

Champion for Young People

Report on Expenditure from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016

Definition; "To assist the Leader and appropriate Portfolio Holders on efforts across Directorates to develop skills for young people for opportunity into work and training"

It has been an absolute pleasure and privilege again this year being the Lancashire County Council's Champion for Young People. I have enjoyed meeting as many young people across Lancashire, seeing the work that Lancashire County Council does to support young people in the County and learning more about the different projects and organisations out there supporting young people in the County.

The funding has gone to the following places:

3 Competitors to the Kick Boxing World Championships Orlando £1,800

This funding went towards supporting three young brothers from East Lancashire who were working together to fundraise to raise funding following their places to represent our Country at the Kick Boxing World Championships in Orlando. This was a massive opportunity for them and a chance they were likely not to get again if funding could not be acquired. With the support of LCC and the other funding they gathered they went on to achieve their goal of participating in the kick boxing world championships.

United Space School £1,000

This funding went towards supporting a student from Balshaws High School in Leyland who was one of just 40 people selected from hundreds around the world who applied for NASA's United Space School summer programme.

As the English representative, he joined 39 other students from 20 different countries. He worked with the other students and gained invaluable knowledge and experience looking into the possibility of future space exploration to other worlds – including how to put a person on Mars. His main aims were to gain experience and knowledge and to inspire other students at Balshaw's High School by coming back and telling them all about it and encourage them to further their education in sciences. Balshaw's also helped him to raise £500

China Internship Scheme £516

A YPS from Accrington, was selected by the British Council's Generation UK-China Internship Scheme for a two month internship/international cultural exchange in Chengdu, China. As well as funding going towards his costs in China, the funding also went towards cultural activities including visits to museums, galleries and theatres. His aim was for the trip to help improve his job prospects and to broaden his experiences and make him stand out when applying for jobs when he had finished his studies as he wanted to work for an international company.

Chorley in Bloom – Brinscall Greenies £275

A group of young people from Brinscall and surrounding villages joined up with the local Chorley in Bloom leader to complete a number of village and community projects around gardening in the village and across the Borough. They hit a brick wall when they couldn't afford the equipment they needed to be able to do these projects they had in mind. Twelve months on they have now done a variety of projects across the borough, gained skills, confidence and have real pride in the time they have volunteered to improve these areas.

ALFS Blackbelt Academy – Kickboxing World Championships £400

The funding went towards helping 13 students from the kickboxing club to represent England at the world championships and help to achieve their goals of becoming world champions.

Ludas Youth Dance Company – NW National Dance Festival and performance and the Edinburgh Fringe Festival £1,100

This was a once in a life time opportunity for gifted and talented dancers to perform at these events. This was a chance to perform at an internationally respected festival. They offer talented young dancers from all walks of life, the opportunity to improve their dance skills and learn about life as a professional artist. This year the young people set the ambitions of the company even higher! Members of the Ludus Youth Dance Company (LYDC) also worked hard to raise funding for a 'chance of a lifetime' opportunity to perform at Edinburgh Fringe and NW National dance festival. Performing here gave the young dancers and staff members the opportunity to share and shout about the high quality artists work created in Lancashire, learn from other industry professionals and bring back what they have learnt to Lancashire. They also bought together other organisations and sponsorship to help with getting them there.

The Centre for Children and Young People's Participation Project £1,000

Seven young people travelled to the CATS conference in Geneva, to talk about their work, including developing a smart phone app to help young people in controlling relationships and campaigning for disabled children's rights.

At the conference 315 young people and professionals took part from 40 countries, including other parts of the UK, as well as Japan, Kosovo, Tanzania, Canada, France, India, Azerbaijan, Uganda, Estonia, Poland, The Philippines and many others. This conference was just one step in a journey for young people from Lancashire trying to bring about change for young people across the world. Emily Holt from Rossendale and Will Finch from Preston were invited to help to plan and run the next event – a conference with policy makers in Brussels in July 2016. Seven young people who attended the conference are from the 'UCan' research partnership, which includes Lancashire County Council, the Lancashire Youth Council, Barnardo's and the University of Central Lancashire's (UCLan) Centre for Children and Young People's Participation.

Through their involvement with The Centre for Children and Young People's Participation, young people helped to create a free smart phone app - 'STIRitAPP' - which helps young people who may be in a controlling relationship to identify it and find support.

The group have been researching child protection issues, including controlling relationships, working in partnership with four other countries and involving 4,500 young people in sharing ideas.

Other members of this group of young people have also been working on research about rights for young people with disabilities, which has been presented in the Houses of Parliament to MPs.

When the group heard about the CATS conference they decided to start fundraising so that they could make more links with young people internationally, and learn more about working together to make positive changes in young people's lives.

The young people raised one third of the money themselves to help with the 9,000 Euro cost of the trip.

Chorley Play Partnerships Summer arts and crafts activities £500

This funding went towards a contribution towards supporting arts and resources activities for Chorley Play Partnership over Summer 2015 that supports lots of young people throughout Chorley Borough and is a volunteer led organisation.

The Maden Community & Children's Centre £750

Following on from the huge success involving young volunteers in previous years, The Maden Community & Children's Centre was working in partnership with The White Horse Project to facilitate and extend the young volunteers art project targeting young people age 11-18 years for this year offering up to 35 places for young volunteers. Young leaders from The White Horse Project promoted the opportunity at Fearn's Community Sports College and in the Boiler House which is the base of the White Horse Project, in the Whitewell ward.

Interest in previous year's events had been incredible with many new young volunteers wanting to get involved as a result of the previous year's success and feedback from the young volunteers themselves.

