



PHOENIX

DETACHED YOUTH PROJECT

Annual Report 2008

Mission Statement

Working with young people to develop their ideas and supporting their life choices and education



ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE YEAR

- 1 The Phoenix has been successfully recognised as an Investor in Children Service in 2008.
- 2 After four years of operation the Phoenix has successfully involved local young people and older residents to set up the Phoenix Youth & Community Forum.
- 3 Young people raised £8,892 for young person led projects in the last year.
- 4 Contacted 400 young people via Detached Youth Work, and had 636 discussions.
- 5 Built long term trusting relationships with 213 young people.
- 6 Young people set up a gardening project called Cedarwood Landscapes in partnership with Cedarwood Trust to provide a discount gardening service for OAP and disabled individuals.
- 7 As a development from the Spanish Underground website, we have established a young person to work closely with a recognised DJ to produce a vinyl record raising awareness around the dangers of drugs.
- 8 Supported a group from the Meadowell raise funding to buy fishing equipment and introduce local young people to fishing. (Phoenix fishing)
- 9 Successful partnership with Connexions in supporting the Helping Hands group to continue offering peer support to other vulnerable young people.
- 10 North Tyneside Council funded Phoenix to work with eight N.E.E.T. young people to develop team building and learn music production leading to a bronze award in Art, with three young people passing the course. All of the young people worked with were N.E.E.T. young people.
- 11 The project has successfully given advice and information on Sexual Health to 5% of young people using the project, as well as delivered C-Card.
- 12 A successful Intergenerational project, now three years old, has continued to break down barriers between young and old via activities. The latest development is 'Patter & Chatter', a project in which old and young look at each other's lives.
- 13 Successfully helped 12 young people into work, given advice and information to 49 young people on employment and accessed young people into the construction industry.



"I had a great time on the residential. I've learnt how to be independent and push myself to the limits. I learnt that I had more courage than I thought. I also tried a new activity and went kayaking and I hope to get my 2 star in canoeing. As well as having a good time, we recycled to help the environment."

PHOENIX STATS

Young people seeking advice:
Total 218

Issues

Other - 12 Employment - 10 Sexual health - 10
Boredom - 6 Violence and fear - 5 Drugs/Alcohol - 4

Young people contacted in Percy Main, Chirton, Meadowell, East Howdon, Royal Quays

	13-18	19-25	Sub Total		13-18	19-25	Sub Total	Total
Male known	145	58	203	Female known	165	9	173	377
Male new	169	6	175	Female new	83	1	84	259
Total by age	314	64	378		248	10	258	636

Percy Main - 15% contacts @95/636
Chirton - 14% contacts @89/636
Meadowell - 66.5% contacts @423/636
East Howdon - 2.2% contacts @14/636
Royal Quays - 2.3% contacts @15/636

These figures include repeat contacts

Activities for all areas

Activities for all areas	% of contracts	No's
Planning Activities (Raising Aspirations)	23%	148
Employment and Training (NEET)	8%	49
Drug/Alcohol (Healthy Lifestyles)	11%	66
Sexual Health (Healthy Lifestyles)	5%	32
Support/Welfare	4%	25
Mental Health	2%	14
Health	2%	14
Housing	1%	6





DETACHED YOUTH WORK

YOUNG PERSON LED ACTIVITIES AND GROUPS RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

EAST HOWDON POSSE

This is a large new group, contacted via detached youth work during the reconnaissance period. We found that many young people had already heard about the Phoenix Detached Youth Project from friends living on the estates we are already working on. As a result they were quite keen on doing activities such as quad-biking and go-karting. They also pointed out that transport is a problem as it is often too expensive. 10 young people from East Howdon went on a team building day in Broomley Grange. Some of the young women of this group are presently organising a dance project which will take place in the local community centre. They're developing a hip hop dance

routine with a dance tutor. One young person has joined The Phoenix youth and community forum from East Howdon to represent young people's needs of this area.

EXTRA SPICY WINNITS

This is a group we met around Minton Court in South Meadowell. They've done a number of activities with us, which has allowed us to build relationships with them. They're keen to organise more activities with us in the future.

GEORDIE LASSES

This group of girls met the youth workers along an old railway track where they used to hang out in Percy Main. Apart from doing MCing sessions at the Sage, the girls also identified issues with alcohol. They were awarded a grant from North Tyneside Council's Youth Opportunity Fund of £797 to go on a residential to Alton Towers and participated in a session around drugs and alcohol with a drugs and alcohol worker. They then organised dance and drama lessons, during which they put together a performance to educate other young people on the estate and in schools about alcohol. Just as the Norhammers, this group is keen to do the SeXfactor if funding is available.

