

# Right Track

## Area 2

### Annual Report

#### 2014 - 2015



## **Introduction**

This annual report covers the year from April 2014 to March 2015.

We have now completed our 2<sup>nd</sup> year as an Area Lead organisation covering the Basford & Bestwood Wards.

We have seen some great steps taken across this second year:

- Improved community cohesion
- Forums set up to support the vision moving forward
- Ongoing support from local councillors
- Ongoing support from the local police
- We have widened our youth delivery across the area
- Developing an area offer and vision alongside NCC Youth & Play

## **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS**

All Community Associations in Area 2 are working with Right Track in a positive manner. There are currently no issues to report.

There have been a number of changes over the year within some Associations, in terms of sustainability there has been support from NCVS and the City.

We are holding quarterly meetings with Neighbourhood Development Officers to ensure a consistent message and that we are clear that we have one voice of support.

Throughout the year we have held quarterly meetings with the Community Associations, a real benefit of this is sharing good practice, identifying what has been working.

These meetings have additionally been able to spread information about groups which have the potential to risk associations sustainability either by non-payment or by causing other issues such as damage. By sharing information across the patch, the community associations now feel better protected.

Safeguarding now a regular item at the meetings so we can raise awareness and further protect centres.

All Associations have met their targets, the level of funding has not, and will not change next year, and we will be mirroring the targets for 13/14.

As an organisation we will still not charge a management fee to the associations.

A number of Right Track delivered activities have been moved into the community, especially in terms of additional sessions at Henry Mellish Sports Centre.

In terms of numbers the Community Associations in the area over the year have averaged 310 users per week, there is a real drive from the centres to become sustainable.

## **Community Association Development**

We identified that there was little cohesion in the message or support given to Community Associations, driven by a lack of communication.

In order to address this we have implemented quarterly meetings with Steve Parkinson, local NDO's and NCVS, this has been to identify a clear package of support, and this has been more successful with the NDO's who already offered fantastic support to the centres, above and beyond their role.

We continued our quarterly meetings and as detailed above this is starting to have a real positive journey.

## **Youth Activity**

We have expanded our delivery across the area, we have removed PAYP (pay as you play) as we strongly feel that services should be accessible to all, we do not want a young person not attending a session through circumstances outside of their control, such as paying to attend a session.



The youth activities are ran by an Area Lead and 2 apprentices. Additional funding from Right Track enables us to offer a wider range of services in area 2 both independently and in partnership with Nottingham City Council's Youth and Play team.

Regular Activities over the year have included:

- 3 Nights per week at William Olds, without our support on NCC Youth & Play Nights some sessions would cancel. We deliver Cookery, Sports, Sexual Health and Positive Relationship Sessions.
- Heathfield Park - Monday night, this is a great night getting the young people involved in Arts and Crafts, Cookery, competitions and sporting activities.
- Mellish Sports Centre – a new session offers Basketball, Football, Table Tennis, Badminton and dodge ball.
- Ridge Adventure Playground - We support on 2 sessions per week. This is a play session offering arts & crafts and outdoor play including nature play.

We will be supporting the Ridge's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday where we will be providing our Bouncy Castle free of charged and fully manned.

Events we have been involved in over the year include:

- Bestwood's Got Talent, this was fantastic this year, we were part of the judging panel at Bestwood Estate Community Centre and the whole team supported on the day including comparing the event. (photo above of the winners) A great thanks to the councillors for their support on this.
- Leen Valleys summer day, we had a team of 5 people supporting the cooking and events.
- Vernon Park event where we supported the other stakeholders setting up, games and information on next steps into work.
- Southglade Fun Day, also providing our youth team and Bouncy Castle free of charge.

### **Progress Towards Targets**

Contractual targets in the area of Youth Engagement have been significantly over achieved again this year. The following tables show the number of young people supported against target together with an assessment of our actual cost to the council per participant hour.

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Outputs	Annual	
	Target	Actual
Number of Unique People Engaged	64	120
Average cost per person per hour	£7.30	£1
Number of hours per person	33	67
Total Amount of Activity Hours	2112	8040

## Targeted

Outputs	Q1	
	Target	Actual
Number of Unique People Engaged	40	65
Average cost per person per hour	£11.33	£3.60
Number of Hours per person	20	72
Total Amount of Activity Hours	800	4680

This over achievement of targets has been achieved as a result of our use of additional funding such including:

- Awards for All, for the provision of sexual health sessions,
- Our own contribution
- Sport England funding for a Football Academy

## Youth Contract

This is the end of the first year of delivery for the Step Into Work Programme, there have been a number of impacting factors in this contract getting off the ground.

Over the year we introduced a referral gateway open to community organisations, we offered £50 a referral to the organisation for every eligible young person referred onto the programme. This was then introduced citywide and raised to £100.

In order to better support the provision we brought in additional staff, so supporting the programme now are mentors, engagement staff and employer focused staff.

The outcomes from the project in specific wards are:

Bestwood Ward				
Starts	On Training	Work Placement	Jobs	College
50	43	12	14	0
Basford Ward				
Starts	On Training	Work Placement	Jobs	College
42	34	13	12	0

(learners on training may also count in work placement if they have completed both)

This is ward performance in terms of our performance 70% of leavers are progressing, and we are over 50% of our start target.

The starts have been directly impacted by low referrals from the Job Centre.

Our local Job Club runs from Mellish Sports Centre and from Bestwood Community Centre these both run on a Thursday.

We are currently seeking self referrals to increase uptake on the programme. To achieve this we have:

- Handed out leaflets in Bestwood and Basford
- Provided local businesses with Posters to display
- Engaged with the Probation Service.
- Family & Community Teams

### **Conclusion**

Work in the Area continues to be well-received. Given the level of additional funding brought into the area and the lack of any administration or management charges made to the Area Based Grants contract, we believe that our work represents excellent value for money. We welcome any further comments/suggestions for improvements to our work in the area.