

Creative Youth Network

East Area Report for St George Neighbourhood Partnership

Children and young people data

In the past quarter Creative Youth Network has supported 471 young people

65 Children and Young People have been Referred this year for 1 2 1 additional support, these referrals have come from East Early Help Team, Local Schools, Self-referrals and from parents/carers.

87 Outcomes have been achieved for this cohort of children and young people.

406 different children and young people have engaged in Open Access sessions delivered through Creative Youth Network.

123 secured a Destination with us either in volunteering, training, education or work.

323 young people have secured outcomes have been achieved ranging from making new positive friendships to staying out of trouble.

Engagement BY Creative Youth Network

We have been working closely with Meadowvale Community Centre to develop a new youth group for children and young people in the area and in August we were pleased to open the doors on the new youth night.

Creative Youth network have committed the salary for two youth workers for the session and have recruited two volunteers who support the session.

Since opening we have seen 23 children and young people attending with each week new members coming along with parents or carers.

Funding for the youth group has been secured from Sovereign housing and Creative Youth Network as a piece of partnership work in response to the community need for extra provision in Meadowvale.

Our youth worker has secured over £3.5k for resources for the building and for young people, this includes the new community sign that young people designed as well as securing the funding for an artist to work with an older group of young people in the park to paint the teen Shelter.

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We continue to sub contract Playbus to deliver 2 x 2 hour sessions in both St George and Meadowvale park each week and throughout the summer holidays this was raised to a 4 hour session. The sessions are growing in size with an average of 35 children attending each week.

We continue to deliver 4 open access sessions out of the Hillfields Community hub, a community cohesion group on Friday evenings, 1 x junior night and 1 x senior night and a closed project night for young people who have been referred to CYN and need additional support.

We deliver 1 sexual health service in partnership with BROOK at BBA School on a lunchtime offering young people access to sexual health advice and support.

Funding secured from the PCT for further work from mystery shoppers who will be trained to assess services around health for children and young people,

8 young people from east Bristol were also part of a panel who are about to commission new health services across BANES , NORTH SOMERSET, BRISTOL.

Quality Assurance

Since the start of this year Creative Youth Network have received 6 monitoring visits in East Bristol and we have secured Green on all of the visits with the commissions expressing that they are impressed with the level of engagement and of the youth and play work practice delivered by Creative youth network.

They also highlighted the difference that our work whether 1 2 1 or open access has made to the lives of children and young people in EAST.

Case study 1

The new cohort of Project Night has now been running for 8 weeks on a Thursday evening from 5-7pm. In this small group we have a diverse group of 6 young people, aged between 11-18 years and from different cultural/ethnic backgrounds. We have young people with emotional/behavioural difficulties, low confidence and a member with Asperger's syndrome.

The first 2 months of Project Night involved team-building and personal development, and we have seen some significant displays of an increase in confidence within several members of the group.

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Most notably is Ryan, who has learning disabilities, when he first arrived he was unable to sit in the group and unable to express himself to the staff. With the support of the staff using post it notes, Ryan has found a way to express himself first to staff and now to other participants (a big step for him). He now engages in most group activities, he has cooked for the entire group (with staff support) and uses free time to develop his musical abilities, even performing to the entire group!

Sam came and knew another member of which he stuck by during the early sessions. Since however he has developed independence in both engagement with other activities, young people and being

Able to express himself with notable maturity. He has developed the confidence to introduce and lead activities to the group.

Case Study 2

Mohammed Said was allocated a young boy aged 10 years, the referral came in from Social care and asked for a male worker Somali if possible,

The young person was struggling with his behaviour in school and also at home, he had been hitting his mother after Dad left the family home.

The behaviour of the young person was increasing in physical and verbal abuse towards mum, his brother and peers in school.

Mo has worked with the young man for the last quarter, he has also taken on work with his younger brother as this was also identified as an issue with mum that the brother was also struggling with behaviour.

Mo has worked closely with school and over the last 12 weeks and attended two meetings in school with teachers and mum, where they worked on an action plan to support both boys through this difficult stage.

The school have emailed Mo to say that they have seen a vast improvement in both the young people's behaviour in school during the last two weeks.

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Through engaging both of the boys into our junior night session and the Friday community cohesion session, Mo has been able to challenge behaviour and talk through the choices both boys are making.

They have engaged fully into Hillfields youth centre, they are now integrating with other children who attend junior night and instead of fighting or swearing at others when something goes wrong they both can now manage to control their behaviour and talk through with workers about the issues.

Mo worked hard to enable both boys to explore triggers in them that make them angry and has worked through strategies with them in dealing with anger issues.

Mo reported last week of June she has had no incidents with the boys and that “they even cleaned their bedrooms”

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