PHOENIX DETACHED YOUTH PROJECT

Initiated by young people and creatively delivered for young people

MISSION STATEMENT

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

investing in children

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BACKGROUND TO PHOENIX DYP

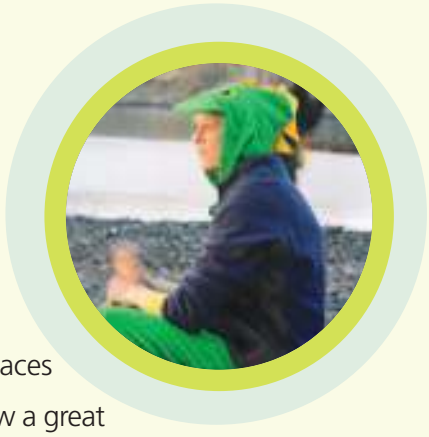
Phoenix detached youth project herein Phoenix DYP was set up in 2004 for young people aged 13 – 25 years from Meadowell, Chirton, Percy Main and Royal Quays. Due to demand, in the last year we have lowered the age range to 12 yrs.

The project is entering it's 10th year of operation and we are looking to continue our high quality service to local young people.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE YEAR

- Detached work has successfully been delivered over the last year with in depth work being delivered to 314 individuals (173 males and 141 females). This resulted in 3,541 interactions; this is an increase of 28% on last year.
- Booze Factor, our innovative and original informal education pack which we created, has now been piloted and published and distributed to all Secondary Schools in North Tyneside.
- The Urban Alchemy project was completed this year and we are delighted with the lasting legacy of creating two positive street spaces for local young people to access free of charge.
- We successfully supported 14 young people into work, an increase of 100% from last year.
  We have also supported 18 young people into training or further education and 2 into university.
- We were selected by the Rainmaker Foundation to present our work to them. A young project user was instrumental in our presentation, which resulted in us being awarded £105,000 over a 3 year period.
- Young people from Helping Hands have been involved in a Borough wide event for World Mental Health Day and have become members of 'Change UR Mind' the first regional mental health youth board.
- Provided 8 residential experiences for local young people to; Lake District, Oban, Scottish Borders and Northumberland.
- Supported young people with access to 47 food parcels and emergency gas and electricity payments for people in crisis in the last four months.
- Awarded 'Investing in Children Services' for 2013.
- We have had several positive articles in local news papers, some of which are available on our website and Facebook pages. **www.pdyp.org**

DETACHED YOUTH WORK



The project has been successfully delivering detached youth work on the local estate now for nine years and this hard work is paying off. We have developed effective relationships over time with groups and individuals, many of whom are very marginalized and can be challenging young people with a range of complex issues and needs. Our aim is to move them in a positive direction and this continues to show results after 9 years. We aim to be inspiring and supportive to all young people an example being that some have been working towards creating two disused street spaces and making them into two creative places for the Urban Alchemy Project.

This has allowed us to do regular street group work using the street spaces for urban art and it is now a great free legacy from the Urban Alchemy Project for young people to use. As part of this we have delivered regular street group work based on urban art every other Friday evening on the streets for the past year. Young people also use the basketball court as a street space for music and street dancing on a regular basis for free, under their own steam. Regular 'Street Jams' are being organized by local young people.

Male total **173**

77 New contacts

New contacts male (12-19yrs) **66**

New contacts male (20-25yrs) **11**

96 Existing contacts

Existing contacts male (12-19yrs) **38**

Existing contacts male (20-25yrs) **58**

FIGURES

In the last 12 months we have worked with 314 young people, 173 males and 141 females and this has resulted in a total of 3541 interactions.

This is a significant increase and this is as a result of Luke Johnston being established in his new role and therefore bringing the staff team up to capacity.

