

APPENDIX B

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GENERAL INFORMATION

St. Gabriel's Community Centre is a local voluntary body, registered charity and plc, with facilities mainly used by the Belgrave and Greater Humberstone population. The area has a very rich and diverse mix of cultures and beliefs.

The workers at the purpose built centre have wide experience and skills and offer support and advice to a number of community groups who use it. The centre runs a morning playgroup and two youth clubs (catering for the 13-16 and 16-19 age groups) as well as football and karate clubs and more.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

St. Gabriel's provides sessions aimed at the 10-13 age group, with some outreach work, to address issues around anti social behaviour and targets those at risk of being excluded from school. They are trying to integrate more children from ethnic backgrounds and those with disabilities into the centre's activities.

St. Gabriel's provide workshops, sports activities, mentor support and arts and craft activities. The Children's Fund has funded three part time workers to deliver the service and cover costs for admin support, equipment and materials. Lisa Campbell is currently in place and the additional two workers should be in place in October (original staff members employed have since gone to University).

PROJECT NAME **Open Door Counselling Service**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Open Door is an independent, voluntary organisation, providing counselling for vulnerable young people, primarily with the 13 plus age group. The service is provided at their base in Great Central Street and through outreach work in secondary schools and in the learning support units. They offer one on one counselling and group sessions.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

Our funding has enabled Open Door to extend the service to the 11-13 age group, with the aim of offering support to 250 young people each year.

Lynne Hazell has been appointed as Counselling & Group Work Co-ordinator to deliver this service and took up her post in August. We are also funding sessional counsellors and other costs arising such as equipment, training and admin.

PROJECT NAME **Family Service Unit/Dual Heritage Support**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Family Service Unit is a national voluntary organisation, established in Leicester since the 1950's. They have a proven track record of providing individual and group work services to support children and parents/carers over a range of issues.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

Our funding supports a new service for children (aged 5-13) of dual heritage/mixed race and their parents/carers, working on issues around their sense of identity, self esteem and experience of bullying, racist abuse and isolation.

The original bid was a joint venture in collaboration with Frances Shelbourne, formerly a Family Support Worker with Hinckley Child Behaviour Intervention Initiative, now working as a Project Worker (half time) on this new service. We also fund a half time Social Worker post (Simon Massey), as well as covering training and admin costs. The project also works closely with the city CBII and is managed by Jo Taylor (Senior Social Worker).

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Gorse Hill City Farm is open 365 days a year and operates as close to an actual working farm as possible, with manager David Sanderson formerly a farmer himself. The farm is well used city wide by schools and has good integrative approaches for children and young people with disabilities. Visitors are asked to pay a voluntary contribution.

Gorse Hill also encourages social and personal development for children and young people. Volunteers become involved in running the farm, helping to build their confidence and communication skills. This particularly benefits those excluded from, or at risk of exclusion from school, allowing half to one day a within a school week to work at the farm. They also offer valuable work experience to young people, some of whom go on to Brooksby College.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

Initially, we funded a consultation project and the setting up of monitoring systems, including a computer. This was to assess youth needs and how the farm could respond them through the effective development and the use of volunteers, working with individuals and other voluntary groups in Leicestershire.

We will be funding a Youth Worker (not yet in post) to take this project forward. They will further extend the social and personal development side of the farm, to provide activities, workshops and training, paying particular attention to disadvantaged groups, to offer better life chances and opportunities (in association with the farm's Education Officer where appropriate).

A key aim is to extend the collaborative work with schools, to promote what the farm can offer, targeting vulnerable groups aged 5-13.

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The multi-agency Domestic Violence Forum was established in 1995 to facilitate a closer working relationship between the statutory and voluntary sectors, to ensure a more accessible and comprehensive service for all victims of domestic violence.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

This project draws on a range of partners with expertise and resources in particular fields and communities, to provide a range of therapeutic support services in addition to those currently provided by local agencies. The services target children aged 5-13 in families affected by domestic violence across the city.

The partnership of the Family Service Unit, Foundation Housing and Bal Raksha offers support from their three bases and also outreach work, including in refuges and hostels. We fund half time posts at each centre and cover costs for equipment and interpreters among other things. The FSU Project Worker is Caroline Bradshaw.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Family Group Meetings service had been established as a pilot project, funded by SRB5 in the areas of Beaumont Leys, Anstey Heights, Stocking Farm, Mowmacre Hill and Abbey Rise. This method of working was developed in New Zealand in collaboration with Maori groups and has since been used extensively in other parts of the world to achieve better outcomes for children, including greater use of kinship carers.

