

## Summer activities a resounding success

Derby Adult Learning Service piloted a free summer programme during the school holidays for younger children between 3-12 and children with additional needs, as part of the new ABL plan for 2019-22. The activities took advantage of the space at St Martin's Methodist Church and recognising that summer holidays can be an expensive time, free lunches were also on offer at the Chatterbox Café for all children that took part.

The activities included, messy play, pottery and story sacks for the younger ones and the chance to try out musical instruments and explore storytelling with some inspiring teachers for older children. There were also practical sessions in Makaton and First Aid and lots of opportunities for children and families to learn together.



The sessions attracted over 80 children from the local area and feedback from parents and their children was very positive, with those attending saying how much they enjoyed the activities and the relaxed environment at St Martin's. One parent commented: 'This was a fantastic opportunity for us all and being able to eat for free afterwards was wonderful. School holidays can be very expensive, so this was especially welcome. Thanks'

The summer programme was put together after consultation with parents and carers in the Allenton Big Local area and on the basis of the successful pilot, Derby Adult Learning Service will be offering more activities during the half-term holidays and next summer. Taking note of initial feedback, future sessions will be designed so that children of different ages can do activities together and parents encouraged to join in where they wish. We are, however, keen to encourage even more families to attend and would welcome your ideas on what other things you think your children would enjoy. If you would like to find out more or offer some suggestions, then please contact [simon.edwards@derbyals.org](mailto:simon.edwards@derbyals.org).

### Foreword by ABL Chair- Edith

Welcome to our autumn newsletter put together for the first time by Paul our recently appointed Project Coordinator.

We have had a great year to date with the visit to St. Martins Church and Community Hub by Princess Anne. The hub was the result of our research done in the area five years ago to establish what the residents of Allenton felt was most needed in the area. This resulted in a great community venture which we are all proud to have been a part.

Launched in Feb 2019 - You can exercise, dance and bring the children to nursery or youth club. There is also the Night Bus and STEPS using it. The Chatterbox Café and it's welcoming staff enables a great place to meet friends over coffee or one of their delicious meals and the wifi enables you to have a working lunch.

Enjoy the newsletter and this great facility which has been created by so many for the enjoyment of all our residents. Any questions about the work of ABL, then please get in touch.

# Looking Back at Year so far

## Families and Children

Nacro aim is to support 70 parents and their children over the year with a minimum, weekly visit to the family home and a phone/text service for in between.

The aim is to support and enhance the family's relationships, to encourage families to spend time together taking part in activities that will have a long term benefit for the area.

They provide support and encouragement to increase self-esteem and confidence of parents and to signpost to further learning and opportunities to best support

Comments from some of the 19 Parents supported so far:

*'Someone to reassure me that I am not on my own or going mad, helping me know what to do when the children kick off'*

*'I know now that if I get angry my children will too, so I try and stay calm then things are better'*

*'Having back up and advice when I needed it, very helpful'*

*'Not judging me as a bad parent and believing in me'*

**Priority 2** Delivered by: **Nacro** 19-20 Budget £31,837

## Older Residents

One group of residents in the ABL area that it was felt important to keep supporting was some of it's older residents, who can often feel lonely or vulnerable.

One example was an afternoon tea for the residents of Derby Homes bungalows and houses surrounding Slaney Close being organised. Prior to it taking place, leaflets were put through every door and spoke to some of the residents/tenants direct.

The turnout was a little lower than hoped, but those who did attend really enjoyed the social time and thanked those who organised it for a lovely tea and chat.

The leftover food was taken to Enthusiasm as they were on an outing the following day, to ensure no wastage.

More activities and support will occur throughout the autumn and winter months.



**Priority 2** Delivered by: **TARA** 19-20 Budget £3,000

## Mentoring for Young People

Over the last year Enthusiasm mentored 5 ABL young people, who were deemed to be at risk of entering the criminal justice system, through a multi agency referral process and engaged them a total of 593 times.

An engagement ranges from home visit, attending appointment with them, 1-2-1 activity or a group activity.

Over the same period of time Enthusiasm ran 21 youth clubs engaging 112 individuals a total of 440 times.

**Qtr 1** - 5 ABL yp- 225 engagements

**Qtr 2**- 5 ABL yp – 60 engagements

**Qtr 3**- 5 ABL yp – 144 engagements

10 youth clubs—75 individuals 216 engagements

**Qtr 4**- 5 ABL yp – 164 engagements

11 youth clubs—73 individuals 224 engagements

3 of the young people are now volunteering on a weekly basis with enthusiasm.

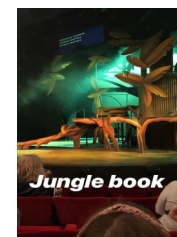
**Priority 2** Delivered by: **Enthusiasm** 19-20 Budget £20,808

## Activities for Young People

The programme of activities and outreach work is designed to enable the young people to grow and progress, develop their social skills, and increase their confidence and self-esteem.

