



Notice of a public Decision Session - Cabinet Member for Crime & Stronger Communities and Cabinet Member for Education, Children and Young People's Services

To: Councillors Cunningham-Cross and Looker

Date: Friday, 27 September 2013

Time: 3.30 pm

Venue: The Snow Room - Ground Floor, West Offices (G035)

AGENDA

Notice to Members - Calling In:

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4:00 pm on Tuesday 1st October 2013 if an item is called in *after* a decision has been taken.

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- any prejudicial interests or
- any disclosable pecuniary interests

which they may have in respect of business on this agenda.

2. Minutes (Pages 3 - 4)
To approve and sign the minutes of the Decision Session held on 1st May 2013.

3. Public Participation
At this point in the meeting, members of the public who have registered their wish to speak at the meeting can do so. The deadline for registering is **5.00pm on Thursday 26th September 2013.**

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- An item on the agenda
- An issue within the Cabinet Members' remit

4. Review of Community York Fund (Pages 5 - 32)
This report reviews the Community York Fund, one of the key ways that the Council distributes funding to the voluntary sector.

5. Urgent Business
Any other business which the Chair considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

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Committee Minutes

MEETING	DECISION SESSION - CABINET MEMBER FOR CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY
DATE	1 MAY 2012
PRESENT	COUNCILLOR FRASER (CABINET MEMBER)

36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

At this point in the meeting, the Cabinet Member was invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interests that he might have had in the business on the agenda.

The Cabinet Member declared no interests.

37. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last Crime and Community Safety Decision Session held on 3 April 2012 be approved and signed by the Cabinet Member as a correct record.

38. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - DECISION SESSION

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

39. PROCEEDS OF CRIME

The Cabinet Member received a report which informed him of the trading standards service's activity under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 ('the Act') (POCA), and seek agreement on the priorities for spending receipts under the Home Office's Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme (ARIS).

During discussion of the report, the Cabinet Member suggested that the Safer York Partnership Board, as the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership for the city, might wish to discuss the priorities with the new elected Police and Crime Commissioner following their election in November 2012.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the report be noted.
 - (ii) That Option 1, to spend ARIS receipts in accordance with the priorities detailed paragraph 11 of the Officer's report be approved.
 - (iii) That further consideration be made to consider the financial contribution that the Police and Crime Commissioner for the city and area might make towards to target hardening following his or her election in November 2012.

REASON: To maintain and enhance CYC's ability to undertake proceeds of crime investigation and asset recovery work and to comply with the Home Office guidance on spending Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme payments and to prepare for the election of the new Police and Crime Commissioner.

Councillor S Fraser, Cabinet Member
[The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.15 pm].



Decision Session: Cabinet Members for
Crime & Stronger Communities and Education,
Children & Young People's Services

27 September, 2013

Report of the Assistant Director (Communities, Culture & Public Realm)

A Review of the Community York Fund

Summary

1. This report reviews the Community York Fund, one of the key ways that the Council distributes funding to the voluntary sector. It sets out:
 - Learning drawn from the first two rounds of the fund
 - A recommendation to continue the scheme with Your Consortium for a third year
 - Proposed criteria for the third year
 - Proposals for a consultation with regard to arrangements for 2015/16 and beyond

Background

2. In March 2012, as part of the new model for neighbourhood working, Cabinet approved a new funding pot to support voluntary sector organisations that provided services to a number of wards across the city. This funding pot was to be put in the hands of a standalone, third sector management organisation, who would:
 - Administer the scheme based on the Council's own priorities
 - Support recipient organisations to access additional funding / revenue sources and help them to become more sustainable
3. The new funding pot drew together a number of different Council voluntary sector funding streams creating simpler arrangements for the voluntary sector. The May 2012 Cabinet paper, *Developing a Thriving Voluntary Sector in the City of York*, clarified that the funding to be pooled would include a proportion of the former ward funding, the former 'core grants' and the play grants. (Play grants to

come into the fund from 2014/15 on expiry of existing service level agreements).

4. A tendering process was undertaken to identify a suitable organisation to manage the new fund. Your Consortium Ltd secured the contract, which also included York CVS as a named partner, to manage the fund from April 2012 to March 2015. The management fee equates to 10% of the overall grant funding available.
5. The fund, which became known as Community York, has two aims:
 - To provide high quality additional services to York residents in line with defined themes
 - To support voluntary sector organisations to deliver outcome-focused services with demonstrable impact
6. In establishing the Community York Fund, Your Consortium was able to draw on their experience of managing grant programmes within the sector. They designed systems to administer an effective, transparent and cohesive process including:
 - **Setting the criteria** – in consultation with the Council to establish desired outcomes
 - **Designing the application process** – to ensure a clear process for applicants
 - **Designing robust shortlisting criteria** - to enable a rigorous assessment process based upon:
 - a sound analysis of need
 - demand
 - capacity to deliver
 - realistic and deliverable outcomes
 - value for money
 - sustainability
 - **Marketing and Publicity** – to ensure all sections of the voluntary sector were aware of the funding.
 - **Grant Management and Support** – to make interested organisations aware of the support available throughout all stages of the application process.
7. In 2012/13 the fund provided £120,650. £60,000 was ring-fenced for one large project per theme, with a maximum of £15,000 available per project. The remaining £60,650 was allocated to projects of between £2,000 and £10,000. In 2013/14 the amount of funding available was £131,126. Based on feedback from the first

year, the amounts that organisations were able to apply for were changed to between £2,000 and £15,000 to allow more flexibility.

8. Criteria for Community York are based on the Council's own priorities. There are four themes: Healthy, Engaged, Inclusive, and Prosperous Communities (See Annex 1 for details). Applicants are asked to describe how their project aligns with one or more of the themes.
9. A clear and straightforward process was established giving all organisations the opportunity to submit a bid. Application packs provide detailed guidance on eligibility, supporting documents required, scoring criteria and weighting of each question, and instructions on how to submit.
10. Additional support is made available to potential Community York applicants through Your Consortium's Grant Team, 1:1 development sessions with a Development Officer from York CVS (this is in addition to the support services offered as part of CVS's core function). Support includes:
 - Identifying whether the grants programme is appropriate for the organisation
 - Undertaking initial development work to formulate the project idea in line with the requirements of the Community York themes
 - Providing signposting to other funding/support where the grants programme is inappropriate or not sufficient to develop/sustain the project idea
 - Providing proof-reading or checking of the draft application
11. In the first year a number of groups approached York CVS for a range of formal and informal support in relation to the Community York Fund. In the second year the support that was offered to groups was more clearly defined to allow the impact to be measured. Eight organisations accessed the support available for 2013/14. Of these, two did not go on to apply, one failed at the sifting stage, four were marked but did not score highly enough, and one was successful.
12. Applications are marked independently by two members of Your Consortium's Grants Team and moderated by the Head of Grants based on the scoring criteria. All applications scoring over 50% of the available marks are considered to be of high enough quality to receive funds. All applications below 100 marks are unsuccessful at

this point. Feedback is provided to all organisations to facilitate continuous improvement.