The method involves a facilitator making contact with the extended family and key agencies to arrange a meeting to help children and their parents/carers resolve their problems without the child entering the public care system. Good preparation by the facilitator is the key to a productive group meeting that will empower the family to take responsibility and control of solutions for themselves.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

Our funding has enabled the service to be extended city wide and will employ a part time co-ordinator and sessional workers. The project covers the whole of our target age range and some outside as the whole family takes part. Referrals come from social services and other agencies.

Nb. Anne Rooney will be leaving the project at the end of October to join Connexions in Northamptonshire.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The National Pyramid Trust for children is an established charity (more than 20 years old) that help primary school children (aged 7-9) to fulfil their potential in school and in life, by building self esteem and resilience.

The scheme is locally managed and helps identify children at risk, brings professionals and agencies together and provides therapeutic activity clubs. The National Pyramid Trust helps to recruit, train and support local volunteers, currently involving more than 20 schemes in more than 130 schools across the country

Leicester Education Action Zone is a charity which supports children in 19 schools in Braunstone and New Parks and the Saffron Lane and Eyres Monsell estates, where levels of educational entertainment are the lowest in the city.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

We are funding this project that aims to run 8 clubs in the city, helping socially isolated 7-8 year olds and help prepare vulnerable Year 6 children for the transition to Secondary school. Potentially, up to 300 children will be supported by this service.

Our funding covers costs for arts and crafts materials and other club resources, promotion and publicity materials and for recruitment and training of staff (provided in conjunction with EAZ's successful Millennium Volunteers Programme).

Four after school clubs are currently being set up at Parks Primary, Marriott Primary, Inglehurst Juniors and Newry Juniors. To increase the children's sense of ownership, each club chooses its own name and devises its own set of rules.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

This project has been supported by SRB2 funding over the last few years (which ceased in March 2002) and more recently with money from the National Lotteries Board. They work with children and young people aged 5 to 19 who are excluded from school, non-attending or facing difficulty within the school environment, or with accessing education and training.

The voluntary service is known locally as 'The Contact Project', carrying out one to one and group work. They work with children, young people and families to ensure they receive emotional, social and educational support through mentoring and empowering.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

Our funding has enabled the project to continue, with an increased focus on the whole of our target age range and increased linkages with the Education Department. This child centred project uses key workers and an individual programme for each child, most of whom have a history of school exclusion and/or disaffection with school.

We help to fund the Project Manager's post, as well as part time posts for a Children's Project Worker (Cerrie Stabanner) and Youth Worker (Nicki O'Brian). We also part fund an Administrator (Muhammid Sumra).

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Mencap works with children and adults with a learning disability, their families and carers to improve their lives and opportunities. This well established national voluntary organisation has a good tradition of involving parents and young people in services and encouraging non-stigmatising integrative approaches.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

Our funding is concentrated on two areas that address the whole of our target age range. The first is an extension of an existing service funded by Social Services, to offer a support/sitting service to children with mild to moderate learning difficulties and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). This project is co-ordinated by Sue Brookes, who will employ a half time worker to help deliver the programme.

The second project is Children's Information Service designed especially for children with learning disabilities aged 5-14 and their families. This is a development of an information service (also funded by Social Services) aimed at parents/carers and professionals.

Lorraine Tweedie is co-ordinating this project and is carrying out consultation with children, involving outreach work (some of this in Special Needs Schools) using sessional outreach workers. Children are being asked about the nature of the information they'd like and in what formats it should be produced.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Excellence in Cities is a national programme funded by the government, which ensures all children benefit from the best possible teaching and learning. One of EIC's aims is to provide a Learning Mentor for all young people who are identified as underachieving.

EIC have also created Learning Support Units, a different environment for those pupils who have difficulty in making progress in their classes.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

The project offers support to the children of homeless families, including those in temporary accommodation. We fund a Learning Mentor – Louise Laycock – who provides outreach support across the city to the whole of our target age range. She has specific responsibility for children at transition from Primary to Secondary school and Key Stage 3 (ages 11-13).

The mentoring period for homeless children is likely to be longer and more intense than is usual, with the specific issue of transport needing to be addressed. To ensure that the young person can remain in the same school, despite perhaps being housed in various temporary venues, they are offered financial support e.g. bus fares.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Leicester Charity Organisation Society has been established for more than 125 years and has been known as Charity Link since April 2001. This second tier agency seeks one-off charitable grants for vulnerable families, or those in crisis or with low income, all of whom have been unable to claim community care grants for the needs identified. Charity Link acts as a 'clearing house' for referrals from various professionals and voluntary agency workers in relation to individual charitable grants for families.

Grants help a number of low income families with essential items such as washing machines, beds and floor coverings. One-off grants may also enable children from disadvantaged backgrounds to make fuller use of extra curricular activities at school.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

We are funding Barbara Yates in a half time post to enable Charity Link to increase their casework capacity, aiming to help 250 extra families each year. They are targeting families with 5-13 year olds, referred by workers in Children's Fund projects and other professionals in the priority areas of the city.