This year has been an exiting year on the streets and contact with some of the more difficult groups has been achieved. Spending time at getting to know marginalised young people (N.E.E.T.) groups has been successful. Our patch covers Meadowell, Percy Main and Chirton estates.

This last year we have been funded to do a short reconnaissance (study) of young people's needs in East Howdon and Royal Quays for the Neighbourhood Management N.T.C.

Service delivery of youth work in East Howdon has been limited due to its isolated location and size. In addition to this there have been issues with local young people who have felt let down in the past due to a lack of consistent provision. A clear commitment to invest long term in local young people is needed. This will allow trust to be rekindled between youth workers, young people and the community. East Howdon has a small population of young people aged 13-25. We have successfully contacted 30 young people. A consistent service is required for this community long term. We believe that targeted work with various groups, using detached youth work, would be the best approach. Access and using the community centre has created conflict which needs resolving. We've successfully started building relationships with young people via activities during the Easter programme. 20 young people have been bowling and taken part in activities in an outdoor activities teambuilding day. This has allowed us to start the progress building relationships in East Howdon.

The Royal Quays is a large area, and we have identified a number of young people who access the Phoenix from Royal Quays already, and are involved in existing groups. Most young people hang about in Linear Park, with a large group of 20 to 40 contacted (30 on a Friday night). Eighteen of this group went on an activity bowling, and after conflict occurred, we realised they were three different groups. Not all young people contacted in Royal Quays were from the area. Some of them were from the Meadow well. Due to cold weather the situation could change once it warms up, as more young people will be around. 17 of the young people contacted in Linear Park have taken part in activities, such as bowling, surfing and quad biking.

"The Parks, Wet and Wild and Star Bowl are all too expensive and we can't afford to use what's there."
(Royal Quays & East Howdon)



KINGDOM HEARTS

A lively group of young people between 14-16 years old from South Meadowell. Their interests vary from skating to basketball, and from computer games to wild camping. As a non-smoking and non-drinking group, these young people enjoy doing outdoor activities and are in the process to get funding to organise a trip to go wild camping.

BRIDGE CREW

This is a new group contacted during the reconnaissance period in the Royal Quays, around Linear Park. Again, the young people had already heard about the Phoenix Detached Youth Project and asked to go on activities such as quad-biking and go-karting. This group is involved in drinking activities on Friday evenings. Several young people have said that if they had something else to do on a Friday, they wouldn't be drinking. This group went to Star-Bowl and took part in a surfing lesson. One of the lads was identified as a natural talent and they're keen to do more surfing and maybe take it up as an interest.

MANLY PINK GROUP

This group from Meadowell and Chirton have successfully left school and gone on to college and employment. Their involvement with the Phoenix enabled them to gain new skills and self-confidence to successfully make the transition from school to further education and employment. Most recently, one of the girls of this group has gone on an exchange to Rome. The theme of the exchange was bringing together groups from all over Europe to exchange their views on war and immigration through the medium of hip hop, dance and music. This was done in partnership with Global Voice and E2000. The group successfully performed in front of 250 local people in a local theatre in the centre of Rome. The educational value of preparing the trip with the youth worker, as well as leaving friends and family behind, was enormous.

"Every year we take part in the E2000 project. We worked with people from Lithuania, France and Italy and at the end we put on a show for the Italians."
(young person)

NORHAMMERS

A group of young girls 13-14 years old. We met the group during detached youth work in the Meadowell, but members of the group come from Royal Quays, East Howdon, Percy Main and Meadowell. They got involved in activities such as horse riding, Lazer Quazer and quad-biking.

"We met the youth workers on the street and talked on the street for two or three months. We made a group with our mates and organised a session doing a make over to each other on hair and beauty. Now we use the Phoenix for advice and information. The Phoenix has given us more confidence helping us overcome our fears, and helping us to look after ourselves and organise activities that we want to do. They are easy going and you feel comfortable talking to them and can trust them. If it wasn't for the Phoenix, we would be sitting on the streets drinking and getting into trouble." (Norhammers)

If funding is available, this group is keen to take part in the SeXfactor, a group work based approach to deliver discussion and activities to empower young women around sexual health issues they face and to celebrate being a woman.