13. In 2012/13, 18 out of 45 applications were sifted out either because they had not answered all the questions or not attached the required mandatory supporting documents despite a checklist of eligibility requirements being included within the application pack. In 2013/14 the application guidance was amended further to highlight the requirements of eligibility resulting in only 4 out of 40 applications being sifted.
14. Your Consortium designed a comprehensive marketing and publicity campaign to ensure that all aspects of the Community York Fund are effectively promoted including:
 - A distinctive brand, to provide the fund with its own identity
 - Working with York CVS to gain their support to help promote the fund utilising mailing lists, forums and networks throughout the city.
 - A designated zone on the Your Consortiums website, to provide continual information regarding Community York with downloadable guidance and application packs.
 - A launch event, to introduce the fund, with Your Consortium staff on hand to provide general advice in respect of the application process. York CVS also attended to offer further support and guidance following to steer and support to organisations.
 - A mandatory workshop for successful applicants to detail the requirements of the fund, including monitoring and support with concerns
 - Capturing the progress of the projects via photographs, used to promote the fund and made available to the projects for their own marketing purposes. The images used throughout the project were also used to showcase the projects and fund within the end of project report and celebration/launch event.
 - An end of project report detailing the outcomes of the funded projects
 - A Celebration/Launch event in April 2013 for projects from the previous year to showcase and inspire those interested in applying for the following year
15. Your Consortium provides support to the grant recipients to ensure that projects achieve their outputs and demonstrate impacts. Grant agreements are in place with each organisation based on the agreed outputs and outcomes. Your Consortium monitors the progress of the projects through reports and visits to the projects.

Where grant recipients are unable to meet their agreed outcomes, grant recipients do not receive their full grant. In the 2 year period this has happened on only 2 occasions.

16. For 2013/14 grant recipients will also benefit from further support, which is funded through Transforming Local Infrastructure, Accelerating Enterprise project. The 14 grant recipients will receive support to help with their organisational development and to increase their capacity. Each organisation will benefit from 1 day of individual support during September at an initial review meeting to:
 - Identify strengths, challenges and areas of concern in the business
 - Use the Accelerating Enterprise Profile and Accelerating Enterprise Assessment and Action Plan form to develop a simple action plan to meet some of the business needs
 - Explore the organisations use of support networks, infrastructure, training, membership and the barriers to seeking support
17. There will also be ongoing support to:
 - Work with managers and staff to make appropriate developments, changes and meet their action plan
 - Research availability and signpost to relevant training and support
 - Explore how the organisation can demonstrate the impact of their Community York Project and organisation
 - Review the activity using the Accelerating Enterprise Progress Review Record
18. 14 projects have been funded in each of the first two years. The end of year report for 2012/13 is attached at Annex 2.

Lessons Learned

19. Following the completion of the first round of Community York, Your Consortium carried out an evaluation with grant recipients. 11 of the 14 organisations funded completed the evaluation. Staff support, troubleshooting and problem solving were rated as either good or excellent by every recipient. Outcomes and lessons learnt from operating of the scheme the scheme to date include:
 - **Sustainability** – Throughout all stages of the grant process from application to delivery, organisations have gained essential skills and experience that will aid further applications to other funding

streams and ensure they have the necessary processes in place including the essential policies and practices. Your Consortium were also able to advise on other relevant funding streams

• **Added value** – Throughout the project Your Consortium were able to promote partnership working, wider reach, increased profile, promotion of project / organisation, catalyst to trial a project and develop further, community involvement/ownership, volunteering, networking for referral or signposting and increased capacity

20. In terms of challenges, the main one was to support those organisations that were previously funded through Council pots, including the ward grants and enable them to adapt to new and different way of the Community York fund.
21. One of the grant conditions is that organisations provide basic details relating to the clients that they work with through their project in order to facilitate monitoring and ensure that the projects are benefiting the people, as stated in their application. There have been two occasions where organisations could not agree to meet this grant condition and did not take up the funding offered. Guidance around this particular ruling was made clear in all documentation concerning the Community York scheme and further strengthened in the second year. This issue will be a matter for consultation in respect of 2015/2016 and beyond to ensure that the grant requirements balance the need to monitor against collection of sensitive data (see below).
22. Another point that was raised related to the funding periods. In the first year, funding for projects was available over an 8 month period and 9 months in the second year, with a break between the rounds. For planning purposes organisations felt it would be helpful if there was no break between the funding rounds to allow time to look at continuation funding from a perspective of them either successfully accessing repeat grants through Community York or exploring other funding streams. For 2014/15 Your Consortium will advertise the Fund in time for an April start.
23. The contract with Your Consortium is for up to 3 years with a break clause before year 3 which can be activated by either party giving notice by 30 September, 2013. Given the success of the fund it is recommended that the contract with Your Consortium is allowed to run to 31 March, 2015.

Criteria for 2014/15

24. For 2014/15 it is proposed to retain the existing criteria (See Annex 1).
25. Organisations that previously applied for 'Better Play' grants will be able to apply to the Community York Fund using the Taking Play Forward priorities (as approved by the cabinet member for Education, Children & Young People's Services in February 2013). This is a transitional arrangement for this 2013/14; for 2014/15 new criteria will be defined following the consultation (see below). The table below shows the new Taking Play Forward priorities mapped against the current Community York Fund criteria:

Community York Theme	Taking Play Forward Priorities
Healthy	Contribute to children's health outcomes
Engaged	Support the development of play opportunities at a neighbourhood level
Inclusive	Promote quality and inclusiveness of play Promote the benefits of play to parents/carers and families Promote playwork so that each play setting in York will look to having a workforce trained to the new playwork standards Support risk and challenge in all play activities so that settings can be confident in providing activities that excite and allow children to test boundaries and assess risk for themselves Support partners, including schools, to understand the benefits of play

Consultation with regard to 2015/16 and beyond

26. The end of the contract with Your Consortium on 31 March 2015 means that there is an opportunity for fundamental review of the Community York Fund arrangements. It is proposed to complete this review by April 2014 so that a procurement process can then be set in train in order to have successor arrangements in place in good time for 2015/16.
27. In light of the learning from the first two rounds of Community York, a number of possible principles are proposed for consultation:

