

## **Allenton Big Local Big Local Rep Report**

**April - June 2018**

Looking back

### **Running Things**

The partnership is working well and meeting monthly. This last quarter has required the group to make difficult decisions about the position of Nacro's Osmaston Project where it was felt no additional help could be given. We are saddened that the project itself will close, though heartened that the work commissioned through Allenton Big Local will continue to be managed by Nacro. The communications post remains vacant and a further recruitment push is underway.

The partnership meetings are open and the <http://www.biglocalallenton.co.uk/about/partnership-group/meetings/> minutes are posted on the website. New Service Level Agreements <http://www.biglocalallenton.co.uk/about/plan/service-level-agreements/> are in place for the current year. The partnership has a plan to review the background profile of Allenton to inform the second half of this Big Local journey. This will include a review of the stats and stories, changes in Allenton and perceptions of what it is to live here. The work will be done in the autumn of this year in time to contribute to the development of the new plan due to begin in April 2019.

Partnership members also took part in the national Big Local Connects event in London at the end of June and are currently undertaking the partnership survey for Big Local.

## Doing Things

<http://www.biglocalallenton.co.uk/transformation-continues/> St Martin's community hall is closer to completion with much recent work accomplished at low cost thanks to the generosity of many trades people and supporting organisations. #allentonbigbuild page has regular updates for a project estimated in total to be worth £1,000,000. Mairi Radcliffe was recently interviewed on BBC Radio Derby <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p064jxw3#play> .

Other work continued across the range and depth of activities in the plan, with excellent reports on the website <http://www.biglocalallenton.co.uk/category/good-news-stories/> and newsletters <http://www.biglocalallenton.co.uk/abl-newsletters/> . Here are two examples. Derby Adult Learning reported recently that 87 new people attended the Allen Park Work Club last year. On average there were 10-12 engagements per week. The Work Club continues to grow with numbers averaging 13 sessions per week which is above the target of 10. And a group of ABL girls, staff and volunteers concluded a two week project with the University of Derby that exposed them all to arts and heritage. They all received a certificate and their work will form part of the Universities FORMAT exhibition. Allenton Big Local is also proud of its Local Trusted Organisation, Enthusiasm, which hosted a ministerial visit and a home office visit in response to the work they do with disadvantaged and at risk young people and also received the Queen's Volunteer Award - a huge accolade.

## Looking Ahead

Work across all themes in the plan continues with benefit to local residents. The closure of the much valued and long standing Osmaston Project is a great loss to the area and will impact negatively on the support available to children and families. Allenton Big Local will be taking these changes into account as it looks to review the needs and priorities of the area in the autumn. Meanwhile, Allenton Big Local continues to take part in local activities and to promote its vision and values for the area, looking to take part in both the Merrill Awards Ceremony and St Martins opening event.