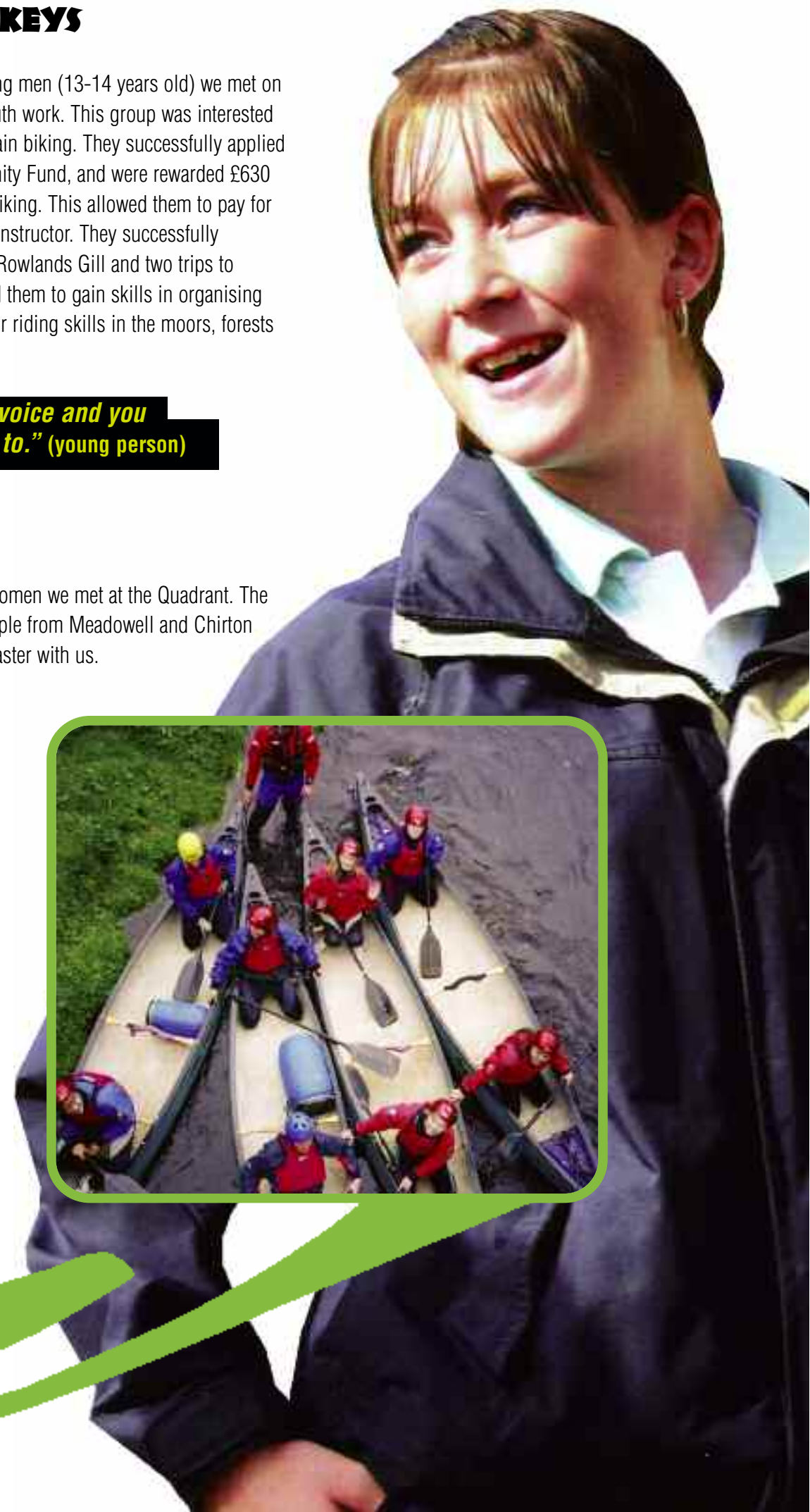
CHUNKY MONKEYS

This is a younger group of young men (13-14 years old) we met on the Meadowell via detached youth work. This group was interested in having a go at proper mountain biking. They successfully applied to N.T. councils Youth Opportunity Fund, and were rewarded £630 to undertake 3 days mountain biking. This allowed them to pay for the hire of mountain bikes and instructor. They successfully organised and planned trips to Rowlands Gill and two trips to Hamsterley Forest. This allowed them to gain skills in organising and planning and improved their riding skills in the moors, forests and skills loop.