- A fair and transparent approach is maintained to ensure that all voluntary and community organisations can apply to the Community York Fund subject to meeting clearly defined criteria
 - A rigorous shortlisting and assessment process is maintained to ensure that organisations that are successful in receiving a grant are robust enough to deliver their project and complete the necessary paperwork to demonstrate its impact
 - A robust monitoring process continues with clear key milestones, outputs and outcomes identified by the applicant, to enable measures to be focused and delivered as proposed and that there is a redefined reason and need to collect sensitive data
 - Support is offered throughout each stage of the process to ensure that prospective, successful and unsuccessful applicants are clear on what is required throughout the grants process and clear about the support that is available from each organisation that provides support services
 - There are clear exit routes and the necessary support in place for unsuccessful organisations
 - The purpose of the grant is clearly defined as a project grant with a clear focus on sustainability beyond the life of the project
 - Criteria continue to be reviewed and updated to ensure that the funding is directed to the areas of need. Since establishing the fund a number of changes have taken place including pressures on council budgets resulting in the transformation of council services
 - All reviews should include consultation with the voluntary and community sector
28. It is proposed that we consult with the voluntary and community sector to gain a further understanding of their experience of the Community York initiative and to build on the learning to date. The results of this feedback will be used to inform the tender documents that will be prepared as part of the procurement exercise for Community York for 2015/16 and beyond. Recommendations will be reported through a decision making session of the Cabinet Member for Crime and Stronger Communities, in April 2014 to allow a decision to be made about future criteria and identified priorities for spending drawing on the results of the consultation.

Implications

29. **Finance:** The total budget available for 2014/15 will be £231,350. The management fee of 10% is payable from this amount. The figure is net of a £20k saving agreed for 2014/15 within the budget setting process.
30. **Equalities:** The Community Impact Assessment screening that was undertaken in December 2011 identified that establishing the fund on the basis of clear themes would have a positive effect on the promotion of equalities.
31. There are no Human Resources, Crime and Disorder, IT, Planning, Property or other implications.

The Council Plan

32. The Community York Fund is key to delivering the Stronger Communities priority within the Council Plan and its key priorities:
 - Community Engagement – more residents will understand and be engaged in planning, budgeting, priority setting and problem solving in their communities
 - Stronger voluntary sector – there will be a strong volunteering infrastructure with increased levels of volunteering in the city and opportunities for not for profit organisations to deliver services
 - Safer inclusive communities – we will achieve safe, resilient and cohesive communities where no person or community feels left behind or disadvantaged
 - Improved community infrastructure – we will establish an appropriate infrastructure including housing, leisure, schools and businesses supporting opportunities for capacity building, work and enterprise
 - Healthy sustainable communities – we will create healthy and sustainable living options in communities
 - Communities where young people flourish – we will consult with young people to build communities that reflect their needs

Risk Management

33. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy the main risks that have been identified in this report are those which could lead to the inability to meet business objectives and failure to meet stakeholders' expectations. Measured in terms of impact and likelihood, the risk score all risks has been assessed at less than 16. This means the risks need only to be monitored.

Recommendations

34. The Cabinet Members are asked to:

- Note the learning drawn from the first two rounds of the fund
- Agree to continue the scheme with Your Consortium for a third year
- Agree the criteria for the third year as set out in Annex 1
- Agree a consultation with regard to arrangements for 2015/16 and beyond and receive a further report in April, 2014

Reason: To ensure effective funding of the voluntary sector's contribution to Building Strong Communities

Annexes:

1. The Four Themes
2. Year End Report 2012/13

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	Report Approved	✓	Date
Specialist Implications Officers:			
Wards Affected:			All ✓
For further information please contact the author of the report			



Healthy Communities

Support for initiatives that promote and encourage good mental and physical wellbeing through awareness raising, education and early intervention:

1. Projects that support well-being for people with barriers, including those experiencing mental ill health, homelessness or people with a physical or learning disability or caring role.
2. Projects that support recovery from or support with acute mental or physical ill health, including drug and alcohol addiction.
3. Innovative projects that target early intervention activities within communities or groups at risk of developing mental and physical ill health, promoting the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

Engaged Communities

Support for projects that encourage community involvement and volunteering to improve quality of life through local action.

1. Initiatives that enable VCS organisations to address the needs of communities and encourage involvement of these communities in the delivery and shaping of services.
2. Projects that encourage regeneration of deprived areas, where funding can act as a catalyst for community action.
3. Projects that bring together York residents of different ages and backgrounds to support local initiatives reduce isolation and combat negative stereotypes.

Inclusive Communities

Support for initiatives that will create cohesive and inclusive communities where no person or community feels left behind or disadvantaged.

1. Projects that celebrate the diversity of York's communities and promote understanding.
2. Projects that ensure everyone has access to specialist information and support about issues such as hate crime, prejudice and homophobia.
3. Projects that demonstrate a cohesive approach through education and training for individuals and service providers to dispel myths, challenge homophobia, perceptions of young people etc.

Prosperous Communities

Support for projects that promote financial inclusion, support economic activity and enable residents to make informed financial decisions.

1. Projects providing coordinated practical advice and support services around debt, benefits, and money management for York residents.
2. Projects to educate people of all ages on issues such as bank accounts, savings, financial planning, budgeting and money management.
3. Projects that seek to identify an appropriate, tailored response to the challenges and opportunities offered by Universal Credit.

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Community

noun

(plural communities)

a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.

the people of a district or country considered collectively, especially in the context of social values and responsibilities; society.

Introduction

Community York is a new grants fund created by City of York Council (CYC) that brings together a number of existing funding streams for voluntary sector organisations in the city. The aim of this new approach is to ensure that CYC investment in voluntary sector grant funding is managed in a cohesive and transparent manner which ensures the greatest impact and value for money for residents of York.

The fund focused on the four established community themes set by the City of York Council:

- Inclusive Communities
- Engaged Communities
- Healthy Communities
- Prosperous Communities

Following the successful launch of Community York, 14 organisations were awarded funding for their successful projects, consisting of 3 large projects and 11 small projects, ranging from £2,657 to £15,000.

Mapping Impact

To enable Your Consortium to demonstrate the impact that the funding has on the Community of York, a suite of paperwork templates were designed.

