



## Evaluation for Investing in Children membership

### Quaking House Youth Club

Quaking Houses Youth Club provides young people aged 13+ with a range of opportunities both educational and fun. The club runs weekly on a Friday evening from 7pm till 9pm.

On my visit to the club I had the pleasure of meeting several groups of young people. They told me about the various projects and activities they are involved in, how they make decisions and how they influence change.

### Opportunities for Dialogue and Change / Young People's Comments

Firstly I met with Laura 14, Emily 15 and Amber 14 who have all been involved in the club for approximately 7 years.

#### Christmas DVD's

*'We wanted to do something different, so we picked some songs and made some dance routines and put a video together. We all got a copy of it'*

#### Horror DVD

*'One of the lads who comes to the club suggested it and everyone put forward their ideas of what they wanted in it. We just based the DVD around every ones ideas.'*

#### Whithall Park

*'For three years we have been going there it's really good'*

#### Decks, Girls Pampering and Sports Equipment

*'We did a key fund application as we wanted to buy sports equipment for the club'*

*'The lads where all interested in DJ'ing so we got decks for them and the girls all asked for hair and beauty things which we now have.'*

#### Trips and Activities

*'We have been to Alton Towers a few times now as we all wanted to and like going'*

*'Last xmas we went shopping at the metro'*

*'We are going to Broomley Grange soon on an assault course day' Laura*

## Making Decisions

*'Normally we just talk and say what we want, then tell Joy (the leader in charge) and she tries and get it for us!'*

*'We do things for the whole club and try to make decisions so that we don't leave anyone out'*

*'Everything we say gets listened to' Amber*

*'If you have any problems they always get sorted the same as if you just want to have a say you can' Emily*

*'They are all very approachable people'*

I then met with Aaron 16, Ryan 16, Jordan 14 and Liam 17. Who have all been coming from between one and a half to six years. They told me;

*'We applied to the key fund because we wanted some decks'*

*'Sometimes we get to go on trips; we are planning on going on a trip and decided to go this year on the 8<sup>th</sup> December'*

## Making Decisions

*'We sit down as a group and write our ideas down'*

*'If you want something they will try to get it for you'*

*'They listen to you!'*

## Other Comments

*'I like the atmosphere here and everyone that comes here are good people' Emily*

*'It's something to do' Laura*

*'It's just good' Amber*

*'I like coming to play football and use the decks'*

I would like to thank everyone for their time and help. The young people I spoke to were in full agreement that their youth club should receive Investing in Children membership. In light of this and the commitment to involving the young people in meaningful dialogue and change, I have no hesitation in recommending that Quaking Houses Youth Club receive Investing in Children Membership.

This report has been endorsed by young people accessing the club.

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