"You definitely have a voice and you always get listened to." (young person)

HOT STUFF

This is a new group of young women we met at the Quadrant. The group is made up of young people from Meadowell and Chirton and they went horse riding at Easter with us.



YOUNG PERSONS LED PROJECT WORK

MEADOWELL MOTORS

After a year, the group has sat down and evaluated the project. They have agreed the achievements and challenges this year have been the following:

- Encouraged the most marginalized and disadvantaged young people on the estate to get involved in creating a solution to crime and disorder.
- Youth Workers were able to develop relationships with young people to support them individually. (4 young people of this group have been in prison during the last year. We're supporting them now they're back in the community).
- Challenged aggressive behaviour, received an apology after 8 months for behaviour from a young person in custody.
- Worked with one individual on a one to one basis around his anger management and temper (this had never been done before with him).
- Assisted two young people apply and get Mayors Well Being Fund to join a gym and improve physical well being.
- Assisted young person into work from the Project and supported him again when this failed 6 months later.
- Young people learned how to behave in a public place and deal with people in authority and other users.
- Able to support young person becoming a dad for the first time and gain a grant for his child.
- Support young person after car crash, to re join go- karting after serious injury.
- Young people have been responsible for preparing and checking karts each week and have undertaken minor repairs.



"We wanted to do this to stop people joyriding."
(Young Person)

In the meeting the young people discussed aims and objectives for the future of the project. This included having two to three people a week attending, continue learning how to fix karts more efficiently and completing a driving licence so that they can purchase faster karts. They are also looking at gaining more funding for the future, so they can peer-educate, teach and introduce more young people from the local community into go-karting.

This report highlights the challenges and highlights of working with young people the government call NEET young people. Unfortunately young people over 19 years old still require significant support until they are 25 years of age as seen by the young people involved in this project. The work does not stop when they reach 19 years of age and this needs to be addressed by the government. As can also be seen is the high ratio of staff to young people, and whilst costly, is more effective in making progress to improve young people's life skills for their future.

"Good I reckon. It's something to do. We learn new skills and it makes me a better driver. It's better to fly around the track than flying around the streets on my motor bike because I got a fine of £250 for driving without a licence. It's good to do it legally without getting pulled by the police." (young person)

(This is a joint project in partnership with North Tyneside Local Authority Youth Service. We would like to thank them for providing Kath Leck, a youth worker with in kind funding of £1,431.60)

COMPTON CREW

This is a group from the Meadowell and, after taking a year to get involved, have done a number of projects over the last year. This group successfully applied to the N.T.C. Youth Opportunity Fund for £774 to do dance, song writing and produce a CD at the Sage.

The session started really slow as the young people felt embarrassed to write lyrics and then sing them. After some encouragement from the workers they decided to write a song based on relationships and constructed 3 verses with 2 choruses. The young people's embarrassment was gone by the end of the sessions and they were up on the microphone singing/mc'ing their song.

INTERGENERATIONAL PROJECT

They were also involved in the summer with the intergenerational project, going on outings with the older residents from Chirton Lodge.

"The sea houses were brilliant. We really enjoyed it. I would go back any time."
(older resident)

"During the golf tournament the old and the young people got along with each other. It made us realise what old people are really like. We got to know each other and now we don't just see them as just old people anymore. By learning about old people, we realise they're not much different."
(young person)

"The young people were absolutely brilliant. Really nice girls! Two police women, a nurse and a midwife. We had a brilliant time. We think you do wonderful work. They are really good kids. They wanted to know about the old fashioned days. It's lovely because in our minds we're teenagers ourselves." (older resident)

"The old people were a good laugh. They were up to the same mischief as were are up to now. They said it's not right that old people judge the young people for doing the same as they did."
(young person)

"The difference between now and then is that things were more strict then. Now if you're up to mischief you're seen as a trouble maker." (young person)



US LOT

This is a group that has been involved with the Phoenix for the last 4 years. They have now successfully started further education or gained employment. Three of the young men have joined the Royal Navy, one is a trainee plumber and one is currently on the construction scheme as a trainee joiner. This group was also involved in applying for the Investors in Children status and the evaluation process that followed.

During the past year some of them have been working on gaining skills in volunteering in the UK and planning to do volunteering abroad.

