



community ignite



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IMPACT REPORT

2014/2015

UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY NEEDS

In order to understand the services the community in Kingswood need we:

- Consulted with 67 residents to understand isolation and loneliness.
- Engaged with 51 residents about public health issues.
- Spoke to 72 local families to understand the services they needed in Kingswood.
- Consulted with 8 local organisations and identified a need for an information & advice service for families from other countries.

65% of residents stated that isolation is often a problem

57% of residents considered their health to be 'poor to ok'

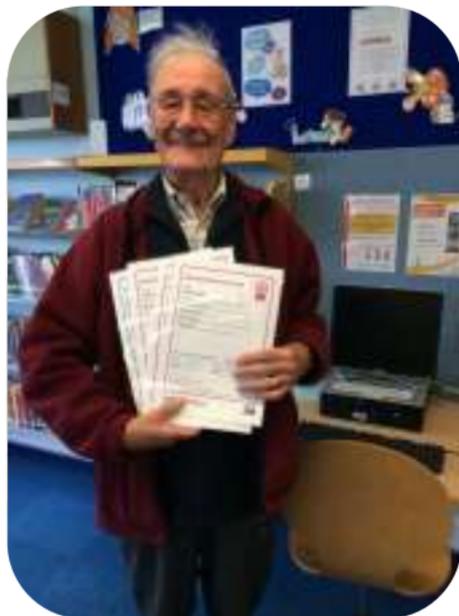
OFFERING LOCAL SERVICES

In order to grow local residents' skills, confidence and self-worth, we:

- 121 new people joined our Job and IT Club for support to search for jobs and to develop their digital skills.
- 23 people grew their computer skills through a 'Get Digital' programme at the Job and IT club.

“I have really learnt how to work a computer, a thing that I didn't know anything about whatsoever”

Keith, Get Digital Programme



- 6 learners benefitted from a **Get into Employment** course in February, receiving a combination of tutoring, support through the Job and IT club, a volunteer placement and counselling.
- 1 learner secured employment through her placement found through the course.
- 5 out of 6 learners felt that the course had moved them further towards their goals for achieving employment.
- All the learners rated the support and help they received through the course as Good or Excellent.
- All of the learners would recommend the course to their family or friends and are likely to use their new skills to find employment.



“I have learnt how to get out of the trapped situation I felt I was in”

**Attendee of
Employability course 4**

- Trained 18 local mentors to support people within the community. All of them were completely satisfied with the course and learnt something new.
- Trained 10 people to help set up their own community group
- All five people's confidence increased following completing a "speaking with confidence course".
- 10 people attended an assertiveness course.

We developed 43 people's skills and confidence through local training courses

"My biggest achievement is securing a mentoring job"

"I overcame a barrier of lack of confidence in speaking and presenting a talk"

"Course helped me secure employment in this field"

- In partnership with Kingsmeadow Community Flat, we have started to develop a team of Level 2 trained Health Champions in Kingswood and Staple Hill.



By March 2015, we had 6 Health Champions who now promote health and well-being in their community

“Being a health champion has changed my life immensely in all aspects of my life.”

Health champion

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***“It was great and useful course.
Had fun and learnt lots”***

***Very good idea, every parent
could do with having a go”***

Attendees of parenting course



***Families attending a Cooking4Families course in 2013**

- We ran two Families United parenting courses, supporting 16 families.
- All parents were mostly or completely satisfied with the course.
- Provided a crèche for our courses and other organisations, enabling those with young children, to learn with peace of mind.

“Thank you to the crèche, it benefitted both me and my daughter (first time left with strangers)” **7**

- 131 people attended our second **Celebrating Diversity** event in Kingswood in March 2014.

**96% of people
said they
enjoyed the
event**

**88% said they
were more
likely to engage
with their
community**



SUPPORTING VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

In order to grow the skills and knowledge of voluntary organisations in the local area we:

- Gave 36 local organisations individual support to help them develop.
- 69 groups attended three events:
 - speed networking event
 - funding workshop
 - meeting regarding the development of a community hub in Kingswood.

“Very useful to have clear picture of the support we are able to access”

Friends of Emerson’s Green Park

Overall we’ve helped groups secure £147,3000 of funding to develop their activities for the local community.

DEVELOPING VOLUNTEERING KINGSWOOD



Volunteer Centre
Kingswood

Volunteering Kingswood has continued to grow in the Chase & Kings Forest area, with the following results:

- 305 local residents registered for volunteering
- 13 Kingswood organisations were given individual support and advice about volunteering.
- Monthly sessions were held in four local libraries to reach out to potential volunteers.

Throughout 2015, we placed 68 people in a huge variety of volunteering roles.

- We helped 25 organisations manage their volunteers better through a workshop at the CVS South Gloucestershire Voluntary Sector Conference in November.
- 14 organisations and 30 people participated in our Volunteer Fair in March.

“Volunteering has increased my self-confidence, self-esteem, and even helped me develop a more positive outlook on life”

Volunteer at Oldland Common Youth Club

“I didn’t know about how volunteering could help me find employment, now I can prove that I can actually do the job”

Volunteer placed in a local charity

CONNECTING KINGSWOOD

As the largest deprived area in South Gloucestershire, much of the work that we do focuses around developing the community in Kingswood. The family events, training, growing the local voluntary sector and supporting job-seekers all aims to work towards creating a more vibrant and resilient community in Kingswood.

This is an area we will build on in the coming year, with the priority aim of increasing residents' and groups' knowledge of what is happening and available in Kingswood. Please get in touch if you would like to find out how you can get involved.

From 2012 to 2015, we were funded as a lead community anchor organisation for Kingswood, aiming to improve support for the community. This funding enabled us to grow by over 100%, doubling our spend on services for the community.

None of this work would have been possible without the generous support of our partners and funders, thank you.



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