There is a second half time post, which is funded by Leicestershire Health Authority.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Leicester City Housing Department already provide support to families in most homeless hostels in the city. Gaps in the service have been identified, resulting in the Children's Fund project.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

The project is a collaboration between the City Housing Department and local Housing Associations to offer support to children and families recently resettled after living in temporary accommodation. The focus is on 5-13 year olds and their families, working with Health and Social Services.

The service will provide resettlement and tenancy support services to those accessing more permanent accommodation or those in danger of losing their housing.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Fullhurst Improvement Zone is a mini Education Action Zone, with four Primary Learning Mentors, who work across the eight FIZ partner schools to identify vulnerable children at risk of short or long term exclusion.

The Primary Learning Mentors work with the 5-11 age group; to help them overcome barriers to learning, particularly related to behaviour management, attendance and punctuality. They also work closely with pupils to aid the transition from the primary feeder schools to Fullhurst Community College.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

We are funding one of the four Primary Learning Mentors, Gemma McMillan, who is based at Imperial Avenue Infants. As with the other mentors, she works in the classroom and in designated areas, offering one on one and group sessions. Gemma works for 3 days a week and so FIZ are currently recruiting for an additional member of staff to cover 2 more days.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Excellence in Cities is a national programme funded by the government, which ensures all children benefit from the best possible teaching and learning. One of EIC's aims is to provide a Learning Mentor for all young people who are identified as underachieving.

EIC have also created seven Learning Support Units, which serve all city schools. They provide for children aged 11-14 who are having difficulty in settling to work in the mainstream classroom. This is a temporary arrangement designed to enable the child to return to mainstream learning once obstacles to learning have been overcome. Frequently the obstacle is rooted in behaviour linked to low esteem and feelings of inadequacy and/or issues outside the school e.g. family problems such as family break-up, illness or bereavement.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

We are funding four Education Support Workers to work within the seven Learning Support Units. They provide pastoral care for children and their parents, building resilience and other coping strategies e.g. anger management and mediation techniques. Additional help can also be sought from the Open Door Counselling Service, another project we support.

The Education Support Workers can also refer to the Pyramid Trust service (if available to the school) and into the Level Three Prevention Team and Child Behaviour Intervention Initiative, both supported by our funds.

This is a city wide provision, but many of the children come from the key priority areas identified by the Children's Fund. The intended outcomes are better achievement, better attendance and a lower long-term likelihood of social exclusion.

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There are around 1,500 children with disabilities in the 5-13 age range in Leicester. This group generally receives little or no information about services and there is a lack of co-ordinated family support.

Consultation with a view to developing a new service for disabled children and their families was commissioned by Leicester Children's Planning Partnership and a wide range of organisations were involved

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

We are funding this new service, a joint venture between Health Action Zone (HAZ) and British Red Cross. It will provide information, inclusion advice and support, improved counselling services and support for children and families, from the respective bases of the joint providers.

The Disabled Children's Service is about positive inclusion and co-ordinated integration e.g. the plan to include greater numbers of disabled children into mainstream Summer Playschemes (achieved on a smaller scale this year by British Red Cross with their Early Years funding).

Work will take place with children and families on a short- term basis (up to 6 weeks) to address issues and support introduction to inclusion activities. Access to various support groups, advice and support will be offered to children and their parents/carers over a long period.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT (CONTINUED)

There is a HAZ team of four Disabled Family Support Workers, headed by Team Leader Laxmi Patel, who are based at Fosse Neighbourhood Centre. They are Louise Bent, Sandra Foxon, Kate Chapman and Lindy Mead. They will work with a range of children who are vulnerable, ensuring excluded groups needs are addressed.

We will also help the expansion of the 'Counselling 2000' family counselling and therapy service provided by Red Cross, with volunteer and admin support. Red Cross are also creating a mobile toy and leisure library and identifying venues this can visit regularly. To this end, a half time Toy Library Co-ordinator and half time Fundraiser post are planned.

NAME OF PROJECT

***Pre-Exclusion - Vocational
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The Student Support Service has a remit to reduce the level of permanent exclusions throughout the city. Although it has a statutory function to provide education to permanently excluded pupils, it does not have a statutory function to provide pre-exclusion provision, although it chooses to do so.

The On-Trak Inclusion Service is part of this service and offers support to students with behaviour problems and who are at risk of permanent exclusion.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

The Children's Fund project is The Workshop, an On-Track Inclusion Service aimed mainly at the 11-13 age group who are having behaviour problems in school and are in need of additional support. We fund the Workshop Manager, Paul Clifton and have provided funding to build the Workshop itself.