They organised a working weekend at Sockburn Hall, a garden and restoration project in Darlington. The young people were keen to get some volunteering experience and the youth worker helped them getting information on how to get their volunteering registered. As a result, all of the young people registered with 'V'. This will help them towards future employment. It was a great experience whereby the young people enjoyed working together in a different environment and meeting new people.

Their main aim is to volunteer in a water project in the summer of 2009 with an organisation already active in Africa. This requires a lot of forward planning and fundraising. The young people develop their skills in looking up information from different sources and making decisions as a team, coming up with new ideas as how to move forward. This group also went on a residential to Kielder. These are some of the quotes:

“Great experience. Jumping off cliffs into the pools of water. Also, some people have seen a shooting star when we went on a night walk around the lake. It was THE DOG’S B**S!”***

“I’ve learnt how to face my fears!”

“It was the Bee’s Knees; to jump off rocks and go down waterfalls. Was truly the Bizz!”



CEDARWOOD LANDSCAPES

Cedarwood Landscapes was set up by three young adults from the Meadowell estate. They’re providing a service to local residents, many of which have difficulties doing their own gardens, such as old aged pensioners, people with disabilities, young or single parents.

This has been a massive learning curve for the young people involved, who’re marginalised and at risk, one of them suffering a disability. With support of the youth worker, they have raised £1,000 from Big Boost, organised the tools they would need, checked quotes with B&Q and worked out a budget. Although this has not always been easy, they have learnt to turn up for meetings and take ownership over their own actions (and inactions). During the process both the young people and the youth worker got an opportunity to get to know each other better and build a trusting relationship. This has then led to the possibility of drafting up a work agreement everybody is happy with, between all the parties involved.

The young people are very enthusiastic about this opportunity to turn their lives around and to do something back for Cedarwood Trust and for the community.

NOOK POSSE

“We first met the Phoenix workers at the Nook, but at first couldn’t be bothered. We couldn’t get our mates to turn up, but after a year we organized a trip quad-biking. We got into bother for causing an argument with the local shop keeper, but we agreed to not bother them to continue trips with the Phoenix. We learnt it’s not right to be racist as if we kept on going on like that, the Phoenix wouldn’t have worked with us. Mike was able to get some money from North Tyneside council (NEET work), so we can go to the Sage and make music, doing a DJ mixing course for ten weeks. This would be our first ever certificate some of us have achieved.” (Nook Posse)

“I have seen anti-social behaviour with youths turn around a whole 180° with the help of the Phoenix. I feel 100% better working in my shop and dealing with the youngsters with the positive help with the Phoenix.” (Tasleem Akhtar, Lifestyle Express)

HELPING HANDS

The “Helping Hands Project” is a joint initiative with Connexions North Tyneside. It is young person led support group for those aged between 13-19yrs. The young people have the opportunity to explore their feelings relating to their current circumstances in a safe group setting.

The group have recently looked at the signs and symptoms of short and long-term stress, and identified strategies to help them cope with their difficulties. This piece of work enabled the group to share their personal experiences and compile a list of useful methods of dealing with their differing levels of stress.

One to one support is also offered, as a way of maintaining contact with the young person and supporting those who may have more complex issues. One young person joined the group following a period of homelessness. We were able to advocate on the young persons behalf with both the housing and benefit agency, as well as supporting the young person with educational provision. The young person is now more settled and back in education following intensive support both from us and from the Child Adolescence Mental Health Service (CAMHS).

“I liked the group because it wasn’t too intense, I didn’t feel I was put on the spot like I have felt in other groups”
Young Person

“A fun way of learning about how to communicate and build self-esteem, and how we can deal with stress. Everyone is helpful and listens to your opinions”
Young Person

CONSTRUCTION SCHEME

RJB Hayles received Investors in Young People Award 2007-2008 in recognition of the partnership between business and the voluntary sector. This year's award has been given to Yuill Homes 2008-2009. RJB Hayles have taken on two young people as apprentice joiners this year, and Yuill Homes has taken on an apprentice bricklayer this year. Supporting young people into the building industry and helping them learn what is expected in the work place continues to be a success.

SPANISH UNDERGROUND MESSAGE

This was a young person led solution to promote a message or story of the dangers of drugs. The young person applied and was successful in gaining a grant from Big Boost (Scarman Trust). This was to create lyrics promoting the dangers of drugs and to produce a vinyl record and CD's, using Spanish Underground Music. This is now nearing completion and a launch event is planned.

