

# Area 2 July - September 2015

## **Introduction**

This is our quarterly report covering July 2015 to September 2015.

We are continuing to provide job clubs with the ongoing support from the Library Services, even after the funding has stopped

We are looking to create improved links with the Family and Children teams to promote education.

The Community associations are working tirelessly to become sustainable and are providing excellent facilities within their community.

As an organisation we are building links across Youth Services through the Youth Forum bringing together delivery organisations, the first meeting has gone ahead and we are looking at how best to move forward.

The Lifelong Learning Forum held its first meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June with the second planned in for the New Year looking at the area offers for people looking to get back into work or training.

A number of fantastic events occurred over the quarter bringing together many local organisations, highlight events being:

- Vernon Park Community Event organised by Gursharan Nijran (NDO)
- Kerry & Anne put on an amazing Fun Day at Heathfield Community centre supported by NCC and Right Track
- Sharon put together a fantastic fun day at Bestwood Estate Community Centre
- Leen Valley Fun Day organised by Melvin and the team was very well attended and everyone enjoyed the day

#### **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS**

Each quarter we hold a meeting with NDO's for the area to look at how we as a group could better support the centres and what issues they had.

Over the quarter we worked with a number of centres looking at how they could better achieve sustainability.

All Community Associations will receive their grant funding in this quarter.

The Community Associations are working well to continue to develop sustainability and are improving their number of people accessing the centres.

As a brief overview, Bestwood Estate opened their community café in September, Bestwood Park are running successfully bingo, Leen Valley had there Fun Day and a trip to York and Heathfield continue to run their Youth Sessions.

### **Youth Activity**

Our targeted work this quarter has been focused on ASB.

Monday nights we work out of Heathfield Park taking full advantage of the facilities including the Community Centre, our activity is to reduce ASB and give the local young people somewhere to go.

We do Cookery, sports and craft works. This session is regularly seeing between 20-30 young people. We work with young people aged 8 – 16.

We can now take the opportunity to look at our overall provision where we sit within the wider offer and how we can better improve our service.

We are developing a full framework aimed at following young people through and past school, we will look at 6-9, 10-13 and 14+ framework, we already have local schools on board.

In terms of activity over the quarter we have:

- Monday nights we are at Heathfield Community Centre
- Tuesdays Henry Mellish Sports Centre
- Wednesday, Thursday & Friday we are at William Olds
- Thursday & Friday we work at the Ridge

Good News Story fromBestwood



'Their confidence has increased as they are now able to share their ideas, communicate more clearly and be more creative collaboratively with their peers.'

From Nottingham City Youth & PlayTeam about the young people attending our partnership work.

# **Diversionary Outcomes**

Outputs	Quarter		
	Target	Actual	
Number of Unique People Engaged	16	283	
Average cost per person per hour	£7.30	£1	
Number of Hours per person	33	38	
Total Amount of Activity Hours	528	7,447	

## **Targeted Outcomes**

Outputs	Quarter		
	Target	Actual	
Number of Unique People Engaged	10	16	
Average cost per person per hour	£11.33	£1	
Number of Hours per person	20	90	
Total Amount of Activity Hours	200	1440	

## **Youth Contract**

The outcomes from the project in specific wards are:

Bestwood Ward						
Starts	On Training	Work Placement	Jobs	College		
71	48	20	25	0		
Basford Ward						
Starts	On Training	Work Placement	Jobs	College		
56	40	12	21	0		

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

A young person engaged on the Step into work programme who for a while had disengaged from other activities and agencies. Initially the young person had suffered from major breakdown through relationship issues with both his father and partner. They were also really low on confidence which was not helped by being turned down for a job because of his tattoos which are very visible. After much support from both RT and JCP Station St, the young person has secured employment at GM Environmental Services as a Labourer. His partner is expecting their first baby soon as well.

Our local Job Club runs from Bestwood Community Centre and we are planning with the library services to run from Basford Library.

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

- Handed out leaflets in Bestwood and Basford
- Attending local events
- 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.