

SHOCC is a small charity working with trusted partners. We work with managers who have demonstrated need and have clear goals. We will then support a project financially and through tailored advice and encouragement. As a result, our projects illustrate reciprocal philanthropy where we have an ongoing relationship with our partners, treat them with respect and have a two-way, empathetic approach, aiming for projects quickly to become self-sustainable. We have very few administrative costs and 99% of every donated pound goes to our projects.

ST PAUL'S YOUTH CLUB PUTNEY LONDON [SDG's 3, 10,]

PROJECT STATUS: COMPLETE

Project brief: SHOCC has supported St Paul's Youth Club in Putney when it lost its Council grant. It is managed by a university member of staff. We will provide funds to help with the Club running costs.

Date of entry: 23.06.2022
Project type: Health-related
Year(s) of project 2015 - 2016
Awarded to date: £6,625

Background: SHOCC has provided this local youth club with small amounts of funding in several occasions. The Club is run by a St Mary's University member of the securities team and relies on donations from charities to continue its work. Its local authority grant has been affected by spending cuts and it has great difficulty paying for electricity, rates and other annual costs.

The youth centre provides a safe haven for children between the ages of 11-19 years of age who are visually impaired, severely disabled or mentally challenged. It is only open on a Wednesday evening from 6 to 10pm and solely relies on volunteers who are vetted through the local authority to the standard of enhanced DBS. It is the only youth club in the area that caters to the needs of these deserving children & young adults.

Our theory of change

INPUTS

What did SHOCC contribute? The financial, human and material resources used

£35,157

Advice on tax efficient giving Introductions to members of the University community

ACTIVITIES

How were the inputs used?

The actions taken or work performed

To pay for the rent for a year, the insurance on the building, the public liability insurance and pack testing.

Also used to buy new equipment and art and crafts materials.

It was used to start up a tuck shop for the children

OUTPUTS

What were the tangible results (deliverables) of the activities?

The youth club was able to continue for a further year and to have time to seek further funding.

OUTCOMES

What short-term changes (1-2 years) resulted from the activities?

Numbers of children attending has stabilised

Parents are encouraged to send their children once a week to the Centre.

IMPACTS

What longer-term significant changes (3-5 years) did the beneficiaries experience?

Student confidence has risen

Student well-being has improved

Stories and case studies, with descriptions and anecdotes from beneficiaries

- The manager noted that "The impact that the grant has had on the youth club is beyond words. Without the generosity of SHOCC, St Paul's was looking very likely to close because we could not secure funding or sponsorship. Ultimately, the money granted has paved a way for the local community's younger generation of 11-18-year-olds having a place to come where they will be safe, have fun, be educated, and have access to vital learning tools such as laptops, sensory equipment, musical equipment, catering equipment and much more".
- "St Paul's prides itself on reaching out to the children within the community and giving them a place to meet and have fun with other children as well as being a central meeting point for children with disadvantages such as blindness, behavioural problems, disabled and mentally challenged". (Manager 2021)
- "St Paul's vision is simple. We want to continue to create a safe haven for these kids to attend as and when they wish, giving them access to various tools within the facility to use to their advantage such as laptops for homework, coursework, etc, games, musical instruments, cooking classes, arts & craft as well as limited sensory equipment which is an area that we are very keen to build on and increase subject to funding etc." (Manager 2021)
- A parent stated "The impact St Pauls has had on the community is amazing. It keeps the kids off the streets, out of trouble, and gives them a sense of achievement coming to the youth club because they have such a range of things to do other than standing around on the estates potentially being involved in untoward activities". (Manager 2021)

Photographs taken by Trustees and others when visiting the project





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