

RIGHT TRACK SOCIAL ENTERPRISE (LEAD ORGANISATION) UPDATE

AREA 1 CONSORTIUM

The Toy Library, Think For the Future, Bulwell Healthy Living Centre, Crabtree Community Centre, Snapewood Community Centre, Top Valley Community Centre, Right Track Social Enterprise

Over 2017/18 the community has benefited through area based grants, enabled by feedback from Area Committee Meetings.

The consortium has worked hard individually as organisations and collectively to improve the offer for local people.

The Community Associations have worked tirelessly to become viable models moving forward and have received support from local councillors and the city to drive change.

The support for young people is outstanding, together through delivery from the Toy Library and Think for the future the offer available in the locality is excellent and focuses on the local needs.

An area for improvement as the consortium is to highlight the added extras that collectively are delivered within the local area, this is an area for the next year we are going to focus on.

In terms of employability support from the councillors has been influential in driving improvements within the area and together bringing the partners around the table to ensure gaps are identified and acted upon, within this City Council and the DWP have been active partners in not only supporting change but driving it within their organisation. A fantastic addition to this partnership has been the Library and Travel Right, both organisations having passion and have driven activity that has greatly improved the local offer.

We have supported a high number of local people looking either for employment or to upskill, throughout the year we have ran weekly Job Clubs which have gone from strength to strength. The Libraries Service and the Riverside have been instrumental in delivering this service through room hire and support by their fantastic staff.

This activity is also greatly supported by the local Employment & Skills Area Partnership led by Cllr Campbell who alongside the other local councillors are behind improving the local offer. Meeting are held quarterly and enable all providers to get together to inform local councillors of the activity. The local councillors have been pivotal in moving actions forward and bringing ideas from their own experiences and information they identify from speaking with the community.

The Toy Library have continued with their excellent service throughout the year delivering high quality sessions. They are utilising the local community centres and parks for their sessions and will be developing the local woods to provide learning to be carried out outdoors bringing people back to nature.

They also utilise the Riverside for their after school club and Pulley Park.

The Toy Library also lead on the co-ordination of the Bulwell Partnership which brings together agencies and local providers to address issues to children and young people

Outputs

All outputs set were achieved in 17/18, one area for improvement for the consortium is capturing all the work delivered outside of these outputs to the local community. Each organisation delivers work locally that is not captured through our reporting.

Highlights were:

Community Centres

Bulwell Healthy Living Centre

- We hold weekly sessions from Bulwell heart support group and young at heart, these cater to over 50s. BHSG is a light exercise session for people that have had heart problems, while young at heart is a group for local residents to get together, have a chat and cup of tea over a game of bingo.
- This year through Hot house we acquired tickets for a performance of Cinderella at Nottingham Playhouse, these tickets were for a reduced price so that it was affordable for families in the community to take their children to this play which they all absolutely loved.

Top Valley Community Centre

- Our elderly groups which are craft and chat and coffee morning are now around 50% larger than last year.
- We have had 3 fundraisers run by Teresa and the craft and chat group to raise £1000 for a number of charities.

Snapewood Community Centre

- We have now got our own toddler group twice a week, that is doing really well we also have a regular booking for training from lifeways, we also have an extra day with college in the IT suite which is benefiting the community a lot more.
- We have had no free sessions we are in the process of arranging some exercise classes for the community also trying to get a film night going in partnership with a local school rufford junior school.

Crabtree Community Centre

- The centre has been given a complete refresh and the outdoor space is something the local community can not only access but be proud of.
- Working hard with local agencies to improve the local offer and have the café open

Youth

- Successful trip to the Breakin' Convention in Q1 with 30 young people from Bulwell attending
- All indoor groups taking part in Beat the Street competition over summer
- We have seen great outcomes for young people across the year (see example case studies below for some of the good news stories we have seen)
- Celia Knight has personally acknowledged our outreach work and is impressed with the support we are providing
- Development of the outreach provision for Bulwell Forest in response to youth ASB and criminal activity in the area. We have engaged with a lot of young people in the area and young people who were previously nervous about using the spaces now recognise our uniform, feel safe and engage with the mentors voluntarily talking through any issues.
- This is the first year we have taken part in Southglade Park Live which was a great event for young people within our groups to have ownership and responsibility for delivering activities

for. It was really good for putting self-esteem and confidence building into practice and allow the girls to challenge themselves – they did a great job!

- We have a volunteer programme that works with the University of Nottingham and Nottingham Trent University to offer students and professionals placement and volunteer opportunities within our youth groups which helps to expand their knowledge as well as supporting our team and introducing university to our youth.
- Bringing into sessions the Street Doctors as knife crime has increased, these have been able to offer real advice and training to young people.

Employability

- Over 60 Job Clubs were delivered over the year
- Delivered courses in essential work ready skills, improving confidence and wellbeing, SIA and FLT where the badges and the licences were fully funded
- Opened a phonenumber for local job seekers to access for advice

The Toy Library

- We are very pleased to have secured additional funding in order to increase and develop our provision for school aged children next year. This is thanks to the funding from the ABG fund that contributes to our core costs and enables us to seek external funds to increase our services for the community at no additional cost to the City.
- The last few years have seen us expand our services, size and reach as an organisation as well as our profile outside Bulwell which has led to us changing our name to The Toy Library this year. However our heart and our roots are firmly fixed here and we have no plans for that to change.
- Our Family Mentor Service has achieved the following over the last two years.

Total Unique Children under 4 Worked With	499
Total Interactions	10292
Unique Children Who Have/Had a Family Mentor	350