

Introduction

Tell us basic information about the project and its outcomes and aims for reporting period.

We want to provide positive activities and support for local young people aged 8-12 years & 13-18 years. 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.

We also want to see young people:

- Fulfil their aspirations and dreams through being provided relevant opportunities
- Increase in confidence and self-esteem.
- Engage and get involved locally
- Have better opportunities
- Reduction in social exclusion

Activities undertaken during reporting period

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

Saint Martin's Youth Club

Enthusiasm have established themselves at the Saint Martin's Youth Club on Tuesday nights from 7.00pm – 9.00pm. We have a large group of regular young people who attend and they have built up new relationships with staff and other young people. We have put together an activities planner for Saint Martin's Youth Club which has been delivered from April – July. This involved Ice breakers to help build relationships and help new attendees feel more comfortable and involved, Fifa football tournaments on the XBOX, dodge ball tournaments, actions and consequences workshops, Euro football games, fun and silly games such as musical chairs, dancing competitions etc, arts and crafts and the newly created Cube game that the young people have engaged really well with. During this period we also had two Derby University students provide workshops around positive friendships, equality and diversity and positive communities.

The feedback we have received from the young people so far is that they enjoy the Youth Club. Many of the young people enjoy coming along to the Saint Martin's Youth Club as there are not a lot of places for young people to go where they can hang out with friends and listen to music, play games etc. The majority of the young people who attend have been asking for a tuck shop which we have now put in place. The tuck-shop is being run by two young girls who are regular attendees aged 13 and 14. The girls have been brought on as volunteers and trained to work the tuck shop. The feedback they have given is that they feel great to be part of the team and take their responsibilities seriously. Since volunteering for Enthusiasm the girls have always been on time and are ready to help out, there has been a massive improvement in their behaviour and attitude towards other young people too.

We have also been working in partnership with Mash Up, they have attended some of the Youth Clubs recently to try and help engage the younger attendees.

Cotton Lane Youth Club

Cotton Lane Youth Club attracts a lot of young people from the ABL area. Here we provide a safe place for young people to hang out with friends, a number of different activities and workshops and opportunities for young people to get involved in a number of different opportunities. The young people really enjoy their time here when we put on a disco and tuck-shop

We have 3 young males aged 16 from the ABL area that have been volunteering at the Cotton

Lane Youth Club since January. The volunteers have had the opportunity to plan activities, set up Youth Clubs and assist in the delivery of a number of different projects open to ABL young people. The experience gained by one boy in particular has helped him move forward and gain employment.

Football Sessions

Football sessions are run in the football courts attached to the Youth Club. We have another ABL volunteer who has a big interest in football help during these sessions. He has gained experience in session planning, delivery of football sessions and has a number of responsibilities such as equipment checks etc. A number of young people in the ABL area come down to part take in the football sessions. Friendships have been built through these sessions and it has helped in keeping all the young people taking part physically active.

Outreach

We complete outreach every week on a Wednesday and engage with young people of all ages. We have identified ASB in the Bingham street area, Derby Homes have also highlighted this area to us, reporting some ASB outside their offices. We have a lot of young people who engage with our activities that live in these areas.

We also use the outreach time to promote all our activities we run in and around the local areas.

We have spent some time on the MUGGA on Harvey road playing football with some of the local residents during half term. This was great to promote our services.

We will continue to identify and challenge ASB as it arises

Photos







Outcome 1: Young people fulfil their aspirations and dreams through being provided relevant opportunities

We currently have 6 young people from the ABL area that are showing more interest. The young people who are currently volunteering have shown improvement in behaviour, confidence, life skills, social skills and relationship building. The young people that have been attending our Youth Clubs have had the opportunity to be part of a group of people who share an interest in improving their local community. One young person who regularly attends the Saint Martin's Youth Club has given us feedback, he said that when people find out he is a young male from the Allenton area, people can be very stereotypical in a negative way. A lot of young people not living in the Allenton area who he meets automatically think he is gang related and a bad influence without getting to know him. This young person stated that being involved with Enthusiasm has given him a place to go where he would not be influenced by negative older males but influenced by the staff team to continue to progress and get involved in positive opportunities and activities.

Outcome 2: Young people have increased confidence and self-esteem and reducing social exclusion

Some of the young people that attend our services have low confidence. As an organisation we like to encourage the more confident young people to also encourage those with less confidence to join in activities and come out of their shell. There are a number of young people that have shown improved confidence and self-esteem through taking part in activities and workshops. I have been really impressed with some of the volunteers who have taken the less confident young people under their wing and have helped them enjoy their experience. We have also provided boy days and girl days in the holidays to help young people feel more comfortable. This helped the attendees build relationships with each other and reduced the risk of young people showing off and feeling under pressure.

Timescales

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

Yes – Saint Martin's Youth Club is up and running and now has 3 young volunteers to help deliver activities and provide a tuck shop to attendees.

Young people are continuing to engage with their Enthusiasm mentors and are showing improvement.

Social exclusion is decreasing due to the morals and values we portray in our Youth Clubs and activities.

Plans for next reporting period

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

We will continue to mentor the young people in the ABL area.

We will be aiming to re launch over the 6 weeks holidays to increase the number of young people that attend. This will be done through outreach, using the new Facebook pages for Youth Clubs to advertise activities and we will be going into schools when the next academic year starts in September to promote our services to the New Year 7s.

Figures for Saint Martin's Youth Club

05th April - 17 YP attended

12th April - 18 YP attended

19th April - YP attended

26th April - 18 YP attended

03rd May - 20 YP attended

10th May - 20 YP attended

17th May - 19 YP attended

24th May - 25 YP attended

31st May - 14 YP attended

14th June - 18 YP attended

21st June - 19 YP attended

28th June - 21 YP attended