

# Right Track

## Area 1

### 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 Bulwell & Bulwell Forest.

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



Together with local stakeholder organisations and partners we are going into year 3 stronger than ever.

### **Community Associations**

All Community Associations in Area 1 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 Bulwell Healthy Living Centre, Bulwell Riverside also supporting their bid to become a hub for Small Steps, Big Changes.

In terms of numbers the Community Associations in Bulwell over the year have averaged 300 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.

Our work in Bulwell is run by 1 Right Track Funded project lead and 2 apprentices funded directly by Bulwell Councillors. This funding has supported Right Track to offer a wider range of services in the Bulwell area both independently and in partnership with Nottingham City Council's Youth and Play team. As will be seen throughout this report, the funding provided jointly by Cllrs Hartshorn, Klein and Morris has prevented the closure of sessions which were under threat and has allowed some new sessions to open.

Our work within the community focusses on the Bulwell Healthy Living Centre offering sessions to young people around cooking, bike repair and raising aspirations. Of the 100 young people attending the bike sessions, over 20 young people received a bike that they were able to take away with them.

We also support sessions at the United Reform Church, Riverside and Snapewood alongside the Nottingham City Play and Youth Team. Due to the staffing shortage a number of these sessions were at risk of closure had the councillors not been able to support Right Track's drive to employ more apprentices.

Following reports from NDO's of anti-social behaviour on Merchant Street, we carried out detached youth work.

In 2014 we also had a full turn out of Right Track staff in supporting the Fun on the Forest event in Bulwell Forest.

### **The Apprentices**

We have in total had 4 apprentices, 2 of those funded by the councillors. The initial 2 recruits have since moved on to new ventures and have both stated their gratitude to Right Track and the Councillors for allowing them to get a start in working life and to identify where their career path lay. Both these apprentices live within the Bulwell area. Apprentice 1 has since moved into a role in manufacturing and Apprentice 2 progressed into Youth Work for Nottinghamshire County Council.

Moving into 2015 we have recruited a further 2 apprentices and are growing our delivery to include:

- Football at Bulwell Academy on a Friday evening with the police
- a further football project together with Bulwell Academy on a Tuesday evening
- Developing sessions at Crabtree and Snapewood
- Continuing with our current delivery plan in the area

- Outreach work on identified locations of ASB

With the team that we have had in place since January 2014 there have been a number of the outcomes:

### **Bulwell Riverside**

Right Track work in partnership with Nottingham City Youth and Play at the Bulwell Riverside. This support ensures that these sessions can continue. These sessions have seen over 2000 young people engaging in the Youth sessions, with over 500 engaging in the Play sessions. The play sessions support the early development and communication through group activities and our evening sessions focus on a wide range of interventions, through sports to crafts and information sessions on drugs, sexual health and aspirations.

### **Bulwell Healthy Living Centre**

- Our cookery sessions have attracted over 100 young people
- The play sessions were attended by over 80 young people.
- The Bike Project we ran with Travel Right benefited over 100 young people

### **Bulwell Academy School Fun Day**

The Fun Day on Saturday 5th July 2014 was free to all young people and was attended by over 350 people. We provided and staffed a Bouncy free of charge.

### **Bulwell Academy Enterprise Week**

On the Enterprise week at Bulwell Academy we ran events aimed at year 7 students looking at entrepreneurial skills, 120 young people participated in the event ran by Right Track

### **Snapewood Community Sessions**

We engaged with 200 young people over 2 months at Saturday Play sessions which were run in partnership with NCC and in order to prevent closure of the sessions.

### **United Reform Church**

We supported Thursday Play Sessions to enable sessions to stay open, and together with NCC we worked with over 200 young people

### **National Play Day (Bulwell Toy Library) 6th August 2014.**

The team of apprentices went along to support the event and in excess of 400+ people throughout the day attended the event.

Both the apprentices are learning quickly and are harnessing the challenges set for them. This enables us to be more creative in the development of our provision and will allow us to use them to their full potential in the very near future.

Our vision for the year was to identify all provision across Area 1 and then provide outreach work that would signpost young people to activity, also identifying gaps and to commence sessions within these areas.

We are still working towards this as we have been underpinning the City Youth & Play Delivery, through cuts we have supported the city in keeping sessions open, we are working very closely with Youth & Play to develop with other organisations a forum that looks at the local offer and how as a partnership we can improve the local provision.

We are continually mapping and assessing our delivery to provide impact and ensure provision is across the area.

### **Diversionsary**

Outputs	Annual	
	Target	Actual
Number of Unique People Engaged	56	97
Average cost per person per hour	£7.30	4p
Number of Hours per person	33	80
Total Amount of Activity Hours	1848	7760

### **Targeted**

Outputs	Q1	
	Target	Actual
Number of Unique People Engaged	32	47
Average cost per person per hour	£11.33	£1.50
Number of Hours per person	20	96
Total Amount of Activity Hours	640	4512

On top of our grant funding we have provided additional resources, this has enabled us to exceed our targets, these resources are funding from contracts we have been awarded focused on supporting young people, for example the sexual health sessions.

### **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:

<b>Bulwell Ward</b>				
<b>Starts</b>	<b>On Training</b>	<b>Work Placement</b>	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>College</b>
<b>75</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Bulwell Forest Ward</b>				
<b>Starts</b>	<b>On Training</b>	<b>Work Placement</b>	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>College</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>

(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 Bulwell Riverside on a Tuesday and at our site in Top Valley this is an open drop in centre.

In driving self-referrals we handed leaflets out within the Bulwell and Top Valley area, and given posters to local businesses and we have engaged with the Probation service.

As part of our community activity we have attended a number of events such as running sessions at Bulwell Academy, this was for new pupils to look at entrepreneurial activities and engage with the school prior to commencing their first year

We attended the Bulwell Academy Fun Day on the 5<sup>th</sup> July, we provided our Bouncy Castle free of charge, fully staffed and with no charge for the community. This was the same for the event at Southglade on the 31<sup>st</sup> July, both fantastic days with great feedback from the community.

We were in full attendance at Fun on the Forest, we had 30 staff in attendance over the day, having both our Bouncy Castles and games for people with prizes, all at no cost to the community or the event. We provided the speaker system for the community to use at the event.

Over all our area based grant funding in regards to Community and Youth Engagement we include no costs for our administration, I believe we offer an outstanding service and excellent value for money, this is clearly evidenced in zero management fee charged to Community Associations and the performance against targets in our youth delivery.

