

Project		Enthusiasm	
Lead delivery partner		Enthusiasm	
Theme		Priority	Outcome 2
Activity	Youth 8-12&13 -18	Budget code	
<p>Project outcomes (from SLA)</p> <p>We will know that we have made a difference when young people, their families and those working with them tell us that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * young people are more engaged and involved locally * There are better opportunities for young people * There has been a reduction in social exclusion 			
Reporting period dates	December 2014 - April 2015	Nr and age of people benefiting from the project during the reporting period	550 young people Ages 11-18
<p>INTRODUCTION AIMS AND ACTIONS.</p> <p>To provide positive activities and support for local young people aged 8 to 12 and 13 to 18.</p> <p>The aim of this project is to encourage young people to become positively involved in their local community. We will increase opportunities for young people to take part in activities that would not normally be offered to them (due to the financial cost, motivation, enthusiasm and family support).</p>			
<p>ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN DURING REPORTING PERIOD</p> <p>Enthusiasm had the opportunity to support Merrill Academy, the secondary school in the centre of the Allenton Big local area. Because of industrial action, the school was forced to shut, which resulted in students losing three days of their education.</p> <p>The industrial dispute had not been resolved and as strike action rolled into the third week the school were faced with shutting again for a further three days. Enthusiasm were approached by Merrill and asked to support them in keeping the school open to students. As a large proportion of students are residents in the Allenton Big Local area, it</p>			

seemed a perfect opportunity to deliver support to them as one of the activities funded through Allenton Big Local.

Our aim was to reach these core objectives:

- Young people are more engaged and involved locally
- Better opportunities for young people
- A reduction in social exclusion

Enthusiasm provided six members of staff over the three days to support teaching staff to keep young people in Years 9, 10 and 11 in school. As a direct result of the support we gave to Merrill Academy over 500 young people were able to attend and engage in school activities.

Our support enabled us to:

- Support teachers and young people in a classroom settings.
- Deliver assemblies around bullying.
- Support the delivery of lunch time football sessions and after school clubs.
- Support staff in the behavioural unit.
- Help with the on-call support staff for teachers in classrooms that were having difficulties with young people.

Young people and teachers enjoyed the support and presence of the Enthusiasm team within the school.

We also continue to provide detach work every Thursday night at the end of the school day from 15.00-15.45. We are there to listen, advise and guide young people as they leave school. We are also able to help address any issues that may have occurred during the school day. We are normally positioned on the Canal Path.

Easter Half Term Holidays

Over the half term we ran sessions to help tackle self-esteem issues and half of the young people that attended were from the Allenton Big Local area. Activities that young people were involved with included visits to the snooker hall, Ed's Diner and a ten-pin bowling session.

Outcomes the project has contributed to

Without the support we gave to the Merrill Academy and the students that attend the school, the young people would have faced three days in the community, bored and, in many cases, unsupervised and left to their own devices. We had already received feedback from the police and anti-social behaviour managers that anti-social behaviour had increased during the earlier days of the strike and

subsequent school closure. Our support allowed students to attend school as usual, thus eliminating the risk of them getting into trouble.

We also deliver regular youth club activities on Friday nights. Whilst this youth club is out of the ABL area, some of the young people that attend are ABL residents and they travel to the youth club to take part in the activities.

Timescales: The project is on track.

Plans for next reporting period

We are looking to arrange a weekly/fortnightly youth club provision mid-week in the heart of Allenton Big Local area. We are in discussions with St Martin's Church to see if this is viable. We will consult with young people about activities they would like us to run or places they would like to visit in the next few months/

We are also planning some further activities with young people we have already worked with.