Female total **141**

66 New contacts

New contacts female (12-19yrs) **57**

New contacts female (20-25yrs) **9**

75 Existing contacts

Existing contacts female (12-19yrs) **36**

Existing contacts female (20-25yrs) **39**

Detached work contacts males **400**

Detached work contacts females **224**

Group work contacts males **830***

Group work females **800***

One to one work males **745***

One to one females **543***

* Includes groupwork and one to one work which was street based or in the community e.g. Urban Alchemy

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YOUNG PERSON LED ACTIVITIES AND GROUP WORK

CHIRTON CREW

The Chirton Crew has been involved with us for over a year now. Within this time they have done a range of activities including boat fishing off the coast of the Farne islands and also a residential to Beadnell. They come in regularly to chat and also arrange new activities such as the outdoor wilderness survival day that they are planning for this summer.

EAST HOWDON POSSEE

This group of young woman have been involved with PDYP for five years and most of them have kept in touch and come together for a range of activities when their hectic work / college lifestyles allow. It is fantastic to see young women move on with their lives and that all of them have been successful in gaining employment or continuing with their education. Several of them have been offered places at University for September 2013 which is a fantastic achievement.

GEORDIE BOYS

We have been working with the Geordie Boys for the past year. Since getting involved they have done a range of activities with us; from football at soccer dome to boat fishing. They went on a residential to Beadnell in the autumn of 2012. While there the lads went fishing and also invented the sport of Geordie Surf (Flying down the sand dunes on a sled). The Geordie Boys also took part in the 'Booze Factor' and 'Cuts Both Ways' informal education packs which are based around understanding the risks of alcohol and knife crime.

HOPES AND FEARS PARENTS GROUP

This year some of the parents have taken more responsibility for organising the activities of the group and for fundraising. They raised enough to take the children camping overnight on the Northumberland coast.
Not only was it the first time some of the children had been away overnight but also for some of the parents it was their first time away. Whilst away they enjoyed time at the beach and visited Holy Island.

As well as camping there have been; day trips to parks, beaches, farms, soft plays, arts, crafts and cookery sessions. Our Christmas party was a successful event attended by 50 children and 31 parents, Magic John and Santa.
The Easter bunny also visited and left eggs for all of the children. We would like to thank people from St Peter's Church in Chirton, St Johns Church in Percy Main and residents from Chirton Lodge for their support with our young parents and parent's events.

Due to the increase in young parents attending there has been a real sense of peer support regarding issues such as; parenting, housing and benefits and this has been a fantastic outcome.

We are fortunate enough to receive a generous grant from Elswick Lodge Trust, which enables us to award grants to young mums to purchase essential items e.g. flooring, beds, baby equipment and clothing. In the last year we have awarded 51 grants.

"I enjoyed being away from the estate and bonding with other mums and it showed my kids another way of life".

Young mum

LIVING IT LARGE AND MEADOWELL MOTORS PROJECTS

These two programmes allow us the opportunity to develop young people's personal and social skills using activities such as climbing and kayaking. Once individuals have proved to be reliable and good team players they can progress to using the Go Karts.

This past year has sadly seen young people really suffering in the North East. Due to the desperate lack of employment, local young people are choosing to opt out of society as they don't feel they have a stake in it. As one young man said "No hope of a job, boredom is destroying my soul."
This has been compounded by lots of training courses for NVQ level one, which on talking to local businesses creates frustration for young people and employers, as employers clearly say they only recognise and employ young people with NVQ level two or higher. This being said, we continue to try and motivate and inspire young people to improve their prospects by listening to young people's needs.
We hope to develop a whole range of projects to help young people around employment, in partnership with local businesses. The Living it large and Meadowell Motors projects allow us to create motivated and more self-confident individuals and some have been able to gain work or training. We aim to develop opportunities for work around employment support and this is our biggest area of development in the coming year. **We would like to thank everyone at Karting North East for all their help and support over the years and keeping our karts running.**

"The Phoenix DYP has helped me a lot in the past. The Phoenix DYP always seems to have a solution to any problems you might have. The staff are a very caring group of adults that bend over backwards to help you to achieve your goals".

Young man, 21 yrs.

