

Allenton Big Local Street Performance

On 28th November 14 young people participated in a street dance street performance in Allenton Main Street.

A street dance crew were brought in to teach young people how to perform a dance routine, which will enable them to perform in front of their friends, parents and local residents.

The workshops lasted 8 weeks and began on the 6th October at St Martins Church. The amount of young people engaging in the workshops ranged from 14 – 17 each week. During these workshops we had 93 engagements with young people and 21 young people performed. 9 young people were aged 8-12, 8 young people were aged 13-18. We also had one young person who attended and performed who was 7 years old.

The young people's confidence increased throughout the sessions. One young person was struggling at the beginning of the workshops but with encouragement and engaging each week, she had the confidence to perform in front of on average 40 – 50 local residents with the rest of the group.

Parents of the young people also noticed a difference in their children's confidence. Parents and young people have requested for more workshops like this to be available for the young people in the ABL area.

The performance created a positive feel in the main street, with people stopping to watch.



