

## OLDHAM PARTNERSHIP – COMMISSIONED ACTIVITY

**LAA BLOCK:**

**CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE**

<b>Activity Name:</b>	<i>Coppice Youth Development Project</i>
<b>Activity Reference:</b>	
<b>Organisation Responsible:</b>	Coppice Community Centre
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<b>Start Date:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2007</b>
<b>End Date:</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> March 2007</b>

### Summary:

(i) Due to the disproportionately high number of youths in this area, there are higher levels of incidents of alcohol consumption and therefore this project will provide training and workshops (4 sessions for 20 people each time) around the harm caused by alcohol misuse in partnership with Oasis and ADS (Alcohol Drug services). These sessions will make youths aware and their guardians aware of the harm, which can be caused. .

(ii) Due to the disproportionately high number of youths in this area, there will be higher levels of incidents of substance misuse and therefore this project will provide training and workshops (4 sessions for 20 people each time) around the harm caused by substance misuse in partnership with Oasis and ADS (Alcohol Drug services). These sessions will make youths aware and also make their guardians aware.

(iii) The Youth Club will be held 3 times a week at the centre. Total 9 hours per week. During this time we will run keep fit sessions, in addition other outdoor sports activities will be held to ensure youths get the best out of their time and are helped to undertake physical activity. These sessions are additional and specialised something, which the youth service cannot do as they cannot engage with this group and or they may not have the resources to run as many youth sessions in the area, given that they have a youth club in the area. This has worked very well previously.

(i) Will arrange face/ face meetings and 2 seminars regarding bullying for up to 40 young people. Also work closely with schools e.g. Grange School, St Augustine's School. In addition the 6 sessions will be organised to build young peoples confidence, raise awareness about the effects of bullying. They will be asked to become peer support for others.

(ii) Will arrange face/face discussion with affected pupils to understand and provide guidance. We will arrange 2 seminars on racist abuse for up to 40 young people and work closely with OREP, schools, PCSO's and other agencies.

(i) Lots of young people are not engaging with the democratic process of the town. We will encourage young people of 18 years old to join electoral register and organize services on democracy including 4 sessions making them aware of the local government structures, leadership, democracy, and arrange trip to Council Chamber and Houses of Parliament. This activity will be run in partnership with the youth service and others.

(ii) This will be done in the youth club. 3 evenings per week (At least 9 hours per week). The youth club will hold seminars, meetings with external speakers promoting the notion of cohesion and then getting young people involved in activities of cohesion.

(iii) We are actively engaged with the local community via Mosques, Churches, Schools, elderly Residents attending our luncheon club held at the Centre and other users of the Centre. They will be involved in reporting youth nuisance to CNG staff. Once we know the level of nuisance being reported we can work with members of the community to get families to undertake their own interventions.

For the activities below the youth development workers will be outreaching and engaging those hard to reach young people and making sure they attend the sessions.

(i) We are currently working with UR (United Response) and H2O whose workers are based at the centre and also school mentors to arrange one to one consultation and group training with young people. Young people will receive at least once a week advice and support on job search, confidence building, CV preparation, support will be given to overcome negative self-belief towards gaining employment.

(ii) We will be working with H2O, Connexions, Rathbones and YMCA. Our worker will outreach and speak to young people to engage with the project and benefit from the service. Also provide work experience, Young people will receive advice and support on job search, confidence building, CV preparation, towards gaining employment.

(i) The youth club members are and will work with Groundwork, Smarter Streets and other organizations once a week to maintain the Coppice Community Garden and also keep local area tidy. They will be engaged in keeping their neighbourhoods clean and tidy by organising litter awareness and regular clean ups in the area.

(i) We will work closely with YOT (Youth Offending Team), YIP (Youth Inclusion Project), CPSO's Community Safety Team, Local Police, Area Committee and Local residents. Incidents will be reported to Coppice neighbourhood Group (CNG) staff who will organize face/face meetings with the alleged offenders and also arrange seminars for parents and young people to make them aware of the issues affecting them with regards to crime and abuse of drugs. Individual young people will be given guidance and support. This will be implemented in a two-pronged approach, 1. Coppice youth development project will engage the young people and 2. The partner agencies will deliver their specialised services with our support.

(i) Volunteers will be recruited for young peoples forum. We hope to offer training to 3 young volunteers. Open days will be held for volunteers at least 2 times in the year.

(ii) We will utilise the Young Peoples Forum Management Committee, Area Committee (or Community Councils) to influence decision affecting their area. Young people will be given confidence through action and training and then prepared for contributing to local decision making bodies, this will be in conjunction with the youth service.

<b>LAA Indicator:</b>
<p><b>The Health of Children and young People is Improved</b>            Reducing % of young people stating the consumed alcohol in the last month            Reducing % of young people admitting to using illicit substances in the last 6 months            Increasing % of children and young people aged 16-16 inclusive who take part in sport or moderate physical activity for 1 or more hour per week</p>
<p><b>Children and young people, particularly those most vulnerable, stay safe</b>            Reducing % of 11 –15 year olds experiencing bullying in schools and other venues            Reducing % of 11-15 year olds reporting racist abuse, threats or attacks in schools or other venues</p>
<p><b>Young people play a positive role in the community</b>            Increase number of 16/17 year olds on electoral register            Increase number of children and young people engaged in community cohesion activities for at least 2 hours per week            Reduce incidents of reported youth nuisance</p>
<p><b>Young people achieve economic well-being</b>            Increase proportion of young people with learning disabilities in EET            Reduce % of 16-18 year olds NEET</p>
<p><b>SSC To promote culture and cohesion</b>            Increase % of residents reporting an increase in satisfaction with their neighbourhoods</p>
<p><b>To have cleaner, greener and safer public spaces</b>            Reduce number of incidents of criminal damage</p>
<p><b>SSC To build respect in communities to reduce crime and the harm caused by illegal drugs</b>            Increase number of people engaging in defined volunteering activities            Increase the number of people who feel they can influence decisions affecting their area</p>