Students attend the Workshop for a minimum of one half day per week during term time. They spend approximately half of the programme in Arts and Crafts sessions and the remainder completing a team Wild-Trak Project, creating projects that will be of benefit to the environment on the site.

The sessions and the project are largely hands-on, practical activities, although there is a small amount of theory, research, planning etc.

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CareFree Young Carers' Project (for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland) was established in 1996. It offers a range of support services to children and young people under 18, whose lives are affected by caring for a family member who is ill, disabled, has mental health related difficulties, learning disabilities or alcohol/drug dependency.

They employ two Project Workers, one in the City in the City and County, each funded by Social Services and a Health Care Project Worker, funded by Leicestershire Health Authority. Aided by a team of volunteers, they offer young carers someone to talk to, offering support and advice and providing information. They also allow carers 'time out' from caring on a regular basis and meet with other young carers to take part in fun activities.

CareFree also established the Young Carers' Council in 1999, with funding from the Neighbourhood Support Fund. Members aged 13-19 work towards informing professionals about young carers to help them understand the difficulties they face in everyday life.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

We are funding a Project Worker for 28 hours per week (as yet not appointed) to identify and work with young carers from ethnic communities across our target age range. Recent research highlighted the special needs of young carers from South Asian backgrounds.

They work pro actively to raise awareness in schools with high ethnic minority populations and with community groups, voluntary organisations and faith groups. As well as direct service provision, they also hope to increase the ethnic diversity of the Young Carers' Council

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Each One Teach One is a local voluntary project devoted to working with young people of African/Caribbean origin who are underachieving in their personal, social or educational life in any way.

Each One Teach One already provides culturally appropriate mentors to local school mentoring projects, with much of the focus on the transition from Primary to Secondary school.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

A transition support project for African/Caribbean and Dual Heritage children and their parents, using a mentoring approach. It is a city wide service is aimed at children aged 10-12, building self esteem and smoothing the transition between Primary and Secondary school.

We are funding the Project Co-ordinator post (Netifnet Arthur-Hawkes).

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GENERAL INFORMATION

An existing daily after school care club, providing a healthy and safe environment for children aged 4-12 years old. The project has been running since 1998 and offers a wide variety of activities to enhance their personal and educational development.

The club serves the Belgrave area, with an intake from six different schools and was previously SRB funded (until September 2001).

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

The Children's Fund has enabled Glen Street After School Care Club to continue, funding two sessional play workers and new play equipment. Children are met from school and provided with a snack, as the club operates until 6pm each day, with up to 16 children.

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The pilot CBII scheme has previously worked with children up to 10 years of age in 3 areas of the city – Braunstone, Beaumont Leys and Greater Humberstone. The focus is on children who are vulnerable because of their psychological or mental health needs and their families. Partners in the scheme include the Education and Social Services Departments and the Health Authority as partners.

CHILDREN’S FUND PROJECT

Our funding has enabled this service to be extended to all of our priority areas and also extend the age range upward to 13 years. The existing service is being refocused to deal with more difficult behaviour problems and be provided more flexibly e.g. longer period of contact for children with disabilities.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT (CONTINUED)

CBII is characterised by multi-agency collaboration and joint working, including Primary Mental Health Workers, Educational Psychologists, Family Support Workers, Community and Youth Workers and Voluntary Sector workers. The service will provide the screening/development of vulnerable child assessments, offer consultation and advice, direct casework and group support for children and their families. There will also be consultation and co-working with Response Line 1 professionals and production of educational resources and materials.

We will fund 5 staff members to help deliver the programme. Davinder Dhesi and Suki Kaur are already in place as Educational Psychologists (half time posts). We will also be funding full time posts for a Senior Family Support Worker and a Family Support Worker (to be advertised for in October) and a Primary Mental Health Worker.

NAME OF PROJECT **Start-A-Fresh at Riverside Community College**

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Research has shown that when looking at patterns of attendance and attendance/behaviour issues a large proportion of these students fall into the category of 'high turbulence' or being of late entry, transfer or non-attenders to Riverside Community College. The college has on roll a number of children from Braunstone and the Saffron Lane and Eyres Monsell estates, since their local schools have closed.

A high proportion of these students then fall under the umbrella of the Education Welfare Service, College Welfare and Learning Mentors due to their poor attendance and unhappy demeanour within the college. In order to address some of these issues, a proposal was put together which the Children's Fund supports.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

This pilot project works with groups of children aged 10-13 who have had long term absence, undertaking a three week programme, followed by two weeks of tracking. The project also runs a transition scheme working with students identified as vulnerable at Primary level, with two three day sessions and a holiday club just before they begin their new school.

