



Local Trust | Big Local

# Young people at the heart of Big Local

Listening and responding to young people and supporting their participation in the area

Tuesday 24 October 2017  
St Martin's Community Hall  
Allenton, Derby

# Welcome

Refreshments available

Make yourself a name badge

Play participation Bingo and get to know how young people are involved in other areas

Meet the roving reporters and Jane Bettany

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# Our aim

To share and build knowledge and skills in involving and engaging young people through Big Local.

# 3 parts to the day

- Young people being listened and responded to and supported by high quality youth work where they live
- Young people taking part in doing things through Big Local, taking a lead on activities and projects
- Young people contributing to the direction and the running of Big Local

# Mapping young people's participation

Drawing on participants' experiences to map the range and extent of young people's participation in Big Local areas

(Bill Badham, Big Local Rep)

# Listening and responding to young people's needs

Our DNA: a short summary of recent learning from the Enthusiasm Trust  
(Joe Russo, Founder)

Our story: young people tell of their involvement in local youth activities



# Our DNA

A Team young people know and trust as family

Invested - taking ownership together for the community

Legacy – building something bigger than ourselves

Rooted - in community understanding of what is happening

Discipleship – I do it you watch, you do it I watch, you do it

Fresh – fun and exciting, creative and innovative: everyone wants to be there.



# Guided conversation at round tables

How do we know what young people's most pressing issues are locally?

How do we respond effectively to young people and involve them in our decision making?

What makes good youth work in our neighbourhoods and communities?





# Lunch 12.30 – 13.15

Guided tour around St Martin's community hall funded by ABL and partners

Meet the roving reporter team



# Welcome back

## Young people dance troupe

### The Enthusiasm Trust



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# Supporting young people in taking action in their Big Local area

Our story: young people describe how they have taken part and initiated projects and activities in their Big Local area

# Talking about needs and priorities

- Children from 2 primary schools prepare and present views about what's good and what needs to be done locally
- Young people make short video clips about some tough challenges
- Young people create, run and collate survey of over 1000 students
- Children make a huge contribution to the annual survey charting BL progress

# Creating and sharing the news

- Young people create posters and leaflets summarising area priorities
- Young people act as reporters, creating and sharing stories of change
- Young people take part in national Big Local events, presenting and running workshops

# Funding and starting projects

- Young people take full part in community chest panel
- Children and young people apply and present to panel to gain funding
- Young people lead and co-lead with adults on projects like the skatepark, school and environmental improvements

# Benefiting from projects they helped develop

- Sylvie's Shed
- Passport and Big Campout
- Skatepark and mobile skatepark
- Youth club and holiday activities
- Fishy Fridays intergenerational lunches
- Savings club
- University trips

# What we've learnt

- ✓ Focused on things they are interested in
- ✓ Wide range of activity
- ✓ Energy, commitment and skill
- ✓ Time limited and focused
- ✓ Ambassadors and champions among their peers and in the community



# Guided conversation at round tables

- What is the range of activities young people can take on to contribute to their Big Local?
- How can young people be supported in taking on such activity and projects?
- How does the Big Local area make sure such involvement is sustained and not a once off?

# Gaining young people's participation in running Big Local

Our story: young people talk of taking their seat at the high table!

- How do young people help to run your Big Local?
- What seems to work well? Why is that?
- Is there any additional or specific support needed?

# Guided conversation at round tables

In what sorts of ways can young people help to run their Big Local?

What if any additional considerations and support need to be in place?

How can Big Local be an example of best participative practice locally?



# Conclusion: some key messages

## Young people friendly neighbourhoods

- Community-led partnerships
- A bedrock of community relationships
- Commissioning by communities
- Community investment over time
- Channel funding through communities
- One set of services

# Thank you, farewell and close

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