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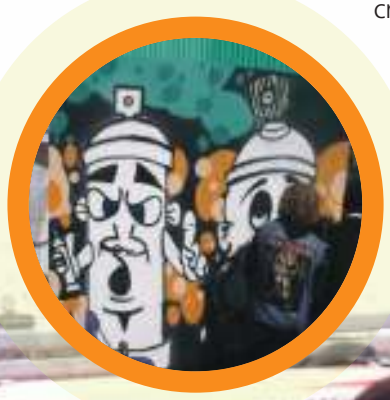
NORHAMMERS

This group of young women have kept in touch with us despite their lives taking different paths. We were delighted most of them were able to come together for a residential to Daleby House in Beadnell. As part of the weekend the group took part in our informal education packs 'Booze factor' and 'Cut's both ways' and their comments and feedback was valuable as they have a lot of experience of informal education with Phoenix DYP. We wish them well as a lot of them undertake university courses.

SUMMER PROGRAMME

The PDYP were kept busy over the summer with groups doing a large range of activities. This included rock climbing, kayaking, boat fishing and a residential to the Lake District. The activities were a good way of building and maintaining relationships with the different groups while giving the young people a chance to get away from the estate and experience new things. Over the summer we also had our first successful street jam that featured dancers, rappers and other musicians performing at the Parks Leisure Centre while the PDYP graffiti artists did a piece with Walker YMCA.



TAGS TO ART

The Tags to Art Graffiti group have been busy this year. The group meet up once every 2 weeks on a Friday night from 5 till 8pm to practice Graffiti art. Through working with our local Graffiti tutor they have managed to improve in all aspects of their art work. In the past year the group has managed to secure a legal space at The Parks Leisure Centre and also the underpass that Links East Howdon and Percy Main so they can practice art in a safe and legal environment. The East Howdon Underpass was opened by Chairman of the council Frank Lott and assisted by Norma Redfearn, a local councilor from North Tyneside Council. Local responses have been hugely positive towards them as the art work brightens the area and helps deter illegal "tagging. Through Urban Alchemy and working with the dancers and musicians they have taken a key role in representing and promoting the Urban scene as well as to show the positive aspects of Graffiti through attending and painting at several large events across North Tyneside. The individuals within the group have came a long way in their work starting with the basics of how to hold a can, line work and smooth colouring to creating 3D complex designs.

Also at the start of the year they relied on the art tutor to help them come up with their designs, now however they are creating individual pieces as well as large group designs that display their skills with minimal instruction from the tutor.

Thanks to the group illegal spray painting has been massively reduced according to the police. We have had over 25 young people involved directly with the PDYP sessions and a further 50 older artists gained permission from us to go down and create their own works.

"I like it because It's a free project with a laid back attitude unlike school, It's a chance to learn new skills, If the project didn't run it I'd probably be sitting around bored".

A local young artist.

"It keeps me busy, I enjoy it. The legal art space they have secured makes me feel better as it gives me a place to hang out without getting moved on by police. The staff at the PDYP are there to listen and give helpful advice. They have helped me get funding towards painting materials for Graffiti and allowed me the chance to do various other activities".

Dean, 22 years.

THE ALLOTMENT

The Allotment project was set up after some local young people came to us saying they wanted to learn about how to grow food and also where it comes from. Through working with the Cedarwood Trust we managed to secure an allotment space as well as a poly tunnel to grow plants in. We ran sessions throughout the summer so local people learned how and when to plant different seeds, how to keep their crops healthy and also when was best to pick them. The people involved were also given planting boxes for their windows in which they could grow cress and other herbs at home. The PDYP has kept on the allotment and allows local young people to have their own plots to grow and maintain plants and vegetables.

PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

Four young people got involved with a photography project in partnership with Durham University. They were given cameras so they could record a week of their lives; these photos were uploaded onto Facebook and also produced into books.

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH NEW GROUPS

The Phoenix has also had several new groups start up, these include "The NE29ers" "ABC" and "The Group" They have all either come in to see us in the office or been contacted out on the streets. They have a range of interests and are currently planning new activities and projects with their groups.

YOUTH FORUM/WEBSITE

The Youth Forum meets once a month to discuss PDYP and what they think we should be focusing on. Recently the have been discussing about the use of social media to help boost our profile and hope to setup twitter and instagram accounts in the future as well as update the websites layout. The Youth Forum have been responsible for updating the blogs and Facebook on a regular basis.

