Community Gateway Access Project Report

Safety Week: 30th November - 4th December 2015

Project Aim: To develop a week of activities in collaboration with public services across Cardiff to promote personal, neighbourhood, fire and road safety in Grangetown in response to a theme identified by residents.

Project Partnership: Community Gateway, Grangetown Community Action, South Wales Police, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Cardiff Youth Service, Cardiff Council, Cycle Training Wales, Halfords, St John Cymru-Wales, Cardiff City Football Club Foundation, local councilors and Student Volunteering Cardiff.

Project Outcomes:

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<th>300+ new Police contacts</th>
<th>112 Primary School posters</th>
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<td>75 Home Safety checks</td>
<td>49 Hours of volunteering</td>
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<td>20+ young people on Youth Bus</td>
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<td>5 Cardiff University Students engaged</td>
<td>4 Fire Safety presentations to primary schools</td>
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<td>First aid training to five residents</td>
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School poster competition: Identify the hazards on the way to school

112 entries received from Year 6 pupils across the four primary schools in Grangetown: St Pauls (5); Grangetown Primary (2); St Patrick’s (59) and Ninian Park (46). A winner was picked from each and the posters will be turned to metal signs and presented to the schools.
Partner experience: South Wales Fire Service
“During the week we conducted 75 ‘High Risk’ Home Fire Safety visits where we targeted the most vulnerable in the community and delivered effective Fire Safety advice and hardware.

We also conducted 2 Fire Crime Patrols in Grangetown concentrating on areas of concern identified between ourselves and the local Police. Our ‘Youth & Education Officer’ also visited a number of the local Primary Schools providing relevant age specific Fire Safety advice along with a visit from our Road Safety Team who supported the Cardiff Council Youth Bus.”

Volunteer experience:
“I feel like I have developed professional skills by listening to the Police and the Fire Service engaging with the community which will help me in the future when I volunteer with community. I will feel more confident with communicating with people.”

“By interacting with the fire service and the public I was able to develop by communication and social skills.”

“It was something I had never done before and has made me consider joining the fire service. Thanks for the opportunity.”

“Watching the professionals work you get a real sense of the day to day job. This has helped my professional skills.”

“It’s nice that the uni is helping out the city that it’s in and to represent it and be a part of it has made cardiff uni better for me.”

Benefits to the community:
Strengthened relationships between residents and key safety-related public services such as the Fire and Police departments. The properties of 75 vulnerable people made safer from fire. Young people educated in road safety and school children educated about fire safety.

Benefits to the University:
Strengthened relationship with all partners; project profile raised through press coverage on Wales Online, in the SW Echo and on Made in Cardiff TV; meaningful volunteering experience for students with long-lasting impact.

Next steps:
Four student Volunteers from Cardiff University keen to have further involvement with the Fire Service have been invited to spend another day with the Fire Crime Unit in 2016. Activities will include Carrying out an arson vulnerability assessment, a domestic violence/hate crime visit, carrying out a foot patrol with a PCSO and a visit to one of the Fire Stations in Cardiff.

Run safety days once a quarter, also involving waste management, to keep momentum.

Project Costs:
£800 budgeted. Actual cost: £595.