

**Derby City Partnership – Be Inspiring Project Fund****SUMMARY**

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide an update on the Derby City Partnership Be Inspiring Fund

1.2 **Be Inspiring Project Fund**

In 2008 the Derby City Partnership Board set a challenge to communities and organisations to undertake new projects and activities to raise the aspirations of people in Derby, in particular young people. The Be Inspiring Project Fund was launched earlier this year to offer grants to help organisations to meet this challenge of raising the aspirations of young people in Derby.

The Be Inspiring Project Fund aimed to support organisations to undertake new projects to achieve the following positive outcomes for young people in Derby aged 10 to 19 years:

- Increased skills
- Improved level of education
- Improved employment prospects
- Increased confidence, self esteem and ambition

The Be Inspiring Project Fund was launched on 18 January 2010 with a closing date on 1 March 2010 all grant funding needed to be spent by 31 March 2011. Applications could be made by :

- a not-for-profit community or voluntary group
- a statutory organisation
- a registered company

Applications for up to £20,000 could be made by organisations to the Be Inspiring Project Fund and there was a total fund of approximately £250,000 available.

Preference was given to projects that met the following priorities:

- working in partnership with an organisation from another sector
- benefiting young people living in areas which have consistently had the highest youth unemployment in Derby – these are Abbey, Alvaston, Arboretum, Boulton, Derwent, Mackworth, Normanton and Sinfin wards.
- innovative approaches to tackling low aspirations in young people.

1.3 **Projects Funded**

Over 50 applications to the Be- Inspiring Fund were received from a wide range of large and small organisations, from all sectors, and targeting diverse communities. All the applications received met the outcomes and priorities of the fund in some way. In total the requests exceeded half a million pounds of funding. The Be-Inspiring Working Group was faced with the very difficult task of deciding which projects to fund. They considered all the applications and made the decision to fund the

applications that they felt most closely fitted the outcomes and priorities of the fund. A full list of the projects that were successful in receiving funding is attached in Appendix 1. In addition to this list, £20,000 was allocated to the Teenage Pregnancy Board to commission a piece of work that would aim to raise the aspirations of teenage parents.

Over the next year Derby City Partnership will be monitoring the projects that have received funding to ensure they spend the funds in the appropriate way and achieve the outcomes they set out to. We are also planning a full evaluation of the Be-Inspiring Fund towards the end of the programme with the aim of assessing the overall impact and an event to celebrate the achievements of all the projects and the young people that have been involved.

The Be-Inspiring Fund is only part of Derby City Partnership's Be Inspiring Project and we are also collecting information from organisations that are already doing great work to inspire people in Derby to raise their aspirations. Please tell us about the inspiring work you are already doing by completing one of our 'Tell us what you are doing forms' in Appendix 2 so we can record it on our database of activity and celebrate your achievements on our website.

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – List of Be-Inspiring awards Appendix 2 – Tell us what you are doing