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YOUNG PERSON LED PROJECT WORK

HELPING HANDS

We continue to deliver these groups in partnership with Ella Hallpike and Helen Heslop from North Tyneside Connexions. The aim is to provide young people who need additional support within a safe group work environment to develop their personal and social development skills e.g. self-esteem, well-being, coping with transition etc with the ultimate aim of ensuring all young people are in appropriate education, training or employment. Within the groups we currently have 1 young person who is home educated, 7 in school and 14 in further education / apprenticeships.

We have three groups meeting on a fortnightly basis with a waiting list of young people referred from a range of professionals. This year the groups have been on 2 Residentials, one to Beadnell and another very muddy 3 days were spent in the Lake District. Both Residentials proved to be an excellent opportunity to look at group dynamics and get to know young people better. One of the groups were invited to a 'World Mental Health day' event and made a presentation on the topic of 'take notice' and one young woman wrote a poem.

'We are also delighted that some young people from across the groups have become members of 'Change UR Mind' the first regional mental health youth board supported by the Regional Youth Work Unit North East and Young Minds. 8 young people attended a weekend's worth of planning sessions. As part of this they are planning a regional campaign on the issue of stigma and mental health. Kurt from Helping Hands came up with the campaign slogan 'Labels are for products and not for people'. 'Change UR Mind' has just launched its own website; http://www.changeurmind.org.uk

change UR mind

So messed up I can't even stick to the rules of a Sonnet by Rosie Bell

The sun has set upon the world I know.
The waves are crashing down upon my head.
The clouds have got no clue where they should go.
The sun is painting on the land in red.

The locks, the keys, the bars, the doors, the cage:
The hydra heads just keep on growing back.
The love, the hate, the tears, the joy, the rage:
These things my stony parlour seem to lack.

Medusa trained her mystic eye on me,
and I was frozen solid by her glance.
As far as now the naked eye can see,
I'm hopeless, helpless, staring in a trance.

This is where we break into the wild:
A boulder dancing on a cliff edge.

OBAN 2012 SEA KAYAKING EXPERIENCE

A group of young people have gained new skills in sea kayaking, they successfully went on a three day wilderness experience, camping on remote islands off the West Coast of Scotland in Oban. It was fantastic hot summer weather! They got to meet the local wildlife and watch the sun set while they ate.

"It was the best experience of my life so far and I could not have asked for better weather, it was glorious and the sights were amazing. The water was crystal clear it was as if we were kayaking abroad. It was very hard work but at the end of it I was thrilled at what I had achieved. I am looking forward to doing it all again in 2013 and I am hoping the weather is as beautiful as it was last time."

Laura, 23 years.

A big thanks to RW Mann Trust who funded the experience and supported three more residential experiences for other groups.

INTERGENERATIONAL WORK

Intergen has always been important to PDYP and Chirton Lodge which is part of The Anchor Trust. Earlier in the year during a games night, some of the residents were talking about how they had been unable to get to the shops for weeks due to the bad weather. This led us to do a pilot of fortnightly trips to a local supermarket, taking residents in our minibus, allowing them to buy heavy or bulkier items that are harder to get locally. For those unable to make the trip due to mobility or health issues they write a shopping list and young people get there shopping for them. Due to the success of the pilot we have agreed that this will be an on going piece of work. We have 10 – 12 residents taking part with another 3 – 4 people giving us shopping lists. For those who are 'quicker' with their shopping they are able to enjoy time in the cafe before heading back to the estate. Several young people support this piece of work and have enjoyed getting to know people they wouldn't otherwise have met.

The Intergen games nights continue to be popular and we have had more young people attending including some of the young parents with their children so adding another generation to our intergenerational work. There was also a trip to see Cinderella at Whitley Bay playhouse.

"I enjoy working with the teenagers because it gives both them and me a better outlook on life. It also let me know that all teenagers aren't bad. When we have the games night with the teenagers it's always great and we have a laugh with them. We've also had some nice times with them going on trips and to the theatre. Mike, Becky and Luke do a great job with the teenagers and it's a pity a lot more don't do the same".