The programmes involve going 'back to basics' with the team having a bank of work and activities that can be tailored to needs identified by the children. Teachers are involved, brought into the children's environment to offer their perspective and interest. Parents are also involved in the programme as much as possible.

We fund two members of staff - Sandra Smith (Project Co-ordinator) and Sharon Davies (Learning Mentor) - to assist in delivering the project.

NAME OF PROJECT **Readeasy**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Libraries Service successfully piloted a Sure Start ‘Bookstart’ project in Beaumont Leys, which was successful in encouraging children and families to engage in reading as a fun activity and to attend local libraries regularly.

CHILDREN’S FUND PROJECT

The ‘Readeasy’ project is a variant on the above, whereby workers from Children’s Fund projects (and other existing preventive services in the city) will give individual families customised information packs for parents/carers and free appropriate age starter books for each relevant child. Project workers are able to sign up family members to the Libraries Service immediately,

All children using Children’s Fund projects have received information, with the aim of engaging more vulnerable children and their families in regular mainstream library use.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Firecare Project is an advisory scheme designed to develop an understanding of the dangers from fire and to deter young fire setters from continuing with this form of behaviour. They work with around 100 children and their families each year across the city, taking referrals from Social Services, GP's, schools, the police, hospitals and operational fire crews.

The age range covered is from as early as 3 to as late as 17, with the most common age group being males aged between 8 and 13. The children they work with are those putting themselves and others in danger through the setting of fires, who often have wider psychological or social problems.

The team, consisting of uniform and support staff working on a voluntary basis as Firecare Advisors, goes out in pairs to provide intervention work. The team is trained in basic counselling skills.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

Initially our funding was used to help publicise the work of this service, to make it easier for children and families to access it. The Fire Service produced a bookmark in conjunction with the Libraries Service containing information and this was distributed with the 'Readeasy' material (another Children's Fund project). Our projects were also able to refer children to this service.

The Fire Service are also using our funding to encourage more volunteer fire officers to join the scheme and pay for training, including counselling. The ideal would be to have 30 officers taking part, although numbers are around 10 at present.

NAME OF PROJECT

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The LNW Neighbourhood Nuisance Team has been designed to deliver a holistic approach to issues surrounding anti-social behaviour, focused in the Leicester North West SRB5 area (Beaumont Leys, Mowmacre, Stocking Farm, Anstey Heights and Abbey Rise).

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

We are funding a Children's Support Worker (a half time post) within the Youth Involvement/Detached Youth Work Project, which is SRB funded and managed by Young People First (formerly Youth Clubs Leicestershire). Michelle Gamble came into post in September 2002 and her aim is to work with children and young people (aged 8-13) to raise their awareness of ASB and its impact on the area.

They will work closely with local schools and parents/carers to develop and implement strategies to reduce the numbers involved in ASB activities. Part of this will include linking with other service providers in running activities aimed at those at risk of taking part in ASB. There is close liaison with the Mediation Service, Neighbourhood Nuisance Team, the Police and Youth Offending Team in the area.

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Consultation in Braunstone identified the need for young people to be at the heart of the process of development, ensuring that they can effectively take ownership in the regeneration of the area. Additional agency developed research also identified that young children within Braunstone display lower than average ability in interpersonal skills.

The Social Action Team from De Montfort University has been working within a youth services capacity with a group of young people aged 10-14 to build capacity amongst them, raising their motivation to take ownership of the services, facilities and development programme for young people. The programme was completed in 2001. Through this work, a thriving young people's forum has been established.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

Our funding will allow the extension of this project to draw in younger people. The Kids Stuff Forum plans to maximise self-advocacy, developing skills of children in the 5-11 age range, ensuring their social inclusion. The project will involve children in shaping their future, empowering and building confidence to enable them to be active citizens in the community.

The project will work out of community-based centres and the Braunstone Youth Outreach Bus. We will fund sessional workers to deliver the service, who will work closely with Social Services, Educational Psychologists, the Behaviour Support Teams and voluntary sector organisations to identify and engage children who could benefit from the project.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

An existing daily after school care club for pupils at Sparkenhoe County Primary School. Each session offers a range of activities suitable for the wide age group (ages 5-11). These include: arts and crafts, music, sports, cooking, dressing up, IT skills and others. Children come from varied backgrounds and range of ethnic minority groups in the Highfields area.

They club has also run some imaginative workshops, including the ‘Helping Each Other’ anti bullying workshop, to train children to help each other to resist bullying in the school setting and in other places.

Kidszone receives funding from the LEA and was also had SRB funding until March 2002.