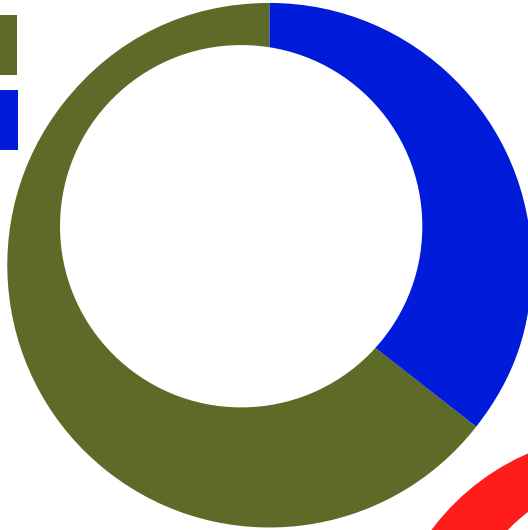
This report reflects the data gathered from each project. It should be noted that, in most cases, projects saw significantly more user engagement than they were able to capture formally - particularly when projects engaged with whole families. Therefore the formal number of participants should be seen as a conservative indication to the overall numbers of residents impacted by the programme.



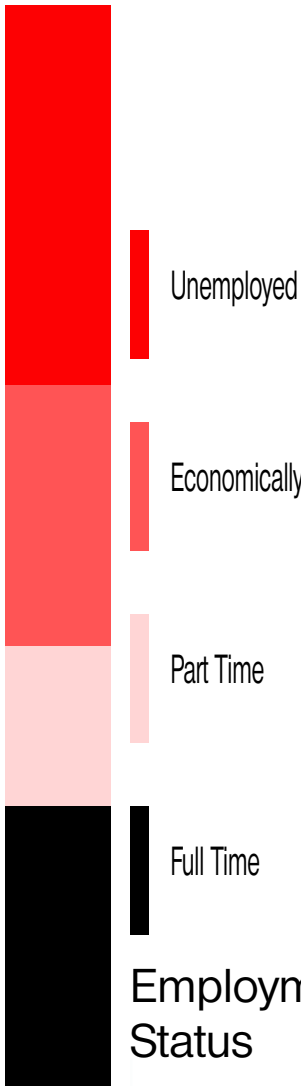
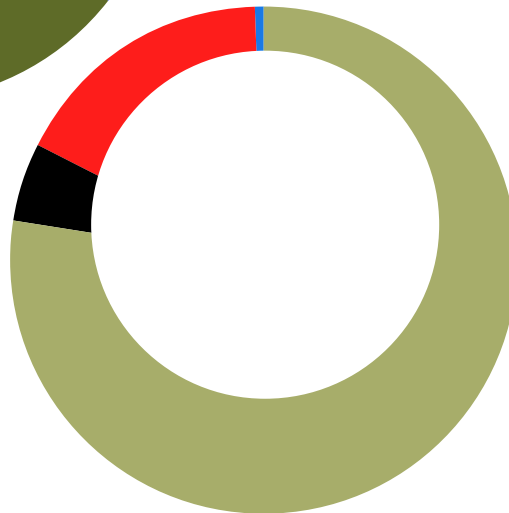
Project Overview

Number of projects: 14
Number of participants: 850
Total Value of grants distributed: £108,189.30

Female
Male



Black/Black British
Asian/Asian British
White Other
White British



Employment Status

I feel more physically and/or emotionally healthy



I feel more engaged with my local community



I feel as though I live in a more inclusive community

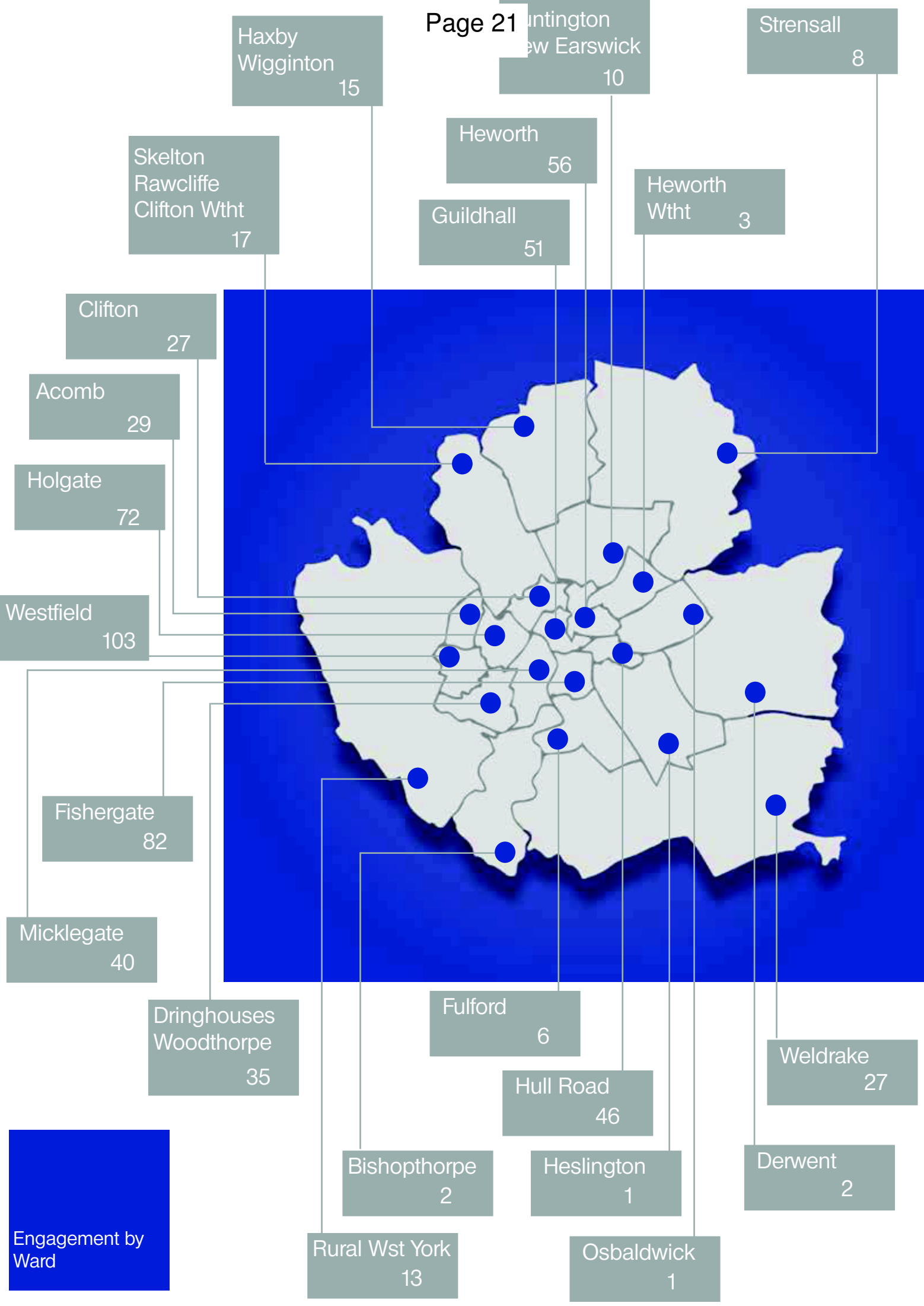


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Engagement by Ward

Healthy Communities



Family Matters York Time Out for Parents

Family Matters are a charity based in the city centre working with families to strengthen and encourage positive parenting. This innovative project ran four "Time Out for Parents" courses across the City of York. The courses were open to all parents who have children in school years 2 to 6 using established networks to ensure as many parents as possible got the opportunity to attend.

