

Case Study – The Lookout Project

Amount Granted: £ 3,286 (Grassroots Dudley – Date Completed: November 2008)

The Project: 'More Hope'

More Hope's purpose was to provide young people from the Pensnett Estate with the chance to participate in a community environmental day. This project encouraged volunteering, engaged young people considered to be at risk of criminal involvement and anti-social behaviour through constructive and meaningful activities during the half-term period.

Total number of people benefiting from this project: 24 (15 men & 9 women)



Area of Benefit: Pensnett & Brockmoor ward's of Dudley

Why was the project needed?

The project was needed as a detached youth work project. We are aware that there are minimal youth activities within the area and therefore wanted to address this over the half-term period. We are also aware that the lack of finance can be a barrier for some young people to access and engage in recreational activities. The locations for our work day were identified as areas with a high crime rate and anti-social behaviour. We wanted to clear them to make them more open and safer.

The difference the project has made:

During the clean-up we collected seventy-two bags of rubbish and green waste. A total of twenty-four young people took part in our volunteer project. The young people were encouraged to take responsibility for their neighbourhood.

The young people and wider community were able to see the visible effect their work made, enabling them to see that they can contribute to something positive which really does make a difference. The project promoted team work and encouraged cohesion across the different groups of young people working together. 'More Hope' provided a good opportunity for shared experience between the young people and youth workers.



Quote:

"The funding we have received from Grassroots has been a brilliant help. It has enabled us as a project to provide a range of activities which benefit not just those taking part but also the wider community. Ultimately it will have helped to build positive relationships between young people, the wider community, youth workers and the local police, thank you!"

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