

## **Berkshire Youth | Sovereign #iwill Fund video transcript**

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Hi, I'm Ellie.

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I'm the project officer for

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The Sovereign iWill Fund.

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Today we are here visiting Berkshire Youth

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who are doing a really exciting project that we've funded.

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I'm George, I'm a, uh,

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young leader here at the Waterside Center.

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I think my confidence has improved a lot

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because like since I've becoming a young leader, I think

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it's, I find it a lot more easier to speak to people.

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I'm Millie. I am a young leader.

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I help out with, um, primary school kids

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and when there's events, for example, the, um,

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opening thing, which was a few weeks ago.

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Hi, I'm Miller and I've been coming

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to the Ward site for over a year now.

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We're currently being put through youth work level one so

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that we can train to be youth workers.

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And we are also young leaders down here at the Waterside.

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We're really excited to have, um, I will funding and,

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and support from Sovereign Housing

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for our leadership programs.

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Um, part of our leadership program is running

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through our youth cafe, which is

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where we bring young people all together

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to access the facilities here in an open access way.

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Very typical traditional style youth

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work in an open building.

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Um, and the idea is that the activities

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are chosen by young people.

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They're led by young people.

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The choices we make as part

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of the session are led by young people.

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Um, you've already heard from a few of our young leaders,

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um, who are also developing their skills as leaders,

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as young people who want to lead in those decision making,

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um, in those activities and,

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and be those mentors to other younger children, which is,

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which is fantastic, and they already do elements of it.

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But we're very, very lucky that the support we're getting

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through Sovereign and I will means

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that we can develop their skills further

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by doing specific leadership courses

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alongside their delivery that then is supported

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by practical experience here in the Youth Cafe.

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I will fund.