Each course consisted of 5 sessions lasting 2 hours. Sessions were run by experienced, volunteer facilitators with a focus on fun and interaction. The course gave parents tools to raise their children's self-esteem, to improve their relationship with their child, to set and maintain reasonable boundaries and to keep their children safe.

The outcomes of the courses were parents growing in confidence in their parenting and empowered to improve their relationships with their children. Family relationships were strengthened increasing family resilience, helping to prevent family breakdown, reduce mental health issues and improve outcomes for children. Happy, healthy families create happy, healthy communities.

Participants:
40

Project Cost:
£4,820

Inspired Youth Arts and Media Project

Inspired Youth are a community of artists and producers who specialise in using art, photography and video to celebrate and highlight community action - with a particular focus on young people. Inspired Youth worked alongside users of Jack Raine Community Foundation (JRCF) to create an arts and media campaign presenting strong community role models and increasing positive physical and mental wellbeing through raising awareness of JRCF provision.

The project worked with disengaged teenagers and gave access to support from professional artists - creating a mural, encourage team working in the development of a poster campaign and the production of a short film.

Participants:
10

Project Cost:
£9,964.50

To view the video on your smart phone please scan this QR code or go to www.inspiredyoutharts.wordpress.com



York Mind
Mentoring Project

York Mind is a charity based in the city which aims to support those suffering with mental health issues. This project helped prevent individuals with chronic mental ill-health from becoming stuck in mental health services by providing direct support to help them move on into paid or voluntary work - either directly or via further training or education externally.

Unlike mainstream mentoring, project mentors worked with individuals recovering from severe and enduring mental health conditions eg bi-polar disorder, schizophrenia, psychosis. Using elements of coaching, cognitive behaviour therapy and counselling the project engaged and motivated individuals who fail to engage with mainstream services leaving them at risk of isolation and deterioration in their mental well-being.

The project provided intensive mentoring, encouragement, guidance and signposting to clients; predominantly those participating in our activity groups and training activities. These clients had usually spent several months with the charity and taken part in other activities, improving their self-esteem, confidence and aspirations significantly during that time.

Participants:
10

Project Cost:
£6,416

Case Study

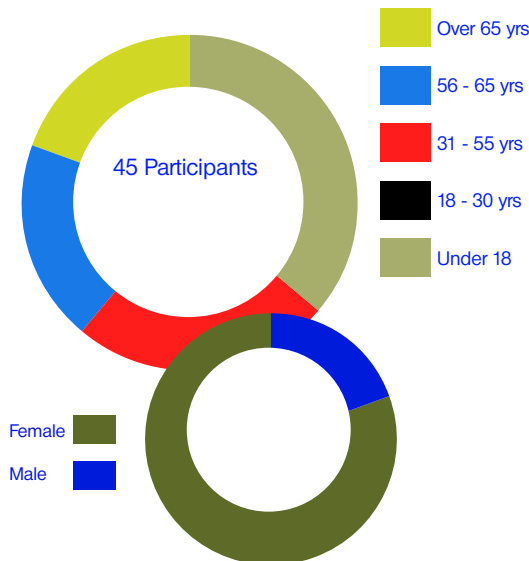
Project:
Miller's Yard
Care for Carers Project

Project Size: Small Cost: £2,657

Miller's Yard is a community interest company social enterprise focusing on holistic care and well-being.

The Care for Carers project supported carers who currently use Millers Yard facilities through regular meetings on Saturdays through the year. As well as providing support sessions, carers were able to access free treatment and well-being sessions from a range of practitioners, working in partnership with GP's and other community networks to signpost participants onto the programme.

The informal meeting sessions offered practical and peer support for those who are carers, allowing carers to 'connect' and allow for dissemination of support materials and information.

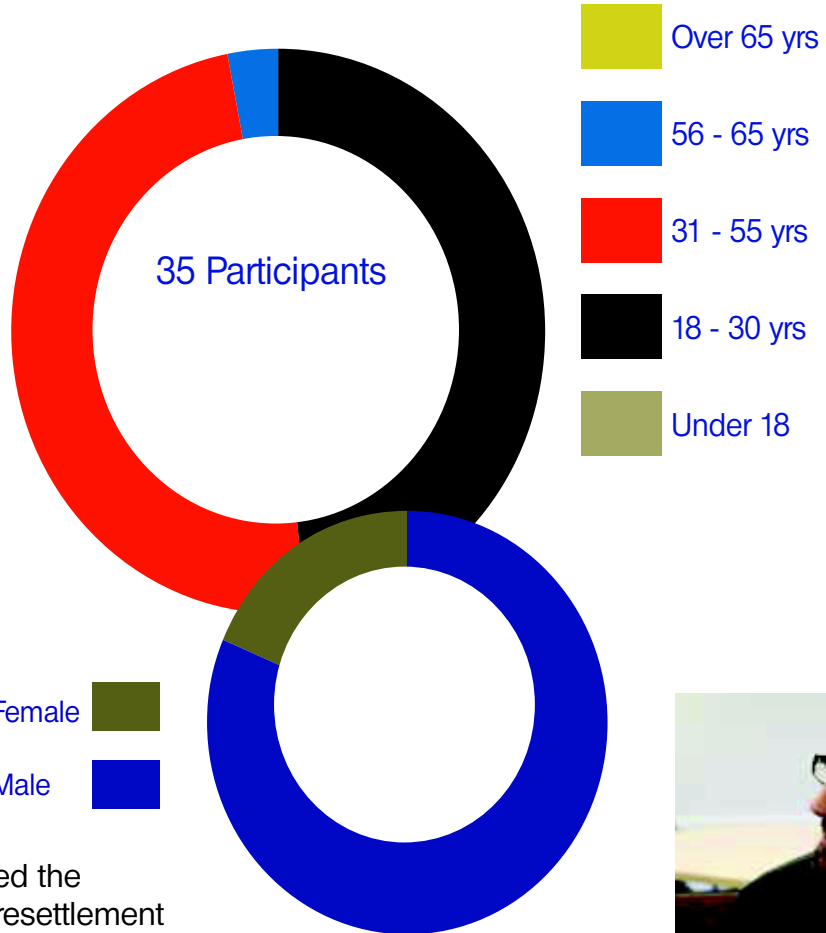


Case Study

Project: Peasholme Charity Resettlement Programme

Project Size: Large Cost: £14,481.58

The Peasholme Centre is a charitable company which since its founding in 1988 has provided crisis and resettlement services with the aim of helping homeless single people access and maintain accommodation which is appropriate to their individual needs.



