

<b>Project</b>		<b>ABL Life Skills</b>	
<b>Lead delivery partner</b>		<b>Enthusiasm Trust</b>	
<b>Theme</b>	<b>Life Skills</b>	<b>Priority</b>	
<b>Activity</b>	<b>various</b>	<b>Budget code</b>	
<b>Project outcomes (from SLA)</b>			
<b>Reporting period dates</b>	<b>April – June 2015</b>	<b>Nr and age of people benefiting from the project during the reporting period</b>	<b>8-12 yrs – 3</b> <b>13-18 yrs – 11</b> <b>Unknown - 1</b>
<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p><i>Tell us basic information about the project and its outcomes and aims for reporting period.</i></p> <p>To provide positive activities and support for local young people aged 8-12 years &amp; 13-18 years.</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 financial cost, motivation, enthusiasm and family support.</p> <p>We also want to see young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young people fulfil their aspirations and dreams through being provided relevant opportunities.</li> <li>• Young people have increased confidence and self-esteem.</li> <li>• Young people are more engaged and involved locally</li> <li>• There are better opportunities for young people</li> <li>• There has been a reduction in social exclusion.</li> <li>• Young people involved live in the ABL area</li> </ul>			
<p><b>Activities undertaken during reporting period</b></p> <p><i>Tell us what you have done and how well things have gone. Include any issues carried over from previous report, activities carried out and any base line monitoring. Please attach photographs, quotes, good news stories etc</i></p> <p>During this reporting period we have tried to secure a venue to deliver a youth club for young people in the ABL area, however sourcing a venue has proven to be difficult. Although we were unable to source a venue in this reporting period, we have delivered several other youth activities to accommodate this issue which includes -</p> <p>X2 Afternoon workshops for girls only where we provided a safe environment to discuss sensitive topics. We also delivered activities such as nail painting, pamper sessions and beauty makeovers.</p>			

A clean up/litter pick around Boulton Lane park and canal path – we linked up with local councillors and DCC employees. This helped to challenge the stereotype of young people in the local area.

A pop up youth club on Boulton Lane park to help divert young people from causing anti-social behaviour in the local area. Some young people also volunteered at this event helping with the setup, pack away and clean up after the event.

We also ran weekly outreach sessions outside Merrill Academy and the surrounding areas to challenge young people who were being a nuisance and to encourage them to participate in positive activities. These sessions helped to promote the activities Enthusiasm was running in the area and help build relationships with young people.

We have also delivered a regular youth club every Friday evening just outside the ABL area, these youth clubs see a number of ABL residents attending. This has run and continues to run every Friday evening between 6.30 and 9pm.

We are currently mentoring 10 young people living in the ABL area. They are all assigned individual mentors who work with them on a weekly basis to improve their life chance in different areas they are struggling with. We monitor our success rate in this through individual assessment scores with each young person.

We encourage young people who are part of the program to volunteer at youth activities that we are running. We have received a number of requests and hope to start these young people volunteering soon on a regular basis.

### **Outcomes the project has contributed to**

*Tell us what difference you have made in relation to the SLA outcomes and more widely in the area.*

- *Young people fulfil their aspirations and dreams through being provided relevant opportunities.*

As above, we have encouraged young people being mentored through ABL funding to be actively involved in volunteering through several of the activities we have run, including the litter pick with local councillors where 5 young people were involved.

- *Young people have increased confidence and self-esteem.*

By delivering the girls only afternoon workshops we were able to deliver a variety of discussion topics and offer advice around issues such as health, hygiene and team building games. Since delivering these workshops new friendships have formed and young people who engaged only on a one-to-one basis are now regular attendees of other youth provisions we deliver. See photos from girls event below



### Timescales

*Is project on track? If not what are you planning to do to address the issues?*

**Yes** – We continue to source a venue to deliver a youth club directly in the ABL area, but until this has been confirmed Cotton Lane youth club continues to target ABL residents. Talks are currently taking place with St Martins Church to use their venue. We will also continue to run alternative activities and we are planning a variety of activities over the summer holidays.

### Plans for next reporting period

*What are you going to do next? Are there any activities we should know about?*

To continue to mentor the young people in the ABL area and create another youth club for younger people living in the area to run from St Martins Church Hall. We are also looking at placing our community bus in the ABL area providing further activities and volunteering opportunities for young people. We will also use this time to plan and recruit young people for the ABL Event at the end of the school summer holidays.