Ella, Resident at Chirton Lodge

We would like to thank the residents of Chirton Lodge for also supporting our project in particular our young parents with the generous gifts of knitted cardigans for babies and small children and Easter treats.

"It's getting young people involved with the old people, it's all about gaining respect, interacting and listening to their stories, how they were brought up and about the war. It was without a doubt a good thing, understanding how they live their lives".

Eileen, resident at Chirton Lodge.

KNIT AND NATTER

This is linked to our Intergen work and was formed as a result of a young woman at Phoenix DYP having an interest in knitting and crafts. She happened to talk to another young person at the project that was making bracelets and between them they discussed the idea of setting up a craft and skills swap session. They'd arranged to meet on a Wednesday morning and then during one of the shopping trips one of the residents from Chirton Lodge mentioned they had an existing knitting / craft group which met on a Wednesday morning so invited young people to join them. It has been a fantastic opportunity for skills and experience to be shared and for different generations to come together, hence the group being named 'Knit and Natter'. One of the young people wanted to knit blankets and hats for the RVI premature baby unit as a thank you to the unit for looking after her when she was born prematurely. Everyone agreed this was a fantastic idea and knitted specifically for this cause. We have a visit planned to the unit so we can present them with all of the items.

"I think it has been really good linking the generations up together. They've all looked forward to coming down on a Wednesday and enjoyed doing the knitting for the premature babies because they think it's for a worthwhile cause".

Christine Walker, Manager of Chirton Lodge.

"It's been really good for me as I used to get bullied and didn't have any friends. Since I've got involved with Phoenix DYP I've made new friends, it's given me something to do with my time and I set up the 'Knit and Natter' group. I've also been inspired to set up my own business 'Dizzy loves crafts'."

Diana, 15 yrs.

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DEVELOPMENTAL AREAS OF WORK

URBAN ALCHEMY

This has been an amazing three year journey empowering over 50 local young people to develop their skills and experience urban art (Music, dance and urban art). Part of the cultural Olympics and funded by the Legacy Trust, Phoenix D.Y.P has been able to support young people to identify and create two street spaces that now allows young people to use the spaces for free, the first street spaces ever in North Tyneside!

Outcomes:

- Creation of a legal art wall in a pedestrian underpass between Percy Main and East Howdon, following young people's consultation with local residents, councillors and police and securing permission from North Tyneside Council Planning Department;
- Extension of the permanent Parks Leisure Centre urban art space with additional graffiti boards;
- Real Dance Life (dance group) performed for bystanders when the Olympic torch passed the project on its route through North Tyneside and flash mobbed the project's office at the celebration of their refurbishment;
- A participant completed a Level 4 Diploma in street dance choreography at Buckinghamshire New University, gaining a double distinction and has gained employment with Kids Get Fit teaching break dancing in local schools.
- 'On Our Doorstep 2012' – following the successful trial of the outdoor space at Parks Leisure Centre the Elected Mayor of North Tyneside unveiled a plaque opening it as the first permanent positive street space for urban art in North Tyneside, with dance and music performances from young people for members of the local community.

Urban Alchemy has successfully developed platforms that empower young people to engage in positive dialogue with local authorities and communities about their art forms and their desire to use outdoor spaces on a permanent basis. Participants have acquired negotiation skills through this dialogue and gained the support and trust of local authorities to transform outdoor spaces in areas where young people have previously been routinely moved on and urban arts have been discouraged. In many cases the young people involved didn't believe they would get permission for their transformations. The fact that local authorities have supported them and acknowledged their achievements has provided these young people with positive experiences of authority and enabled them to reinforce youth culture and identity in their communities. We feel the educational process that has taken place has allowed young people to grow and develop and quite clearly identify themselves with the street spaces. This will be a lasting legacy not only for themselves but for other young people.

Thanks goes to our partners Music Trust Sage Gateshead, Newcastle Y.M.C.A, Dance City, Northern Stage, Barley Mow, Highfield, Avenues (Gateshead) North Tyneside (Parks Leisure Centre) Arts Development team, local residents, local councillors, and the Elected Mayor.