Community York funding allowed the Charity's continued delivery of resettlement training to homeless people, providing access for over 30 people to undertake a range of health and well-being related activities.

These included personal development, steps to better health courses, drug awareness workshops, money management sessions and healthy eating including cookery programmes.

To see a video interview from one of the workshops please scan this QR code or go to <http://youtu.be/-1IXH8JT2EI>



Case Study

Project: York Unifying Multicultural Initiative Family Day

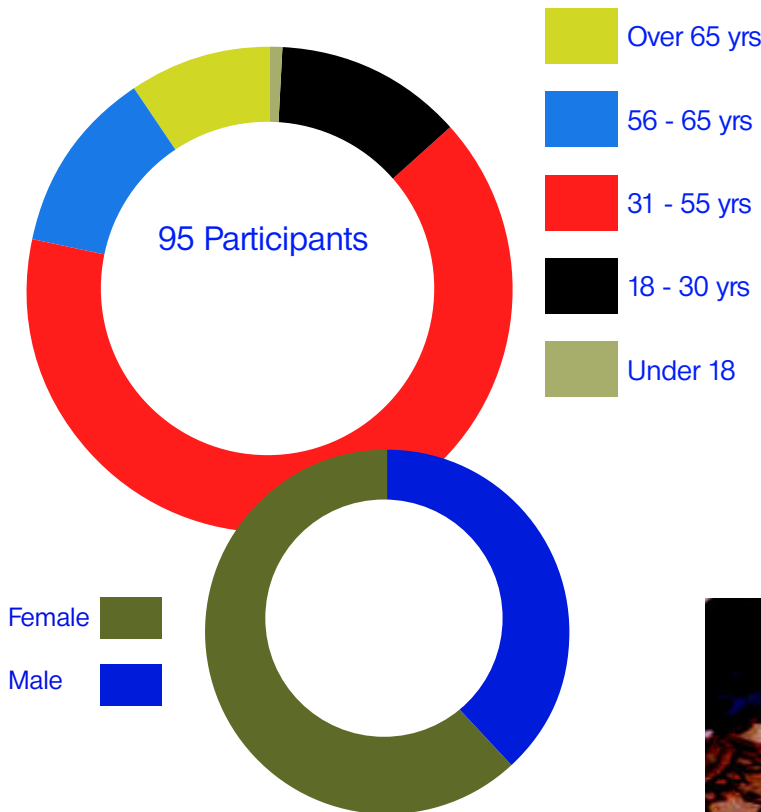
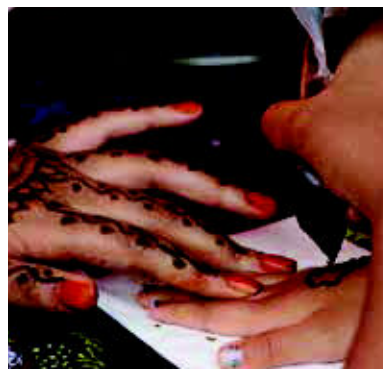
Project Size: Small Cost: £7,776

YUMI is a local voluntary inter-cultural initiative. This funding supported an International Family Day, created and delivered by York's diverse ethnic communities, which took place on 1st September 2012 at Fulford Cross Allotments. The event was open to all York residents forming part of YUMI's aim to engage more people from ethnic communities in activities and strengthen community cohesion.

The celebratory, international family event offered attendees the opportunity to explore the two garden sites and sample traditional foods from Bangladesh, Japan, Hungary, South India and Turkey. Children could engage in activities including Indian and French board games as well as exciting activities including Hanuman mask-making from India; South American Carnival dancing; lantern making from Singapore; Filipino eggshell mosaics; Indian salad-making and Singaporean wishing stars.

Entertainment was provided by BME communities performing music and dance including Latin-flavoured jazz music; Chinese folk tunes; Sikh tabla and harmonium music as well as Brazilian capoeira.

The event was successful in bringing communities closer together, developing people's confidence and tackling issues surrounding isolation and exclusion.





Celebrating York's
cultural diversity
YUMI Family Event
September 2012

Engaged Communities

Case Study

Project: Gateway Foodbank Programme

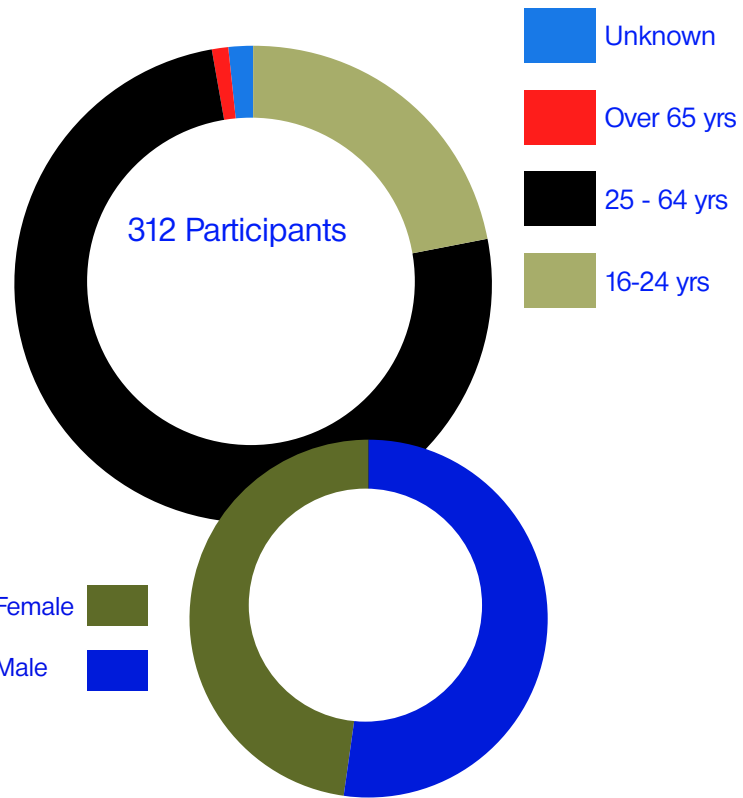
Project Size: Large Cost: £15,000

The aim of the project was to establish a foodbank providing emergency food supplies to people in crisis. Funding supported the pilot phase, which saw the opening of the first distribution point and facilitated the creation of a city-wide initiative with several distribution points, in association with the Trussell Trust.

