In October 2019, StreetGames Yorkshire celebrated the launch of the #NextGen leadership project by hosting 35 of its young volunteers at The Doncaster Outdoor Activity Centre. The participants, drawn from projects all across Yorkshire - including Sheffield, Hull, Withernsea, Leeds and Bradford - were on hand to take part in an exciting day of games, activities, water sports, leadership tasks and team-building exercises.

The event offered volunteers the opportunity to engage with other like-minded young people from all across the region, as well as the chance to share their incredible volunteering journeys. The day proved to be an enormous success, with staff blown away by the young people’s sense of enthusiasm, energy and aptitude for teamwork - despite only having met on the day! Well done to everyone who braved the icy waters too!

Feedback from Young people:

"Today was absolutely class: I met loads of new people and pushed myself out of my comfort zone".

"Honestly, it was a brilliant experience. [It] would be ace if we could do more stuff like this!"

"I haven’t had that much fun in ages".

"It was great to bond with people from different areas".

"[It] was class when we got to go in the lake!"

Feedback from Project Leads:

“What a fantastic day. It was so great to see our volunteers interacting so well with young people from other projects”.

“I’ve never seen our volunteers so animated!”

“Our young leaders can’t wait to do the next lot of training with StreetGames now!”

These young volunteers will now embark on a 6-month leadership programme in their local areas. Featuring an exciting combination of activators, workshops, guest speakers, trips and mentoring work – with support to apply their learning within their volunteering placement.

Many will also join us at the StreetGames National Residential event in the Lake District in April 2020, where we’ll be taking the outdoor adventures to the next level, with gauge walking, zip wiring and more with young volunteers from across the UK.

It’s not too late to get involved in the StreetGames Yorkshire #NextGen project. – contact kate.roberts@streetgames.org