"Turned out to be a very positive experience for us, no concerns, and no trouble whatsoever with young people. We have had no complaints from staff, customers or the public, only positive comments on how great it looks. This project has taken us out of our comfort zone, but it has been a positive journey".

Tony Morrisey, Centre Manager, Parks Leisure Centre, North Tyneside Council.

LIMITED EDITION CREW (STREET DANCERS)

This group of young people have been inspirational and heavily involved in the Urban Alchemy Project and successfully helped in developing the two street spaces that they are now proudly able to use. The disused basketball court at the Parks Leisure Centre is regularly used by the group to practice dancing. The group supported by the project has put an application into the SITA Trust for a soft floor dance surface to practice their street moves.

The group successfully performed at North Tyneside Made in North Tyneside (MINT) event and helped organise the official launch of the basketball court in July 2012 where some of the young people showed off their cheerleading skills. They were asked by other agencies to put a bid into the North Tyneside Capital Fund to help assist the Meadows Community Centre to apply for outdoor facilities for local young people. They were instrumental in the application process for a dance surface within the community centre. The agencies on the estate were awarded £50,000 towards these facilities and the young people have played a vital role in the plans and designs within the estate. They were also asked to perform at the High Sheriffs Award Ceremony for the Community Foundation during their grants awards evening and it was reported they gave a fantastic performance. Also during this eventful evening, the group had the pleasure of meeting Paralympian Swimmer and gold medal winner Josef Craig.

The group's confidence and skills has grown immensely through these interactions and events. In March of this year the group embarked on a residential trip to Whithaugh Adventure Centre in the Scottish borders to have fun and experience some laughter and enjoyment doing a range of outdoor activities which included water walking and a zip line across a lake. We are very proud of them and they should be equally proud of themselves!

"Despite having to put up with Mike's strange sayings, the Phoenix has helped to develop the dance group into a group of confident young people and it is always reminding us of how well we are doing… I think the Phoenix will continue to support us on our dancing journey".
Young Person, 15yrs.

"From working with the Phoenix, me and the dance group have performed at big events, worked and performed with some of the best dancers in the North East, like Bad Taste Cru. The Phoenix DYP have also taken us to see some of the best dance shows. We have worked hard to get outdoor spacing and funding for the dance group, and wouldn't have been able to do it without the help of the Phoenix DYP We have just recently performed and won an award at the High Sheriff Awards, where we met Paralympian Josef Craig".
Beth, 19 yrs.

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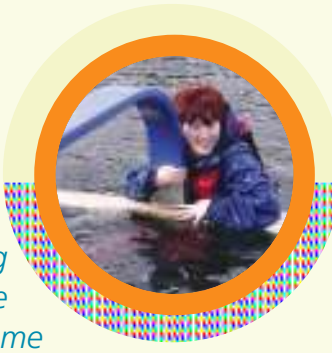
THE MUSIC JOURNEY

We continue via Urban Alchemy to inspire and support musicians to tell their story with MC Geno D, a well known MC, being one of the individuals we support through helping him develop his rapping skills.
He recently performed a new song, Life on track, at the MINT that had the audience rocking as he rapped about his girlfriend and new born son. We have also partnered with another local young man in helping him develop his rapping abilities. During the launch of the basketball court, a young local woman from Norham Community College treated attendees to a very impressive singing performance.



"In North Tyneside we are committed to tackling the risks related to alcohol amongst young people and other members of the community and I therefore welcome such a useful and positive resource. The pack approaches a difficult topic in a fun, interactive and interesting way, which I am confident young people will respond to well".

Marietta Evans, Director of Public Health for North Tyneside.

BOOZE FACTOR

Booze factor is an informal education pack for young people regarding alcohol. Having piloted the pack with different groups from Phoenix DYP we are delighted that it has been published by North Tyneside Council and is being used as a resource within all secondary schools in North Tyneside. Packs have also been sold to organisations in Northumberland and Ireland. We would like to thank the Involvement and Partnership Team, North Tyneside Council for working in partnership with us.