Because Foodbank beneficiaries often presented multiple socio-economic needs, the project offered access to IAG from a range of agencies. The Foodbank initially operated on a Monday when CYC Housing & Benefits Services and CAB were in attendance. Additionally, licensed money coaches and qualified debt advisers were provided for ongoing support. The project engaged York residents of different ages and backgrounds in meeting the needs of the community in a practical way.

The project exceeded all expectations regarding impact on the community and operational achievements. The pilot anticipated holding 15 support drop in sessions and, in actuality, 24 sessions were held. It was anticipated that 1 tonne of food would be collected and offered out to the community but the project was able to source over 9 tonnes of provision.

The project facilitated the training of a new team of volunteers, acting as a legacy for the project - making sure the bank can 'happen' in the future. In addition to the volunteers, Gateway also trained professionals as referral agencies to identify people who were at risk of crisis and refer them to the food bank for support.



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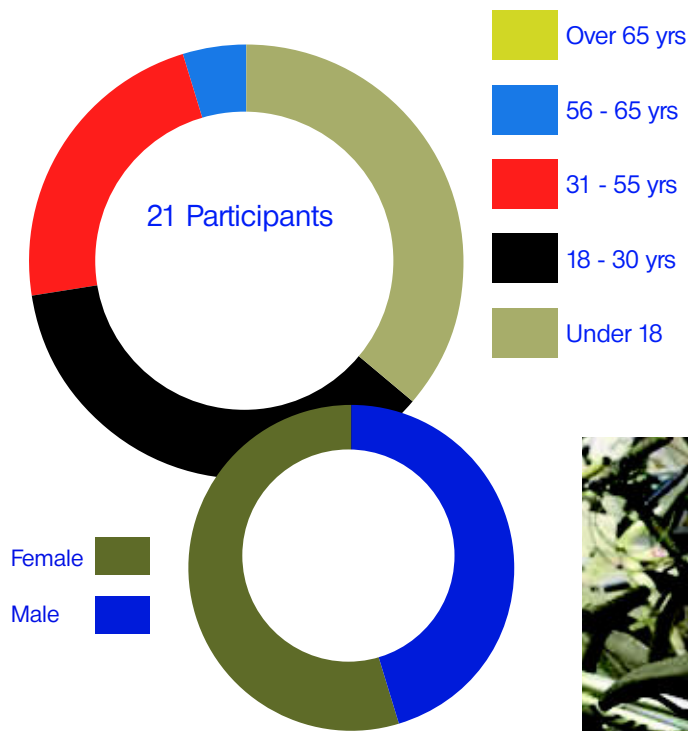
Project: York Bike Rescue Bike Refit Programme

Project Size: Small Cost: £4,500

The Bike Rescue Project recycles thousands of unwanted bicycles each year and uses a salvage and refurbishment process as a vehicle to train and empower members of the local community, giving them confidence and life skills.

The funding allowed York Bike Rescue to build on their teaching capacity and take their knowledge and skills out into the community via their mobile teaching operation offering short courses such as bike mechanics to patients at Bootham Hospital and younger people and families at Door 84.

In addition to the training offered York Bike Rescue took part in a family day organised by Door 84 and donated bikes as part of their prize draw.



AGE UK

This project aimed to enable the older people of York on low fixed incomes to improve the quality of their lives through IT.

The project had two strands, one which was a drop in session for older people to brush up on their IT skills and learn how to communicate with the commercial world, such as shopping and banking. The other strand was to set up an outreach centre, within the community offering older people the chance to learn IT skills in an environment comfortable and more accessible to them.

The project has been a huge success and helped towards older people feeling more in control of their own lives and less socially isolated.

Participants:
32
Project Cost:
£6,590

Inclusive Communities

York Racial Equality Network

York Racial Equality Network is a BME-led specialist equality infrastructure and frontline service organisation.

Funding enabled YREN to contribute to inclusion in the city by participating and supporting three events – York International Shared Meal, York Interfaith Week and Divali. In addition to this YREN also contributed to the strategic Inclusive York Board.

Provision of information on equalities matters was also provided to some residents, voluntary and community organisations and statutory colleagues.

Participants:
18

Project Cost:
£4,500

Stretch

Stretch deliver arts workshops using qualified teacher artists in a residential children’s care home in York. The workshops included cultural trips to inspire and to gather ideas for the overall project working on the theme of Prejudice.

During the project participants created scrapbooks, photo/video/ audio diaries. The aim of the project was to help participants have a better chance in life by helping them to develop aspirations to succeed. The project formed a pilot for ongoing work and to encourage links with other York partners.

Participants:
7

Project Cost:
£2,140

York Stars

York Stars are a performance based community non profit theatre group in York, run entirely by volunteers, who produce theatre with and for the community.

Free creative arts based workshops were offered in the community for the local residents to access, particularly those smaller communities who are hard to reach due to issues of location or access.

Each workshop was based around the theme of a “journey”, which allowed each workshop to be personal to those taking part, artists from the local community also helped facilitate the workshops.



