

13-19+ Participation Strategy Project

Northern Community Assembly Evaluation

1. Introduction

This report is a follow up of the seven events that happened in each Community Assembly to present the results of the Consultation and Participation report by the 13-19+ Participation Strategy Project carried out by The Children and Young People's Empowerment Project in partnership with Sheffield Futures. The project was commissioned by Sheffield City Council's Children and Young People's Department on behalf of the Sheffield 0 to 19+ Partnership Board (Sheffield's Children's Trust) as part of the delivery of Sheffield's 0 to 19+ Consultation and Participation Strategy, and has been overseen by the Multi Agency Participation Group, MAP (a sub-group of the 0 to 19+ Partnership Board).

Please refer to the previous report for further information on the project.

2. Agenda

The events were designed to present the work that has been carried out since August 2008 including the mapping of provision, audit of participation from both adults and young people and the launch of the Participation Toolkit. Young people were invited present the findings from this work to key decision makers, service providers and community organisations, presentations were delivered by youth people from Action for Stannington, C.A.S.T, Sheffield Youth Council and the NSPCC who met for seven weeks to build a team, prepare the presentations and plan the events. From this group discussions took place for people to discuss these results, consider how the involvement of young people could be increased and improved across the Community Assembly area and identify how everyone could contribute to this.

2.1 Location

The event took place at the Miners Welfare Hall, High Green on 30th October 2009.

3. Attendance

Name	Organisation
Kate Clark	Parks and Countryside SCC
Howard House	Ecclesfield Parish Council
Oonagh McClean	Community Assembly SCC
Kitty Turnell	Sheffield Futures
Jermaine reid	Sheffield Futures
Charlotte Swallow	Sheffield Futures
Helen Wright	
Viky Bullock	Sheffield Futures
Tamar Wharam	Sheffield Futures
Mark Hible	Activity Sheffield
Donny Piermattei	Action for Stannington
Heather Ricks	KMP
Janet Cranstone	Active community member
Margot Jackson	Sheffield PCT

4. Presentations

Young people also had the chance to present to the group an overview of the groups they are involved in and share what they have achieved. Presentations were provided by young people from Action for Stannington and Charlton Brook.

5. Group Discussions

There were two discussion groups each headed by a facilitator. Participants were asked to share their initial thoughts on the presentation and identify any gaps in the structures and methods of youth participation. From these action points were created to take the strategy forward.

5.1 Discussion

- Enjoyed presentations from young people – good to see positive side of things (counter negative image in the media)...need to share this with wider audience i.e. Parish Councils and Friends of Groups (links need to be developed).
- Difference between running a project and participation/involvement (both are good as participation and involvement has longer term impact, sustainable).
- Young people “talk sense” when given the opportunity

5.2 Actions

- Links with schools and school councils
- Through youth groups/projects
- ‘Meetings’ or events (focus groups?) around specific issues/themes
- Go out to where young people are ‘on the streets’ (IYSS/YOS + → Street based teams).
- Resources/staffing – Partnership working in each area to support young peoples involvement....needs facilitation.
- Lack of positive role models for young people
- Importance of community involvement , bringing people together
- Need wider promotion and publicity of opportunities that are available
- Engage young people through their interests – football, the environment, etc.

6. Next steps

Everyone in the group was asked to go away with an action for improving young peoples participation in there community based on the discussions that had taken place. Pledge cards were filled in with there action point and these will get posted back to the individual in a couple of months after the event to remind and prompt them of their commitment to young peoples participation.

7. Contacts

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See www.sheffield0to19.org.uk/participation website for any of these documents.

For more information about specific Community Assemblies and City Wide findings please see the separate reports mentioned in the Introduction, available at www.sheffield0to19.org.uk/participation .

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