CRISIS WORK

In previous years fuel poverty was a major issue for a lot of young people but this last year we have also seen poverty impacting on young people's ability to pay for essential food items. This has resulted in us having a developmental aim to set up our own food bank for the coming year. In the mean time we have been providing some food parcels as a result of a financial donation from an individual and we've also been referring young people for food parcels from other organisations. Changes and less flexibility with the welfare system has meant that some young people have had their benefits stopped for up to 6 months which then has a huge effect on their lives, especially when they have children.

In the last four months we have sourced 27 food parcels for young people and provided 20 emergency gas and electricity payments.

We are anticipating a greater demand for support with the new welfare reform and quite a few young parents are already requesting support in looking for alternative properties as a result of the 'bedroom tax.' With all of the government's initiatives now being online we are also getting increased demands for computer and internet support.

We have continued to support young people experiencing different problems with addiction, domestic violence, health issues, being roofless as well as other areas mentioned within this report. We pride ourselves on providing the space for young people to talk and to be listened too without being judged.

"While attending the Phoenix DYP I have overcome relationship problems, debt and have been supported through really hard times that I thought I would never get over. The encouragements and laughs I have had have really made my days".
Young women, 22 yrs.

CUTS BOTH WAYS PROJECT

The discussion cards continue to be used on the street and in group work settings, looking at actions and consequences of knife crime and have created informal education opportunities around the issues. This year we were able to use the materials with an individual, sadly he was another perpetrator of knife crime. Whilst not condoning his actions, we continue to support him to cope with the court process rather than do so on his own. We were also able to challenge his actions and explore the consequences for himself and the victim. This proved to be challenging and difficult. It is vital we continue to develop our work with individuals who are engaged in knife crime and do preventative education.

Inspired by working with young people in Meadowell as part of the Urban Alchemy project, local artist Stephen Lamb applied to Northern Stage for a 'Time in Two' residency to develop work around the areas of knife crime in North Tyneside. Northern Stage were able to support his application by providing Stage 2 for a week, some technical assistance to help to put a work in progress show together and for him to work on developing the piece.

"If it hadn't been for Phoenix DYP I wouldn't have had help off anyone. I have been a victim and perpetrator of crime and working with the Phoenix has made me think about my behaviour and actions. This had made me think that I wouldn't do things the same again. Phoenix DYP has given me positive things to do with my time like teach me to canoe and give me the chance to go away camping. The only other times I've ever been away off the estate is when I've been away with Phoenix DYP".
Young man, 22 yrs.

EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Our 'Jumping job' search sessions that are held once a week are successfully supporting young people to be able to access computers, telephones and printers. We can help with creating or updating their CV's, producing cover letters and preparing them with mock interviews so they know what to expect. We have successfully supported 14 young people into work, a 100% increase from last year, 18 into training or further education and 2 into university.

"I am now in permanent work, and soon to be going to college for extra training, all which is provided by my employer (Owen Pugh Contracts). My Partner Mark is also in permanent work with Owen Pugh & Co and receiving ongoing training himself to become a fully trained Plant Operator and attending college himself to improve his maths and English. Since getting the help off The Phoenix DYP to get into a stable job my life has came together like a jigsaw, the jobs, new home, own car/ bike, holidays and I feel as though my puzzle is almost complete. I am so grateful and thankful for what The Phoenix DYP have helped me achieve/ overcome and complete in my life, without all their constant help and support I'd be nowhere, still stuck in a hole I was so desperate to escape from. So Thank you to all at The Phoenix".
Claire, 22 yrs.

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MENTAL HEALTH

Young people access the project with a diverse range of mental health issues ranging from anxiety to bi polar, personality disorders and phobias. Some young people are referred into our Helping Hands group whilst others receive individual support in order to meet their specific needs. The flexible approach of PDYP lends itself to tailor making the support.

SEXUAL HEALTH

We continue to offer the C card scheme and provide combined Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea tests. We have recently been provided with a range of exciting resources from the One to One Centre which will enable us to support young people in varied ways. We have used 'drunk' goggles for years and we are delighted to now have 'drug' goggles which young people can use to experience the feeling of disorientation etc. .