The young volunteers were requested to attend a site visit to walk through the areas that were identified for the various workshops whilst reviewing the event risk assessment and meet staff members from other children's centres who they would be working alongside. The young volunteers were supported throughout the whole project by Young Volunteer leaders who were on hand during the workshops and event to support and guide the volunteers.

As a result of young volunteers engaging in Theatre Week in previous years, these young people have continued to volunteer within groups running in the local community throughout the year.

The Targeted Active Lifestyle Learning Programme £1,750

This was a 12 week (x 4) programme for four small groups of selected year 9 pupils from Southlands, Holy Cross, Parklands and St Michael's High Schools in Chorley. After very successful Learning Outside the Classroom projects over the last few years the High Schools wanted to continue to provide their low self esteem/lacking in self confidence pupil premium pupils a chance to work and learn together outside of their normal school environment. The pupils were chosen through close consultation with Heads of Year and Special Needs Co-ordinators in the high schools.

The programme included a variety of outdoor activities such as indoor climbing, crate stacking, low ropes course, water activities, BMX biking and leadership activities in local primary schools. Throughout the duration of the course the pupils were challenged in many different ways, encouraging them to become more confident in themselves and in their ability to communicate effectively with both peers and adults. There were no teachers from the schools accompanying the pupils, only the 2/3 Chorley SSP staff and relevant coaches/instructors.

The leadership part of the programme involves working with primary school children of all ages, leading Change for Life active sessions with focus on target activities, creative activities, adventure activities, flight and combat activities. Two of the leadership sessions involved working with Chorley SSP staff at local Inclusion Festivals where children with different levels of disability come together to take part in a variety of activities. The T.A.L.L. pupils also plan and deliver a festival of their own choice for a large group of primary school children. This festival will be run by the pupils themselves without any assistance from the adults (although they will be on hand at all times!). Hopefully, by the end of the course the pupils will have covered sufficient work in primary schools and gained sufficient experience to be awarded a KS3 Leadership Certificate.

They also link the TALL programme to the Sky Sports Living for Sport Athlete Mentor scheme. The programme is registered on the Youth Sport Trust website and they are visited by Olympic and world class athletes from many different backgrounds. The athletes work with the T.A.L.L. pupils to develop self confidence and help them to understand what it takes to be successful in a chosen field.

At the end of the programme there was a celebration event where pupils and parents are invited to a special sports awards evening at Chorley Town Hall. Awards were given for the 'Student of the Programme', the Most Improved Student & the overall Leader of the Programme from all four high schools.

Marsh Community Centre Lancaster £250

The service at the time delivered open youth group and activity sessions for young people from the age of 4 through to 19. They had a group of 10 young people aged 16 to 21 who regularly hung about the centre throughout the day time with nothing else to do. They often opened the building and allowed them to use some of the facilities and through discussion the group asked if they could do something more constructive with the time and have requested fitness training sessions. They already had some equipment but needed some funding to cover staffing. They planned to run a programme for 2 afternoons (1pm till 3pm) per week for 10 weeks. This money was spent on paying a qualified trainer to come in and deliver the sessions which they used as a tool to engage the group in other skill based activities such as CV writing and completing job applications.. Their aim was to provide them with an opportunity to engage in a positive activity and to discuss any issues in their lives with centre staff.

AFC Fylde Football £600

This funding went towards supporting a programme of activities for young people over the Christmas holidays.

Engaged with around 15 young people each session, in positive outreach activities, totaling 90 young people throughout the programme.

Ensure that strong referral links were made between this programme and Lancashire County Council Young Peoples service, also ensured that young people were provided with the opportunity to attend additional youth club opportunities outside of this programme.

Pendle Education Network - £1,000

Pendle Education Network is a non-profit, parent led initiative based in Nelson. PEN aims to become 'the first' community organisation in Brierfield (Nelson) to provide a genuinely 'joined-up' approach to upward social mobility through education by collaborating with community volunteers, local authorities and business mentors to engage some of the most deprived children in the UK and delivering targeted education projects.

Advisor's to the project to date at the time included;

- Secondary School Teachers
- Bar Council Assessment Manager
- Finance Managers (Public Health England & Daisy Communications)
- Lancashire Young Peoples Service (YPS)
- Residents Associations
- OFSTED Lead Advisor

The PEN 'after-school' project aims to allow young people from the ages of 14-16 to participate in group activities from across cultures/communities in a safe and secure setting. PEN will offer an inspirational projects to children and parents to enhance themselves through mentoring, education and citizenship skills.

The theme is to 'Build community cohesion through education and learning' in partnership with voluntary, community and statutory organisations in Pendle to provide a holistic approach to learning. We will liaise with Young Peoples Service (YPS) on safeguarding and Information & Guidance (IAG), local business (mentoring), volunteer parents, (Mothers for Schools - Pendle Vale), churches/mosques to name just a few organisation.

2 Competitors to the Kick Boxing World Championships Dublin £300

This funding went towards supporting two young people from Rossendale to increase their opportunities to be able to attend the championships to compete. They have both achieved their black belts and this funding went towards supporting them in their target to ensure that they were able to go and better their sporting opportunities and further themselves.

***County Councillor Kim Snape
Champion for Young People***

Schedule of Expenditure for 2015/16

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The Maden Community and Children's Centre	£750
The Targeted Active Lifestyle Learning Programme (T.A.L.L)	£1,750
Marsh Community Centre Lancaster	£250
AFC Fylde Football	£600
Pendle Education Network - After School Project	£1,000
Support to attend Kick Boxing World Championships - Dublin	£300
TOTAL SPENT	£11,241