Weekly youth hubs sessions at St Martins Church are vibrant and offer a wide range of free activities including sports, games, music and creative art. Numbers continue to be consistent with Enthusiasm having 201 engagements through these sessions during the last quarter.

Enthusiasm provided the young people with the opportunity to see 'Jungle Book' at Derby Theatre enabling the young people to experience live theatre together.



**Priority 2** Delivered by: **Enthusiasm** 19-20 Budget £23,575

# The New Allenton Big Local Plan for April 2019 to March 2022 is available to read on our website.

## Community Chest & Bursary Scheme

Our Community Chest & Bursary Schemes have been well utilised during the year and almost all money has been allocated for this financial year. We have been able to support community groups and individuals to enhance the development for individuals from within the ABL area. There is still a small amount left within the Chest pot. Any questions on how you can apply in the next round please get in touch!!

Priority 1 3 Delivered by: ABL

19-20 Budget £9,000

## UPDATES

Are you involved or run a community group/activity that has space for more individuals from the area? If so, get in touch and you can advertise in the Allenton Notice Board - new flyers/posters always welcome.

**Social Media** -Are you following us on social media?

If not, follow us and keep up to date with weekly news. Also take a look at our website for more details information on ABL!!



## The Work Club

Derby Adult Learning Service continue to be funded to deliver the Work Club. The broad aim of the Allenton Work Club is to reduce the barriers that job seekers face in gaining employment.

### Case Study

P accessed the job club after being told about it by his partner who was already using the club. He wanted to be able to access the internet for job searching purposes as he didn't have the technology available at home.

P was very proactive with his job searching and we were able to help him with some useful tips when it came to online applications as well as revising his CV and uploading it to various job sites. This support and advice ultimately led to him gaining employment on a full-time basis on a production line.

The Work Club is available all year round!!

Priority 2 ty Delivered by: DALs

19-20 Budget £12,484

## Street Performances

Enthusiasm works with a local dance company, Trinity Warriors, to provide street dance workshops for socially disadvantaged young people. They continue to positively engage young people on a weekly basis who would not otherwise be in a position to afford classes, giving them a positive outlet for creative



expression, increasing their fitness and teaching them new skills. Numbers are a little lower than normal, however Enthusiasm still have some consistent young people attending on a weekly basis. 17 residents from ABL area consistently attend.

During the next quarter, Enthusiasm will be going into the local junior schools to promote the dance sessions so they can build their numbers even more.

Priority 1 Delivered by: Enthusiasm

19-20 Budget £15,521

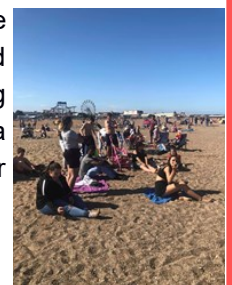
## Community Events



Enthusiasm work with the Allenton Big Local Partnership Board and local partners to deliver events within the Allenton Big Local

area that will help to strengthen community spirit in the area. It is expected that there will be a minimum of four events supported, in addition to the now famous Allenton Christmas event.

During the summer holidays an excited coach full of families went on a day trip to Skegness and enjoyed temperatures in the high 20's!! The trip was one of the fully funded activities provided by ABL. During the journey all families completed a questionnaire to help us gather views of the area.



Look out for more info about Xmas!!

Priority 1 Delivered by: Enthusiasm

19-20 Budget £8,000

# And finally...

## Princess Anne visits St Martin's



On Thursday 18th July 2019, the streets of Allenton were fully decked in preparation for a Royal visit from Princess Anne. St Martin's new Community Hub welcomed The Princess Royal, soon after her visit to see the War Memorial Village in Shelton Lock and officially open the new space.

Over 100 people waited patiently in various areas including, the Café, garden area, Church main hall and other rooms, ready for the carefully arranged visit. Upon arrival, a little later than scheduled, a warm welcome was given to Princess Anne.

After various introductions of people from all sectors of the City, including key members of the local community, The Princess Royal visited the newly completed garden area for

users of the Chatterbox Café and the various commemorative areas within them.

She was then led in to the main hall of St Martins Church, where the First Steps Choir sang amazingly well to all who were gathered. They received a special letter of endorsement from Princess Anne the next week!!



After a few speeches by various dignitaries, The Princess Royal gave a short speech before unveiling a new plaque recognising the Allenton Big Build and all the organisations who made it possible.

After all the planning, hard work & support from ABL both financially and practically, this was a great way to celebrate the Community Hub and Chatterbox Café being completed finished.

Please support this great local facility and have drink or piece of lovely cake at the Chatterbox Café.



### We Need You!!

Allenton Big Local is in its delivery of the third and final plan as part of its 10 years of delivery. Over the next 3 years it will local to build on the previous two plans and prepare for sustainability beyond 2022. As part of the oversight of the plan, the Partnership Group meets currently on a monthly basis to discuss operational and some strategic decisions. The group is required to have minimum 50% of residents involved in making these decisions. We are currently looking to recruit another 3 residents to the group. If you are interested or want more information—please contact our project co-ordinator Paul Brookhouse on any of the contact details below.

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