

IMPACT REPORT

Community Social Inclusion Network

2016-2017



We formed in 2012 and have grown from doing 1-2-1s to group work in our new premises. We now have a fully equipped training suite and radio studio - we deliver courses and broadcast live on www.contactfm.co.uk

We challenge exclusion to education, employment, community and society. Everybody has the right to grow and learn free from barriers and pressure.



1. We deliver life skills to young people who have learning difficulties and/or barriers to education related to their additional needs. Our volunteers are an excellent team of people who really enjoy changing people's lives.

2. **Drink, Drugs & Alcohol** is one of our courses aimed at people who are caught driving under the influence while drunk or high. We raise awareness about the impact of drugs on reaction times and the consequences of driving while high.

3. Through our **Pathways to Employment** work we have generated work placements and further education for 81% of our clients. From a range of groups friendships are maintained. 5 presenters have gone on to do their own radio show and have stayed with us.

"It's important for people to be given the opportunity, because if I'd not been pushed I'd be still laying in bed."

4. Through **Money Matters** we have enabled people to effectively understand credit and debt (and how to avoid both), identify their priority debts and create a management plan

to deal with 3rd party debts that have been sold on to debt collectors. We have seen people freed from worry and stress. People are referred to us from agencies who work with vulnerable adults, but we also work with people from all walks of life.

"Dealing with people would have been frightening two years ago. I couldn't face anyone. But it's part of the job and I love it now. I've never spoken so much in my life."

5. We encourage young people to travel independently to the sessions when they enrol on the **Broadcast Media** courses by doing journey planning and route planning. Once they attend the course they learn speaking and listening skills, radio broadcasting, to operate mixing desks, mic technique, literacy, numeracy and team skills - all this boosts their confidence and life skills.

6. We aim to deliver training to a wider range of people who we feel could benefit from our support: we are building partnerships with other agencies to reach the client base we feel we could serve; those who are disengaged from education and work; and those who are isolated from their communities.