CHILDREN’S FUND PROJECT

The Children’s Fund has enabled Kidszone to continue to offer the same service and to keep the cost to parents manageable. During the Summer, they ran a week long playscheme and have also begun to run weekend trips, including one to Rutland Water, to enable children to enjoy a range of outdoor activities.

Our joint funding with the LEA ensures there are four play workers involved in the project, enabling Kidszone to work with up to 35 children each day.

NAME OF PROJECT *The What Cabin – St. Matthews Children Action Group After School Provision*

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The What Cabin is a voluntary sector community project, with core activities funded by the Education and Lifelong Learning Department of Leicester City Council. The after school provision was previously SRB funded (until March 2002), based at the What Cabin, the local primary Taylor School mobile.

Children are cared for in a safe and structured environment that provides quality play activities, allowing them to develop their social, cultural, physical and educational abilities. Around 80% of children using the after school provision are from refugee or asylum seeker backgrounds, which reflects the diverse ethnic mix of the St. Matthews Estate. This means that the majority of children attending the scheme does not speak English as their first language and have particular needs in terms of language, culture and integration.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

Our funding has enabled the What Cabin to continue and offer 25 childcare places after school each day for 5-11 year olds. This supports parents who are accessing work and training and so supporting minority communities.

The scheme employs three Play Workers, two of which are funded by the Children's Fund. They are Janet Johnson and Cameron Hasmani. The What Cabin will offer activities at Easter, Christmas and during the summer as well as providing educational visits to museums, adventure playgrounds and the Space Centre, for example.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Highfields Compact is SRB funded and provides activities in the area of Highfields, St. Matthew's and St. Margaret's, to all different groups of children and young people, who are involved in or at risk of being involved in anti-social or offending behaviour. Activities include: football skills coaching, music mixing skills, computer skills training and others.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

An extension of Highfields Compact Project, there is a school exclusion element, but the main focus of the work is with 5-13 year olds involved in, or at risk of being involved in anti-social and offending behaviour. A programme of informal social educational activities e.g. anger management, positive directions and peer mentoring is designed to tackle issues of inter-personal violence and insecurity.

The programme is adaptable to meet the specific needs of the 5-10 and 11-13 age groups in different settings (within schools, community projects and public locations e.g. parks, streets and playgrounds) and at different times (school breaks, after school, school holidays, evenings and weekends).

We fund Abdul Gafar as a full time Project Co-ordinator to identify the target group and develop outreach/detached work, assisted by sessional staff in delivering the schemes.

NAME OF PROJECT

***Rushey Mead School –
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GENERAL INFO

Rushey Mead School has around 1,200 pupils, of which the vast majority (97%) is Asian.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

We are funding a Youth Worker (Barry Fernandez) to deliver a new service, targeting Year 6 pupils (10-13 age group) in the feeder primaries who exhibit anti-social behaviour, are poor attenders or at risk of social exclusion.

They will provide a support programme through the transition period from Year 6 to Year 7 (10-13 age group), working in partnership with Rushey Mead School, the feeder primaries, Education Welfare Officers, outside agencies and community groups e.g. Belgrave Playhouse.

The hope is that students helped will be given roles in future programmes, giving them responsibilities and acknowledging their worth in society and the community. We are also funding the cost of IT and other equipment.

NAME OF PROJECT

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GENERAL INFORMATION

British Red Cross, a national voluntary organisation, identified clear gaps in the service provision for children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and their parents. This was as a result of extensive consultation with children and young people and parents/carers, funded by the National Lottery.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

We are funding a Development Worker for 25 hours per week, to work with children (5-13) with ADHD and their families to maximise their social inclusion, providing a city wide service.

Christine Jarvis came into post in September and will work closely with service users and partner agencies to ensure strategies are in place to prevent this group of vulnerable users from being at further risk of school exclusion, offending or experiencing undue stress due to isolation. One of the main aims is to set up a support group. She has already had support from the medical profession and major interest from doctors.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

New College has around 1,600 students, of whom approximately 600 have special educational needs and serves the areas of Braunstone and New Parks.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

The project employs two Reintegration Mentors – Siobhan Robinson and Lisa Masterson - to support the Attendance Support Assistants (ASA's), Learning Mentors and the Education Welfare Officers (based on site), reintegrating long term non attenders and returners to learning.

Concentrating on the 11-13 age range, they support students and their families to develop positive attitudes towards education, to break through barriers to learning and raise levels of attainment through a focus on reintegration after high levels of absence.

The Reintegration Mentors set up Individual Returner Learning Plans for each student, support their integration into the college, act as their mentor and advocate and access a student 'buddy scheme' (if appropriate). A similar approach is also used to reintegrate students back into mainstream education from the college's on site behaviour unit (a unit to reduce exclusions), working with unit support staff and teaching staff.

