

Case Study – Windows for Sudan

Amount Granted: £9,000 Birmingham City Council, Emerging Communities – Date Completed: February 2010



The Project: Bridging the Gap.

This project was needed to provide refugees and asylum seekers from the Horn of Africa with the chance to improve their communication and listening skills. This project encouraged the families to learn together and enabled the children to integrate better in mainstream education. It counteracts underlying issues such as parents not taking an interest in their children's learning as they don't understand the education system which makes it difficult to support their children's education. The project helps to provide better understanding of the key stages in the children's educational development and makes the parents aware of the needs of participation and support for their children. It has removed the obstacles which prevent children from enjoying school.



Total number of people benefiting from this project: 26+ (14 boys, 12 girls and parents)

Area of Benefit: Across Birmingham

Why was the project needed?

The project was needed to address the difficulties faced by parents from the Horn of the Africa in Birmingham and their children. Education is important for our community, as well across the wider community. If this particular isolated group improves their communication and listening skills, it will show better achievements in the statutory education system, personal development for their parents and result in better integration.



The difference the project has made:

During the project, the way in which activities were planned enabled learning together to be fun and creative allowing the children to express themselves, build confidence and feel valued. This project has provided parents with opportunity to improve their communication and listening skills, encouraging participation in community events. Parents are more aware of the importance learning and listening to each other, cementing a better relationship with their children in multi-cultural Birmingham.

Quote:

"The funding that we received to help deliver these activities was a noble idea of attending underlying issues within new community groups. It has motivated both parents and children to look beyond these activities. We now have parents who want to go for further training in parental sharing. Thank you very much for your support!"

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