

Local charity, the Partnership Council wins funding to expand Nottingham community project

The Partnership Council, a local community charity based in Hyson Green, Nottingham, has won national funding worth £128,743 over the next three years, to expand its Base Camp project.

Base Camp has been running for several years now and works to support Asian community groups and projects across the city. As well as helping people to set up groups and projects, Base Camp also helps groups and projects to become sustainable in the long term - so they can reach out to, and help, more people.

The new funding, awarded by national organisation Capacitybuilders as part of their 'Improving Reach' programme, will be used to pay for a new full-time Base Camp co-ordinator, enabling the project to help many more community groups and projects throughout Nottingham.

Set up in April 2006, Capacitybuilders runs the government's former 'ChangeUp' funding programme and works with other funders to create a more effective charity, community and voluntary sector.

John Fox, Director of Strategy and Policy at Capacitybuilders said:

"competition for funds was very high, across the UK. We have sought to support a range of projects that are likely to have a significant long term impact in reducing the inequalities faced by organisations working with disadvantaged and marginalised communities."

Ruth Greenberg, Chief Officer of the Partnership Council, agrees:

"Base Camp has made a genuine difference to many people's lives so it's great that with this new funding we'll be able to help many more community groups and projects. We're really looking forward to expanding the project - especially as it's been so successful to date."

Base Camp held a funding event recently so that community groups and projects could meet funders directly and find out more about accessing financial help. Funders that attended the event included the Lottery and Boots. As well as helping community groups and projects to find funding, Base Camp offers training from skills

such as first aid, food handling and bookkeeping to help with speaking or writing English. Plus, Base Camp provides day-to-day support to community groups and projects, including helping them to source resources such as computers or a venue and to fill in forms for instance.

Examples of community groups and projects supported by Base Camp include football coaching for girls, after school homework clubs, cookery and healthy living classes and yoga sessions.

If you are an individual or a group with an idea for a community project, or you'd simply like to find out more about what's happening in your community, or how Base Camp could help you please contact

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Notes for editors:

The Partnership Council is a charity based in Hyson Green set up to improve community life in some of the most deprived areas of the city.

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In addition to Capacitybuilders, Base Camp is funded by Lloyds TSB Bank with support from the Local Network Fund, the Single Renewal Fund, the Community Champions Fund, the Nottingham Black Partnership and Learn.