NAME OF PROJECT

**Leicester Children's Holiday Centre
(Mablethorpe)**

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Leicester Children's Holiday Centre (Mablethorpe) offers free seaside holidays for disadvantaged children in the city, also offering respite care to parents/carers, many of who are unable to afford holidays for the whole family. In 2001, 384 children aged 7-11 enjoyed a two week holiday at the Centre. Since the charity was formed in 1898, more than 50,000 children have benefited from this service.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

Our funding helps to support this venture and target the existing service at the increased demand likely to be generated by other Children's Fund projects. This will help ensure referral systems and co-ordination between the Children's Holiday Centre and other Children's Fund resources for vulnerable children, with these referrals to receive priority.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Crossroads Caring for Carers is a major voluntary organisation offering help to carers and people with care needs (adults and children). They provide Care Workers for a specific period of time to do tasks that carers normally carry out, in order to give them much needed time off.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

The Wednesday Club will be a weekly after school club for children aged 5-13 with Autistic Spectrum Disorders. There will be 8 Carer Support Workers to ensure a one to one staff to child ratio.

Based at the Red Cross Family Support Centre and using Crossroads workers, the club will offer respite for parents/carers and families and a wide range of play activities e.g. toys, games and music for children. Referrals will come from Red Cross, Westcotes and the Autism Society.

A number of children who would benefit from the service have already been identified. Crossroads will be recruiting staff for the project in October.

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New Parks is an area of high social deprivation but very few local community resources. Hand in Hand is a local small-scale voluntary group, working from the Community Resource Centre. The Centre (formerly a hairdresser's) has an office, small activity room, kitchen and garden.

The Centre aims to be open from 8am-8pm (although this depends on the number of volunteers) as a drop in centre, offering facilities and advice on a range of issues to residents.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

The original plan was to run a 'Breakfast Club' offering healthy food and drinks to children, but this has altered in the light of The Parks School starting their own free scheme.

Our funding has enabled the Centre to buy 4 computers with Internet access, which is provided to users at a cheap rate. There is also a plan to develop an after school 'Homework Club' utilising these facilities, for children 5-13.

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The Beaumont Leys Development of schools comprises eleven Primary and two Secondary schools (Beaumont Leys and Babington College). In 2001, a successful bid to the Leicestershire Education Business Company provided one-off funding to set up a pilot Primary Transition Project.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

This project supplies bridging materials to make the transition between Primary and Secondary schools easier. Teachers work together to develop English and Maths projects, which are started within the Primary and completed in the Secondary schools. This helps to ensure curriculum continuity in Literacy and Numeracy.

Teachers have also made mutual arrangements to spend time within each other's classrooms, observing methods and styles of teaching so that differences can be reduced. Our funding has been used to pay for supply cover to allow this to take place and for the necessary books and folders. Around 500 children are supported by this project.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Belgrave Development & Enterprise (BDE) is an ethnic minority led voluntary organisation based in the Belgrave area. It has been established since 1979 and has expertise of working in the training, employment, enterprise and Community Regeneration fields.

BDE offers training, employment advice and support to ethnic minority and other local residents, in particular those that are unemployed, have little or no qualifications, the long term unemployed and other disadvantaged groups.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

The project is an after school and Saturday morning Homework Club for disadvantaged young people aged 5-13 in Belgrave. A tutor will support children in completing homework assignments, with access to IT facilities that they are unlikely to have at home.

The service will mainly targeted mainly at children from minority ethnic communities. Many of the users will be South Asian children and from an increasing number of refugee groups from Montserrat, Bosnia, Somalia, Kenya and Mozambique, who have settled in the area in recent years. There will also be close links with families and they hope to set up workshops for parents in supporting their children with their homework.

Elaine Bellamy has been developing the service and will manage it. A lot of work has been done with local schools, with an excellence response to the idea. We are funding a part time Tutor who will deliver the programme, which is expected to begin in October. We will also cover costs for IT equipment, books and stationery (and possibly additional tutors if necessary).

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There is a range of funding sources used for Summer Playschemes in the city, which are co-ordinated by the Education Department. More than 70 Playschemes ran in 2001.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

In 2001, our funding allowed for the extension of the range of local Playschemes for vulnerable children in the key priority areas with twelve established schemes receiving funding.

These were: Leicester Special Care & Mencap, Red Cross Special Needs, St Matthews Community Action Group (The What Cabin), Northfields Play Association, Highfields Adventure Playground, Sikh Community Centre, Goldhill Play Association, Mowmacre Young People's Play & Development Association, Braunstone Adventure Playground, Heatherbrook Play, Bangladeshi Youth & Cultural Shomti and New Parks Play Association.

