

Children, Early Intervention and Early Years




Portfolio Holder
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What we want to achieve over the next 4 years:

- To give all Nottingham's children the best start in life
- Enable Nottingham's children and young people to thrive by providing opportunities to utilise their energy and enthusiasm




The key things that we will do:

- Ensure that in the evening and at weekends as well as during school holidays there are a range of positive activities for children and young people to enjoy in every part of the City 
- Promote the 'Dolly Parton Imagination Library' scheme so that every child under 5 in Nottingham receives a free book monthly
- Work with the parents of 4,500 children to create new services for babies and toddlers in the Big Lottery funded 'Small Steps, Big Changes' programme





Our track record so far...

2007-2011

- ▶ Expanded our Children's Centre network to 18, providing more parents and children with access to vital facilities and services 
- ▶ Provided vital support to our top 50 anti-social families, improving behaviour and opportunities 
- ▶ Developed a package of early intervention measures to help parents improve their children's health and education and tackle anti-social behaviour, truancy and drug use 

2011-2015

- ▶ Offered support and facilities for young people by developing a central youth centre open 7 days a week and improving 3 other neighbourhood centres 
- ▶ Reduced the number of young people committing crime by 39% between 2011 and 2015 
- ▶ Worked with partners to secure £45m of Big Lottery funding for the 'Small Steps, Big Change' programme to improve the lives of 0-3 year olds 