

## **Diversionsary Streetwork Report – Whiteinch / Victoria Park**

Over a 10-week period, DRC Youth Project delivered targeted diversionsary streetwork across the Whiteinch and Victoria Park area, funded through the Local Area Partnership.

During this time, we engaged with over 70 young people, with the majority of contact taking place on Monday, Thursday and Friday evenings. The focus of this work was to provide a visible, consistent presence and offer positive alternatives to antisocial behaviour during peak times.

The funding was used to support staffing, allowing us to deliver sustained outreach and build relationships with young people who are often not engaged in structured provision.

### **Aims and Outcomes**

The primary aim of this initiative was to provide a consistent street-based youth work presence in Whiteinch and Victoria Park during peak evening periods, offering safe and positive alternatives to antisocial behaviour.

A further aim was to engage young people who are not currently involved in structured provision and support them to build relationships with staff, increase their confidence, and begin transitioning into wider youth work opportunities.

Over the 10-week period, these aims were successfully met. We engaged with over 70 young people through regular streetwork sessions, building trust and maintaining a visible and reliable presence within the community.

As a result of this engagement:

- A number of young people were supported to access DRC services such as the Pathfinder programme (now based in Whiteinch), 8–11 groups, ADHD groups, S1+ groups and the Strive group, ensuring continuity of support during the pause in Whiteinch-based provision. Where appropriate we would also signpost to other initiatives.
- Relationships were established with young people who were previously unknown to services
- We developed a clearer picture of what young people need in the area, which is helping shape the reintroduction of the Whiteinch youth club

### **Challenges**

There were some challenges throughout delivery, most notably the impact of adverse weather. At times this reduced the number of young people out in the community, as many chose to remain indoors. It also required careful consideration around staff safety during poorer weather conditions, with sessions adapted where necessary to ensure safe delivery.

Due to wider funding pressures, our Whiteinch-based youth club has not been running in recent months. However, we are pleased to confirm that this is scheduled to restart this month. We are currently in contact with the Whiteinch Centre and local families to support a strong reintroduction of the provision.

In the interim, we have worked to ensure continuity of support by redirecting young people into DRC services outwith the immediate area, ensuring they have continued access to youth work, activities and support.

We would like to thank the Local Area Partnership for their support in funding this initiative. The impact of this investment has been significant in maintaining engagement with vulnerable young people and contributing to community safety. We will continue to deliver diversionary streetwork in the area as part of our ongoing commitment to supporting young people and the wider community.

### **DRC Youth Project - Update for Ward 12 Area Partnership**

- DRC engaged with over 800 young people aged 8-26 through a wide range of inclusive activities in 25/26.
- DRC engaged with 172 young people through our youth employability programme Pathfinder in 25/26.
- DRC delivered 81 accredited qualifications to young people in NW Glasgow in 25/26.
  - 38 x Personal Money Management – SCQF Level 1
  - 25 x CITB ‘Health Safety & Environment Test for Operatives
  - 24 x COSAC Safe2site – Online Level 1 Health & Safety
  - 1 x DSVa Driving Theory
- DRC delivered 596 non-accredited training opportunities to young people in 25/26.
  - 562 Atlas – Citation (work recognised certificates)
  - 24 x CSCS Labourer Cards Purchased
  - 8 x Snowcamp ‘Excel’ Certificate of Achievement
  - 2 x NSPCC Child Protection
- 37 young people have volunteered in our shop (this year), the North-West Community Pantry. 21 currently.
- 1 young person has been volunteering at our 8-11s youth club sessions.
- Over 20 young people have volunteered at our community allotments (from Strive and School groups) building an outdoor kitchen, clearing rubble and laying slabs etc, planting will be starting soon.
- Young people completed 2731 volunteering hours at the DRC in 25/26.
- DRC continues to support families with access to low cost food through our North West Community Pantry this is open to people from all over Glasgow but most are from the North West. There is residents of Whiteinch who use this service.

- 7 young people from DRCYP took part in a session with one of our Glasgow University students discussing issues in their local area and are now working on an asset map.
- We completed a Holiday Hunger fund application and hope to hear back soon about the outcome of this. We will look to get young people known to us from this ward involved and are thinking about ways to transport them (we have recently secured an electric mini bus)
- 2 of our YP from our youth committee are currently working with Glasgow Life to develop the next Youth Event at Partick Burgh Halls. (1 from this ward)
- We have the Fire Service booked to come and visit our office on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> May, where young people who attend our projects can come along and see the staff and appliances. We hope this will continue on previous work in breaking down barriers especially before bonfire season.
- 2 young people participated in Snow Camp Excel, visiting Andorra on a week-long residential. We will assist 2 of them and another who completed the programme last year with applications for the apprenticeship with SnowCamp. 1 of the young people from this ward completed the programme to Graduate level but chose not to proceed to Excel level.
- Our Strive group continues to run weekly most recently they went a Hillwalk to Drumyat and are currently planning their next camping trip. (This is recovery based and 3 of the young people attending are from this ward)
- We received the keys to Yoker Sports Centre in February we are in talks with contractors to get the centre refurbished.
- We have worked with 4 secondary schools and 4 local primary schools delivering a total of 12 structured school support programmes this year. We have had 144 young people attend. (2 programmes with St Thomas Aquinas and 1 Scotstoun primary).

### **Whiteinch Employability Examples**

- S : Is a Whiteinch and Scotstoun Housing Association tenant, who had gone through Pathfinder before ending up with employment in hairdressing. She wasn't enjoying this and came back to Pathfinder again. She has since progressed into employment doing business admin with Latto Maintenance Services.
- C : Went through the Pathfinder programme and progressed into employment with a locksmith company.
- M : Referred down from Whiteinch and Scotstoun Housing Association and is currently volunteering with the pantry.