Many schemes were able to run for an additional week, take additional placements or, in the case of the Mencap scheme, fund extra trips as transport costs for Special Needs children were covered. The Red Cross project provided additional one-to-one workers to allow the integration of Special Needs children into mainstream Playschemes.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Saffron Young People's Project is a locally based voluntary project, funded by the Community Fund Grant, working with young people above the Children's Fund age range. The project is based at the Saffron Resource Centre.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

The project appointed Judith Hughes to the post of a Detached Youth Worker in September. She will work with 11-13 year olds within the Saffron Lane area on issues around school exclusion and substance misuse, offending, teenage pregnancy and others.

The worker will identify and address any barriers this group has in accessing services and ensure their views are heard and used in the improvement and development of relevant services. Also to develop, in partnership with relevant agencies, opportunities for young people to become involved with peer support services.

Our funding also covers associated costs, including equipment e.g. laptop computer.

NAME OF PROJECT **Saffron Healthy Eating Project**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Health and Education have already started some healthy eating initiatives on the Saffron Lane estate. These include the Saffron Food & Health Project, which has been in operation since 1997.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

The project extends the range of work done with children on the Saffron Lane Estate, the provider being the Saffron Community Health Alliance. The aim is to promote the importance and consumption of fruit and vegetables to young people aged 5-13.

Activities have been run and youth workers supported at Kingfisher Youth Centre, St Christopher's Church and Newry Junior School. Children have enjoyed activities such as fruit tasting, making fruit cocktails, playing healthy eating games and colouring in educational posters.

The project has also introduced fruit at a subsidised price to tuck shops in St Christopher's Church and Newry Junior School, supplied by a local fruit and vegetable shop. Children at St Christopher's also held a competition to develop activities to promote fruit and vegetables.

This project is closely linked to the Saffron Dental Hygiene Project.

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It is known that children from low socio-economic groups have a high incidence of dental decay and dental decay in 5 year olds is used as an indicator of deprivation

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

This is a multi agency project working with local parents, children, schools, community dentist, school nurse and the community development dietician, to raise awareness of key dental messages.

A 'Dental Week' emphasising care for teeth is to be run at each local school, attending school assemblies and working with individual groups and classes. There'll be practice on brushing teeth correctly and discussions on healthy eating. All children will receive an activity pack including dental health promotion literature and a toothbrush and toothpaste. This has already run at one school and the next one is planned for November.

Follow up work is also planned, including subsidised replacement toothbrushes at school tuck shops. This project is closely linked to the Saffron Healthy Eating Project.

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Eyres Monsell Community Centre runs playgroups every morning, after school clubs on two days and a Junior Youth Club on Friday evenings. Community worker Sue Boud is funded by the City Council, predominantly concerned with pre school children and family learning. The Centre also has a Youth Worker (Johnny Ackroyd) who works with the 13+ age group).

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

The project aims to raise children's self esteem, build up their confidence and encourage creative thinking. To date, activities have included a 'Play in a Week' drama project and specialist multi-media workshops. Activities are jointly organised by Eyres Monsell Community Education Project and the Under 14's Forum and are based at the Community Centre. Children aged 5-13 took part (although the majority were 8+).

The 'Play in a Week' project ran during February Half Term, whereby enthusiastic children were able to create their own play from scratch (devising the story, characters and script) and perform it to family and friends at the end of the week.

Multi-media workshops in the Easter break and the Summer holidays gave children the chance to enjoy a variety of different sessions and produce some excellent work for display in the Centre. Activities included digital photography, wire sculpture, mask and puppet making and textile techniques.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Crimebeat is the High Sheriff's initiative with the main aim of supporting young people's involvement in local projects, which help tackle some of the problems facing their communities and make them safer.

Children and young people can apply for grants to fund their own projects and their work is celebrated annually at an awards ceremony, with prizes for the strongest projects in a range of categories. There are lots of innovative projects, including videos, magazines, education packs, websites, drama and DJ workshops, youth clubs, sports activities and lots more.

CHILDREN'S FUND PROJECT

With our funding, Crimebeat have created the ARC Initiative, a city wide project designed to raise awareness of issues around anti-social behaviour, racism and community cohesion.

As part of this, in June 2002, nearly 2,000 school children attended a specially commissioned performance at De Montfort Hall by a theatrical group called CragRats. The key issues were presented in an exciting and creative way, to stimulate the interest of children in our target age group.

In the Autumn term, there will be an ARC seminar for teachers and they'll be encouraged to work with pupils (assisted by professionally developed teacher notes) to further engage children in discussions on these topics. The aim is to positively tackle these issues, to be funded by Crimebeat.

In 2003, Crimebeat plan to take performances into schools and carry out discussion groups within the classroom setting, with the same outcomes intended.