

Area Committee Well Being Fund
Commissioning of Service

Project Name: West Leeds Domestic Violence Campaign 2007 – 2008

Lead Organisation: Leeds Inter-Agency Project (LIAP) / West Leeds Community Safety

Project Summary:

This project will complement and extend the domestic violence work in West Leeds that has already been taking place with children and young people.

The Theatre in Education Company will deliver a series of drama workshops to a minimum of 5 schools in the inner area. The programme will include a play with a realistic story line that covers a range of social issues: domestic violence, racism, bullying, and aims to improve children's emotional literacy.

The play is followed by practical group work using the world of play to examine difficult situations through discussion and creative activity. Training for teachers and follow up materials (supplemented by LIAP) will also be provided so that the groups can continue with the activities after the programme has been delivered.

Outcomes (please summarise the main outcome / output / benefit the project will achieve):

Witnessing or experiencing domestic violence can have detrimental impact on children's lives and their behaviour. They may feel vulnerable, frightened, confused and alone. Children will react in different ways but for some it will result in inappropriate use of drugs and alcohol, anti-social behaviour, teenage pregnancy or truancy.

The aim of this programme is to inform and educate young people about social issues that may affect them and others. The theatre workshops create a safe environment for them to discuss situations that they may otherwise feel unable to talk about.

The young people whose lives are affected by the issues raised will feel less isolated by knowing that there are solutions to their problems and that they can discuss them. This will help to improve their safety and wellbeing. It can also have a positive impact on their behaviour.

The programme will also increase the capacity of the schools and teachers to support young people and their families on domestic violence and child protection issues.

Preventative work with children and young people can help to reduce anti-social attitudes and behaviour and encourage them to develop skills that will enable them to make positive contributions to their community.

Project Cost (please indicate how much the project will cost, how much Well Being Funding is sought and breakdown between capital and revenue):

5 x Theatre workshops £1000 each
Total - £5000

Identify which geographic areas will benefit and which Area Committee (Inner or Outer) you are applying to:

Inner Area Committee Wards

State who will receive the funding for this project:

Theatre in Education