SAGE GROUP

This was a group of eight young people from the Meadowell keen to do a project around MC'ing and DJ mixing. This was funded by North Tyneside Council, and we matched young people's interest in music to develop a programme to support N.E.E.T. young people the council was keen to reach.

"This project was really good. It's the first time I've taken part in something like this and I've surprised myself at how I have stuck it out. I have learned so much that I didn't know before." (Young person)

PHOENIX BOOK WORMS

Parents continue to use this community run book club. One challenge is getting some books returned by some parents, but 7 young parents and 17 children have benefited this year.

PHOENIX FISHING

This was a project set up by older lads on the Meadowell estate. One young dad successfully gained support to apply for a grant from the Big Boost (Princes Trust) of 1,250 for fishing equipment. The equipment based within the community has allowed them to introduce young people to fishing on the estate.

EMPLOYMENT

A lot of work this year has been to develop relationships via detached youth work with marginalised young people. Young people not in employment, education or training (N.E.E.T.) has been a government target to reach. After spending a year getting to know young people, we have been funded by North Tyneside Council to work with eight young men by designing a team building programme leading up to a ten week course in DJ mixing and MC'ing at the Sage. Whilst a difficult group, three young people passed the course, gaining a bronze arts award in music. For one young man this was the first qualification he had ever achieved at 19 years of age. The work to change a pattern of long term unemployment is very challenging. We have supported 49 young people in raising confidence and skills and offering advice and information towards employment. We have assisted 12 young people into work.

PHOENIX YOUTH AND COMMUNITY FORUM REPORT

"The Phoenix Detached Youth Project has had some great things happening this year. It's a fairly new project. It's only been open 4 years. This year it has had over 3 hundred people through the door. The project's biggest achievement this year is the investment in children's award. There is numerous numbers of different groups. There are young people's groups, parent groups and more. They're all very successful. There are always people who hang out and doing stuff they wouldn't be able to do without the project. Also after 4 years we have been able to set up our own youth & community forum which is really good. It's been up and running about 3 months. It has brought young and old people together. We are trying to get funding for a new mini bus for the joint use for the Phoenix and Chirton Lodge. We are hoping to get one with disabled access that will give people their independence back. As a young person myself, the Phoenix has had a big impact on my and my children's life. But of course, none of this would be able to happen without the youth workers or the people from the community who are involved in it."

(Young parent and youth forum member)

DEVELOPMENTAL AREAS OF WORK

INDIVIDUAL WORK

Case study 1

The Phoenix Detached Youth Project is engaged with a young person who has been involved with the project for two years. This young man is marginalised and had an outwardly aggressive attitude towards any one in authority. The Phoenix project tried many different ways of engaging with this young man and after two years of detached work he participated in the Sage Music Programme as part of a (NEET) group. From this, one to one work was developed on a regular basis with this young man to address his offending behaviour and aggression problems. Most recently the young man has expressed an interest in cooking and has developed a 6 week program around cooking and healthy eating.

Case study 2

She is a young parent with daughters. In her life experiences, there have been some devastating factors, which contribute to the struggles the young parent has been facing. She was in prison at a young age and has been in prison twice. She has also had a serious domestic violence relationship with one of her daughter's fathers. She has recently lost one of her parents and is currently dealing with alcohol related issues to cope with her stresses. The young parent is struggling immensely. Her depression and anxiety were becoming considerably worse and this became more apparent when our young parent suffered a heart attack. We continue to support the young woman.

The Phoenix Detached Youth Project develops relationships with young people from the community. Supporting a small percentage of young people who then become involved within the Criminal Justice System to return back and look at who are they and where are they going. This is a voluntary process and is led by the young person enabling young people to break away from bad influences with the help of one to one support. The programme will aim to give support and advice in five key areas in partnership with other agencies the Cedarwood Trust is working in partnership with us to develop this project.

- Housing
- Benefits
- Emotional and practical support around social issues
- Education
- Employment

The Phoenix Detached Youth Project has recently developed and supported a group of young people and residents from Chirton Lodge to set up the Phoenix Youth and Community forum. The forum has been running for two months and has representatives from a broad range of groups from within the community. The forum was set up so that the service users have much more control over the service provided by the project. The Phoenix Detached Youth Project is committed to a user led approach to the services which address the needs of the community.



