

**STREET
GAMES**



HARTLEPOOL

TEAM UP FOR CHANGE

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Team Up For Change was a six-week young volunteers programme bringing together 14 young people from across Hartlepool to plan, deliver and evaluate community activity during the October Half Term. Delivered through a partnership between StreetGames, Hartlepool Sport, West View Project, Hartlepool Youth Service, Kilmarnock Road and The Key, the programme included two training sessions, planning workshops and the delivery of activities at the Pumpkins in the Park community event.

WHAT WAS DELIVERED

- Belong – Power of Sport training completed by 14 young people
- StreetGames Managing and Planning Events training completed by 14 young people
- Young people planned and delivered activities at the Hartlepool Pumpkins in the Park event
- Young people worked to a budget and shared responsibility for delivery

OUTCOMES

- 86% of participants reported **having fun** and **increased confidence** to deliver community activities
- All young people reported **benefiting from meeting new people** and **working as part of a team**
- 70% of young people would like to **continue working together** and plan a larger-scale event
- Young people **demonstrated leadership, communication** and **organisational skills** in a real-world setting

Young people valued having autonomy over their ideas and delivery, and staff highlighted visible growth in confidence over the course of the programme.

“

This helps me look forward to the future.

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Young person

CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY COHESION

The project brought together young people from different parts of Hartlepool, fostering shared purpose and understanding. Training and planning sessions helped break down initial barriers, build trust and challenge stereotypes. Young people were motivated by the opportunity to deliver something positive for their community, and new friendships were formed that extend beyond individual neighbourhoods.

“ *It brought everyone together even though we were from different parts of the town.* ”

Young person

LEARNING AND REFLECTIONS

While the project was successful, both staff and young people felt that six weeks was not long enough to fully develop relationships and maximise planning time. There was strong consensus that a longer-term model would strengthen outcomes and provide greater depth of impact.

SUSTAINABILITY AND NEXT STEPS

The project has created a strong foundation for continued collaboration. All four partner organisations are now signed up to The Key, enabling them to raise approximately £3,500 to support future social action projects. Young people will continue to be involved in community activity over the next 12 months, and partners are keen to secure further funding to support staff time, transport and coordination.

The programme aligns well with wider place-based initiatives in Hartlepool, including the Sport England Place Partnership, Pride in Place and the Youth Transformation Fund, with participating young people well positioned to represent their peers in future developments.

“ *With the success we’ve had so far, there is real potential to develop it into a long-term programme.* ”

Youth Worker