Participants:
110

Project Cost:
£10,000

Case Study

Project: NYBEP Connecting Cultures

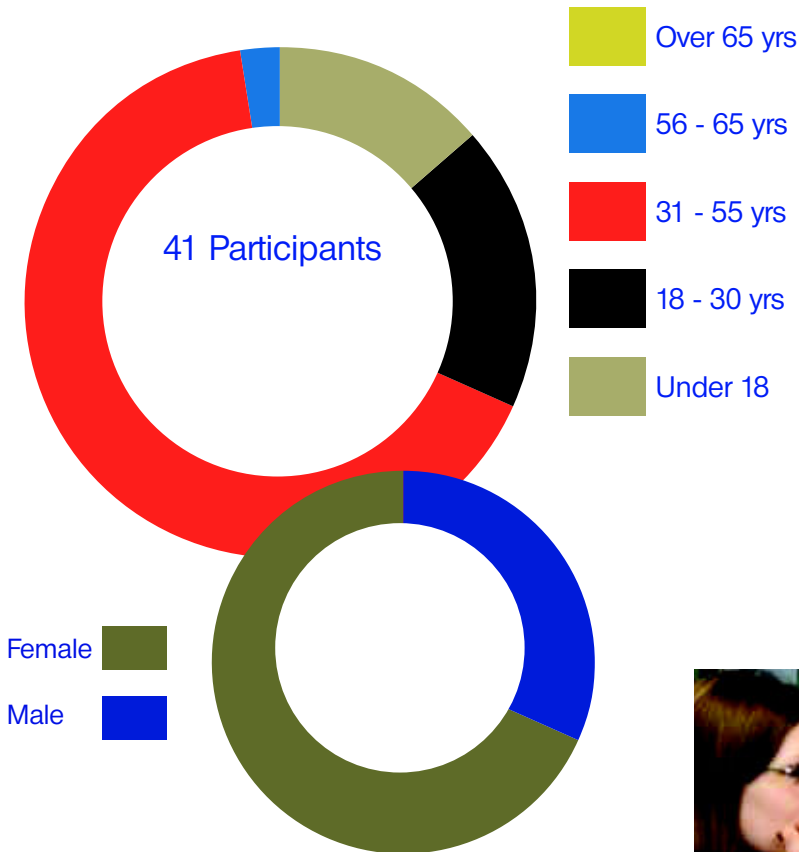
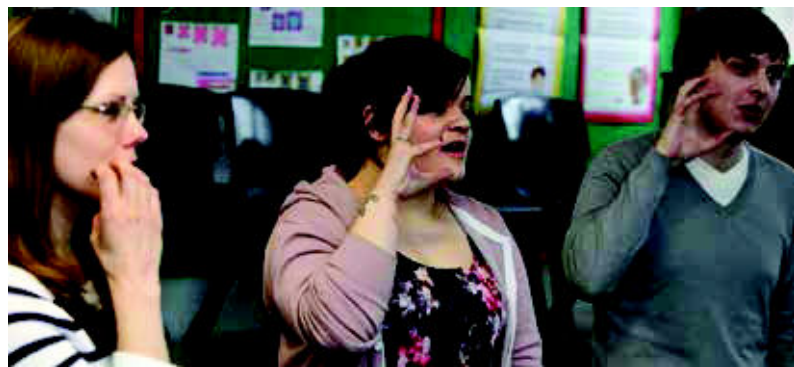
Project Size: Small Cost: £6,598.92

NYBEP is a leading education business partnership, with the specialist capability to nurture talent for successful futures. The organisation brings together schools, colleges, higher education and business, working regionally and nationally from their base in York.

Funding supported Connecting Cultures a family learning event to promote different cultures and communities within the city, encouraging greater understanding and combating negative perceptions.

Wednesday the 20th February 2013 saw over 150 families attend the event held at York High School and take part in a range of inclusive and dynamic workshops. Activities were interactive and designed as family experiences to celebrate diversity, challenge perceptions and promote new skill acquisition.

A range of experiences were on offer including story telling, drumming sessions, sign language taster sessions and catering workshops from around the world.



Prosperous Communities

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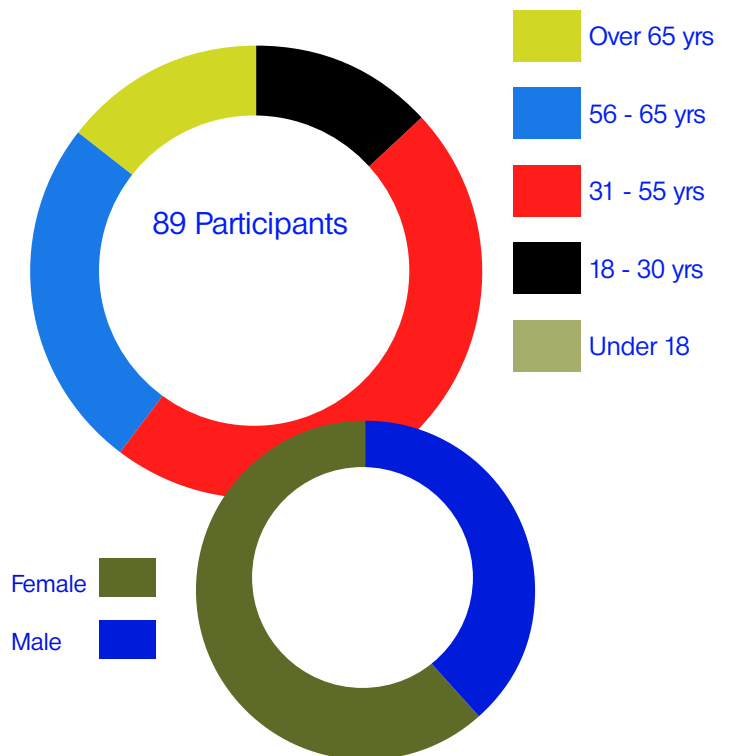
Project: York CAB Tang Hall Support Project

Project Size: Large Cost: £11,946

York CAB aims to provide the advice people need for the problems they face and to improve the policies and practices that affect people's lives. Their mission is to empower clients by giving them the information that they need to decide how to resolve their own problems.

This project created an Advice Hub at Tang Hall Community Centre and piloted an innovative, multi-disciplinary approach to providing the advice residents need, under one roof.

Led by CAB but with workers from Housing Options, Future Prospects and an experienced CAB adviser, the project provided advice on claiming in and out of work benefits, prepared residents to meet the challenges and opportunities of Universal Credits, resolve debt problems and money management including budgeting, financial planning and making informed decisions.



asked to watch a great many films and a lot of scripts, many of which are pretty dire, so it is wonderful when something with real heart comes into view.

The 20 minute mini-docu on the Jack Raine Community Foundation, turning around young lives in York has some great ingredients: real characters, honesty and some great true stories. It might make a springboard for a full documentary in the right hands. Regardless, it deserves to be seen as widely as possible, and shouted from the rooftops."

Hollywood Author/Director Brendan Foley

"This has helped us secure further funding for a further 12 months..."

The Computer Club has proved so popular that the members wish to keep it going."

Age UK

"One of the best things about working with these two groups is that they both secured funding to get their own tool kit and workshop stand so that they can continue the work we started with them."

York Bike Rescue

Gateway Social Action

"The funding enabled us to help create a more engaged community by helping York residents be a part of the solution to a local issue."

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