WHAT OTHER AGENCIES SAID

"I am writing a short note to say how pleased I am that the Phoenix Detached Youth Project have been working in the East Howdon area recently and have engaged with a number of our young people. I understand there are plans to start a dance project around hip hop dancing at the Community Centre and we look forward to seeing the project develop"

**(Lynn Uren,
Chairperson East Howdon
Community Centre)**

"The Phoenix is working in the heart of where the kids live and work from the heart. It's working with some of the most excluded from life kids who need the encouragement. They're excluded financially, sometimes because of alcohol and drugs problems or because of a variety of other reasons. The important thing for me is that they don't work alone but in partnership with other organizations. They're able to signpost the kids to organizations that can help them with their specific needs, such as work, Connexions, ourselves, the Construction Scheme,..."

Cedarwood Trust)

"This is a very exciting project which has evolved from being a small group of young people sharing their experiences to an influential group with two of the original members acting as peer educators. We are now able to work in a more holistic and creative manner. This has meant that the young people have benefited from the developing links with other services such as, local voluntary projects and CAMHS. I am committed to supporting the young people to ensure that the Helping Hands group continues to flourish, and provide essential support"

Ella Bulman, Connexions

"Phoenix Detached Youth Project has been doing some excellent work with young people in the Neighbourhood Management Project area. A strong relationship has been developed between our two projects and we hope to build and involve other projects. The Neighbourhood Management Board recognises that young people are a priority and the future of tomorrow."

**Sue Regan,
Neighbourhood Management**

"The Phoenix Project has continued to offer a lively and supportive setting with a wide variety of opportunities for youth and community students to work alongside young people in the community and a staff team where the values of informal education, voluntary relationship and participation are at the heart of all that is offered. We look forward to continuing this partnership into the future"

**Anne Marron,
Fieldwork Development Officer,
Durham University**

"The agency provides excellent learning opportunities with young people in various settings. Our students gain in many ways from undertaking placements within the Phoenix Detached Youth Project. Their communication, assessment, planning and intervention skills when working with difficult to reach young people improved considerably."

**(Learning practice coordinator
Northumbria University)**

"The Phoenix Detached Youth workers provide invaluable support to the community. Their contributions can be measured by the quality of provision they deliver and the volume of beneficiaries from the local community who participate. How do you measure the support, confidence and reliability they provide the community? Quite simply amazing work from amazing people"

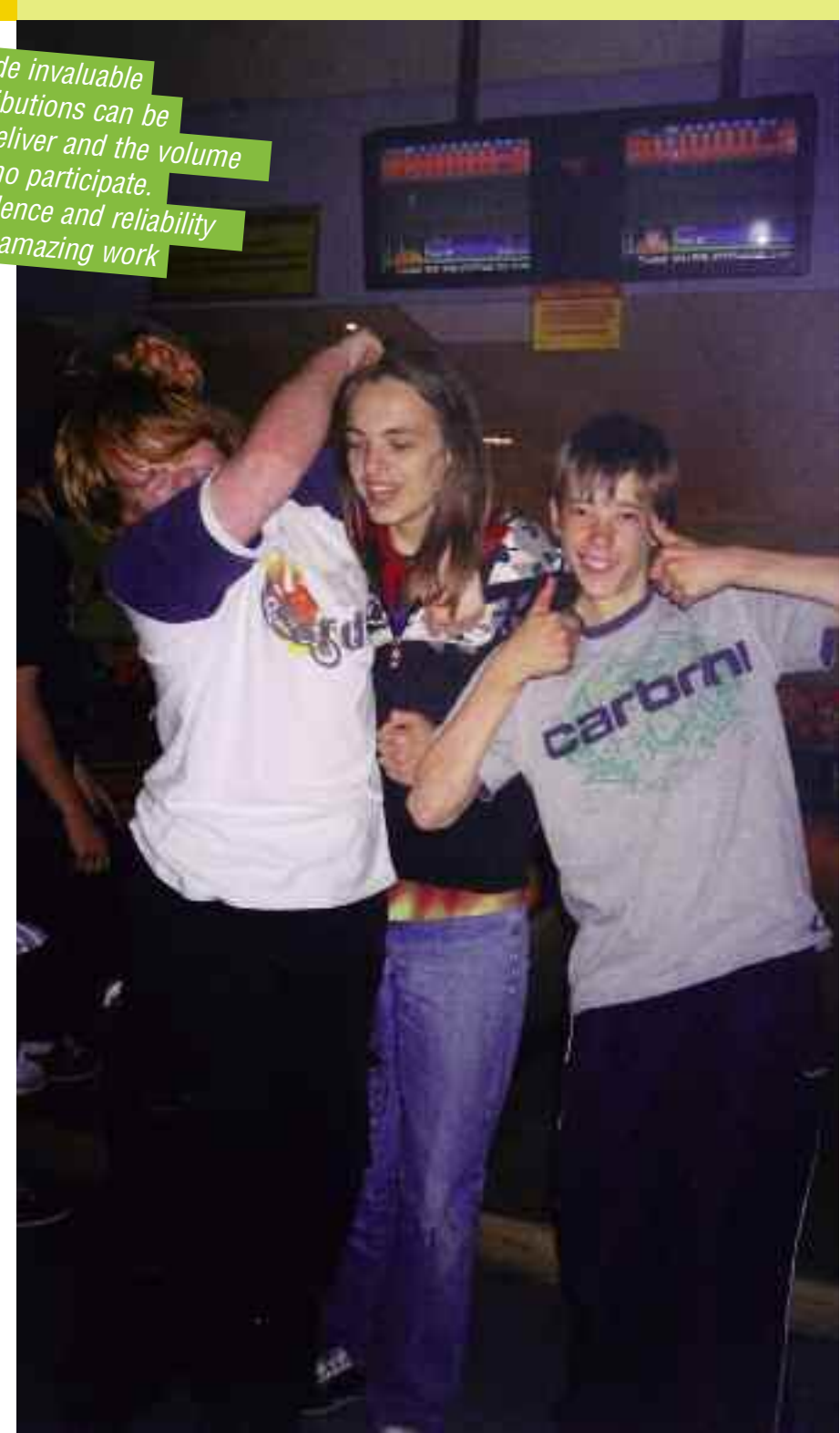
**Michael Jeffels LCGI MIPM MIPD ILM,
North Shields and Norham Community
Sports and Education Initiative**

