

THE HARMONY PROJECT

Executive Summary

- 1.0 The purpose of this report is to inform the committee of the work undertaken by Birkenhead Youth Action Project with young people in a multi ethnic area of Birkenhead.
- 1.1. The committee is asked to note this report and the presentation, which will be made by the young people.

Background

- 2.0 Birkenhead Youth Action Project through its streetwork in Rock Ferry and Tranmere made contact with young people living in the area of the Woodlands, a culturally diverse, multi ethnic area with a significant number of Muslim families.

The Harmony Project

- 3.0 Birkenhead Youth Action Project has established working relationships with young people from a range of backgrounds under the auspices of the Harmony Project. Whilst work is undertaken with individual ethnic groups, the aim is to forge links and foster an understanding of each other's culture through participation in activities.
- 3.1. As part of this process, a group of eighteen young Muslim men identified the activities they wanted to have to the opportunity to participate in and made a successful bid to the Youth Opportunities Fund. The young men have prepared a presentation about their involvement in the Harmony Project.

Financial and Staffing Implications

- 4.0 There are no staffing implications as a result of this report.

Equal Opportunities Implications

- 5.0 There are no equal opportunities implications arising directly from this report, the Youth and Play Service seeks to promote equal opportunities in its work.

Human Rights Implications

6.0 None of the recommendations in this report have any implications that might arise from human rights legislation.

Community Safety Implications

7.0 Youth Opportunity Funding has enabled young people to engage in positive activities and away from risk taking behaviour.

Planning Implications

8.0 There are no planning implications arising directly from this report.

Local Member Support Implications

9.0 This report affects Tranmere and Birkenhead wards.

Background papers

10.0 There are none.

Recommendation

11.0 That the Committee note this report.

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