WHO AM I? WHERE AM I GOING?

This continues to be a successful way of encouraging and working with marginalized, vulnerable or NEET young people, mainly over 19 years of age. The star of success allows young people to take ownership of their aspirations and needs. With successful funding from the Big Lottery we have been able to do in-depth individual programs with 16 young people over the past year. We are presently building relationships with 26 young people via our 'Living it large' program which will allow us to encourage them to get involved on a voluntary basis with the 'Who am I? Where am I going?' programme.

"The Phoenix DYP has been a big help in my life, if it wasn't for them I would have been back in jail by now, they supported me when I got out of jail and helped me get back on the right track. I am now working full time, have my own house and just become a dad, Phoenix DYP have continued to support me and I can't thank them enough for everything they've done".

Young man, 25 yrs.

INVESTORS IN YOUNG PEOPLE AWARD (LOCAL BUSINESS)

We are delighted to present this year's award to Owen Pugh Holding LTD who have now been on a two year journey with us, funding our admin worker (Local Mum) and buying us a new computer and also successfully employing on a full time basis two local young people from the estate. Their support has been invaluable and we thank them.

VOLUNTEERS AND STUDENTS ON PLACEMENT

Two volunteers have being doing their NVQ Level 2 in youth work, one of which is a young man who accessed Phoenix DYP as a young person. We have also had a social work student on placement from Northumbria University and a MA youth and community work student from Durham University.

"As a second year social work student on placement with the PDYP I found the experience thoroughly enjoyable and an excellent learning opportunity. The staff were great to work with and I loved meeting and working with different individuals from the area. Everyone made me feel very welcome and I am very grateful that I had this opportunity as I feel I benefited a lot from this''.

Hannah Wallace, Social Work Student.

FUNDRAISING

Despite the current economic climate and hearing of cuts being made to other youth provision, we are delighted that the quality and holistic approach of PDYP continues to be recognised. Last October we received an email from the Rainmaker Foundation inviting us to London to do a 'dragon's den' style pitch to an anonymous donor wishing to support some projects in the North which came as a complete surprise. We decided to take Claire Brown with us so she could give a true description of life on the estate from a young person's perspective. We were delighted that they decided to support us with a significant sized grant over 3 years. In addition to this Mike Dickson who set up the Rainmaker Foundation came to spend 24 hours with Phoenix DYP so he and his colleague, Manuela, could get a true flavour of what we do and be part of their promotional material.
As well as financial support the Rainmaker Foundation is passionate about linking relevant organisations together and we are already benefitting from this which in turn benefits the young people with whom we work.

The Board of the Big Lottery Fund also spent several days in the North East in order to launch a new fund and we were delighted that we were one of two projects chosen to meet with them to talk about our experience of applying for funding. Nat Sloane, England Chair of the Big Lottery Fund Committee and some of his colleagues then came to visit the project and meet young people to find out about their involvement with Phoenix DYP.

Over the last year Mike has also been involved with delivering training on measuring soft outcomes using our 'Star of Success' for recipients of grants for Northern Rock Foundation.

"We came across Phoenix Detached Youth Project (PDYP) last year when a client asked us to find a small and inspirational youth organisation in the North of England. Mike, Becky and Claire, one of their beneficiaries, came to London and presented the work that they were doing. We were impressed by their passion, commitment and the practical and fun ways in which they engaged with some of the hardest to reach young people.
On securing the 3-year funding for them we went up to visit PDYP for an intense 24-hour immersion in to North Shield life.
We were struck by the poverty and neglect in the area and the multiple problems and barriers facing both the community itself and their young people. Mike, Becky and Luke offer much needed respite at PDYP and work tirelessly to build relationships and gain the trust of very vulnerable individuals. On our visit we witnessed the range of young people that PDYP help and support and the incredible diversity of the projects they provide. We were truly blown away by the work that they're doing and are excited to continue supporting them in the coming years."

Mike Dickson, Founder, The Rainmaker Foundation

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