



Press Release

The community in Hartcliffe and Withywood has been successful in a national competition to support community action and encourage more people to get involved in local issues

Bristol based Hartcliffe and Withywood Community Partnership has been awarded three years funding through the Place Based Social Action programme - funded jointly via the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and The National Lottery Community Fund. £240,000 has been awarded over three years to support people locally to take action on the issues they care about. The South Bristol proposal has been selected out of hundreds of applications across England as one of only 10 areas to be successful for the three year programme.

Amy Kinnear, CEO of Hartcliffe and Withywood Partnership said:

“There’s lots of people doing great work in the community here. When it comes to volunteering with a community group, we’ve got one of the highest rates in the city. Over the past year we’ve been door knocking and bringing people together to come up with an ambitious local vision to get more people involved. We’ll be working in partnership with Bristol City Council, Live West Housing, Youth Providers and local schools, HHEAG and others to expand opportunities for young people, look after the beautiful open spaces in this part of the city, and improve health and well-being.

We are passionate about the strength of community and family, the opportunities that partnership working bring, and the need to value and invest in our young people.

The lottery came for an assessment visit on a rainy December evening, and over 20 members of the community came along to present all their ideas, including expanding local sports clubs, training people in community organising, running local markets, hair and beauty events and community supper clubs. The assessors said they were overwhelmed with the infectious enthusiasm in the room!

At HWCP we want to make sure the local community can make decisions about local issues here and work to make services work better for the community. Our regular events programme include a summer fun day, Easter and Christmas events and a new community food market. We know that lots of people have ideas for things they want to do in the community, and they might need to access some training, equipment or support to make them happen and that is what we’ll be using the funding for. If you would like to get involved in the community, volunteer or have any ideas of projects you’d like to get involved in, get in touch or follow us on Facebook”.

Deputy Mayor Cllr Asher Craig, said: “We are delighted to hear that the Harcliffe and Withywood Community Partnership has received this funding boost.

“As a council we were made aware of this funding opportunity towards the end of 2017, but we were only allowed to put forward one area. We organised an event with various voluntary organisations representing each of our most disadvantaged wards so they could come together and decide areas should come forward, and between them they selected Hartcliffe.

“We look forward to working with the partnership to take all their ideas forward and help to improve the area for the local community.”

More information about the funding can be found here <https://locality.org.uk/news/20-local-social-action-partnerships-announced/>

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Place Based Social Action Programme

Place Based Social Action (PBSA) is a seven year, £4.5million programme jointly funded by DCMS and The National Lottery Community Fund. It aims to create positive change in places through enabling citizens, civil society organisations, businesses, service providers and the local authority to work together to create a shared vision for the future of their place, and address local priorities through collective community action.

The funding announced yesterday will provide up to £240,000 to each of 10 partnerships, who will be supported over the next three years to put into their community plans into action.

20 Partnerships were supported in Phase 1 to develop their community action plan. 10 Partnerships are being funded in Phase 2 (2019-21) to put their plans into action. Further funding of £1.25m is available in Phase 3 (2022-24) to scale and sustain their work.

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We are passionate about funding great ideas that matter to communities and make a difference to people's lives. At the heart of everything we do is the belief that when people are in the lead, communities thrive. Thanks to the support of National Lottery players, our funding is open to everyone. We're privileged to be able to work with the smallest of local groups right up to UK-wide charities, enabling people and communities to bring their ambitions to life.