

Little Tiggers Ltd

Report to SIB Committee

How the money has been Spent

The grant was spent on the following:-

Salary

Childcare

Room Rental

Volunteer Expenses

The interim grant enabled the Volunteer co-ordinator more time and resources to enable the volunteers to successfully complete their qualifications. Having the finance to break down the barriers to learning was invaluable to the volunteers as it gave them the opportunity to study with out the worry and cost of childcare, which is one of the main barriers to learning.

Volunteer expenses gave the students the opportunity to take up other courses to compliment their qualifications such as First Aid, Health and Safety, Safeguarding children, with out the expense of travel.

Outcomes of the Project

The outcomes of the project have been met with all of the volunteers achieving their qualifications.

The project has successfully supported 20 volunteers who have gained the following qualifications: _

2 – Certificate in Play Work

6 – NVQ level 2 in Childcare and Education

2 – Introduction to Teaching 7303

2 – OCN (open college network) in Nail Art

2 –OCN (open college network) in Face Painting

2 – Level 2 in Food Hygiene
10 volunteers gained First Aid Certificates

From the volunteers recruited 5 have gone onto find permanent employment.

One of our volunteers is a lady who attends Fulwell Day Centre and the grant has enabled her to travel to Little Tiggers and volunteer in one of our support groups. We were invited to attend a case review by Karen's worker and the feed back we had was great. Through volunteering Karen has increased her confidence and social skills as well as making a difference to our project and ensuring the project is inclusive to every one.

Feed back from the volunteers has been excellent with many of them wanting to continue to further education.

Other Funding

The success of the project has given the organisation the opportunity to apply to other funders such as Neighbourhood Renewal Fund ,Lloyds TSB ,BBC Children in Need with the intention of continuing with the project. We already have a waiting list of potential volunteers. We hope to secure funding in the New Year to enable us to continue.2009.

Key Lessons

The project has made a huge difference in the area. Volunteers from the community have come forward and expressed interest in volunteering and this has also allowed us to develop services and extend the places we have to more families in the area.

Future Planning

The project has been a great success, with potential volunteers waiting to volunteer if we secure funding to continue.

I feel the success of the project has proved there is a definite need for local voluntary community groups to be funded to help support the neighbourhood in which they work and know the issues the community face on a daily basis.

In an area of high unemployment the project has given the volunteers the opportunity to improve their employment prospects, develop services in their area and increase community participation.

Little Tiggers is now a registered charity and fundraising is on going. We work with Sunderland CVS to identify funding opportunities and network with other organisations to ensure there is no duplication of services in the area and the grant is used to its full potential giving added value.

Funding applications to the relevant bodies will hopefully allow us to continue to support the local community and help to identify and meet their needs.

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