It has been our pleasure to continue the healthy working relationship with the Phoenix project throughout the past 12 months. In particular our work on International Youth Exchanges has enabled us, in partnership, to give the opportunity to young people who otherwise may never leave these shores, to explore new places abroad, meet young people from other countries and expand their minds in new ways. These life changing experiences both reward young people for their hard work as well as enriching their lives and finding new friends from all over the world. Without the Phoenix we would not be able to reach these young people in our work, so we hope that our work together can continue well into the future to benefit those young people who need it most"

**Adam Hill, Operations Manager
Global Voice UK**

"It is evident that the Phoenix Detached Youth Project are committed to including young people in dialogue in order to alter the service they provide to best suit the young people. Phoenix Detached Youth Project is imaginative in the way they work with young people and how they involve them in service development. It is clear that they successfully achieve this and that young people are involved in service development and feedback. I look forward to hearing of the developments of all current pieces of work over the next year. All the young people I met with were all very positive about the Phoenix Project. They felt they have the opportunity to participate in the direction of the project."

**Eleanor Seed, Investing In Children
April 2008**



"Neighbourhood Renewal Fund monies were used to fund music project for young people accessing the Phoenix Project. Funding of this nature allows young people the choice in activities they wish to pursue and the flexibility to choose in what form that activity takes. The music project in conjunction with the Sage was very successful and I look forward to viewing the results. Phoenix Project provides well needed support for the Vulnerable Young People on our streets and I wish them continues success and congratulate them on their hard work"

**Jude Davies, Strategic Manager Work Based Learning,
Learning and Skills Service,
Children Young People and Learning Directorate,
North Tyneside Council**



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- The Hospital of God at Greatham
- Elswick Lodge Charity
- Christ's Hospital in Sherburn
- Big Boost Princes Trust
- Scarman Trust
- North Tyneside Council L.A. Dosse Posse
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- Diocese of Newcastle
- Yuill Homes
- RJD Hayles Joiner LTD
- Greggs Trust

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Family and friends torn apart
 When happiness vanished from their hearts
 On this trail they walked hand in hand
 Awqward head bowed to the ground
 Memories dreams heartbeats stop
 Sad emotions make her tears drop

From behind the tree he saw her walk
 Tongue-tied pacing wanting to talk
 Like a prowling wolf misunderstood
 His broken heart shattered in this wood

Angry confusion built inside
 Like a fire bursting into life
 Ten years of love now feels like hate

"The time we've wasted could be better spent"
 Her words of love were never meant
 Never meant for him behind the tree
 "This man who was a part of me".

(The young people)