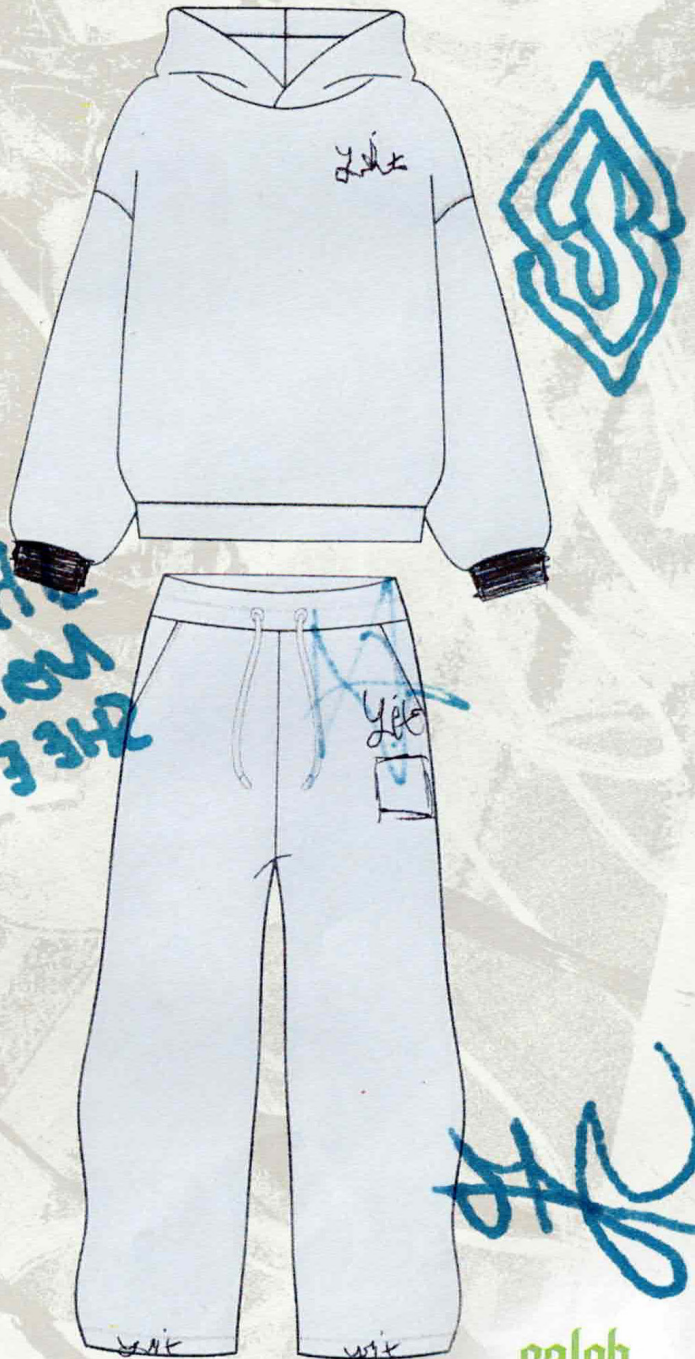


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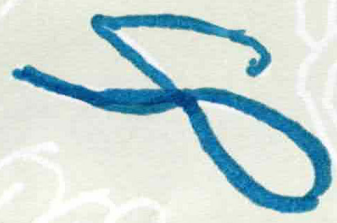
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