

# IMPACT REPORT

Lower Kersal Young People's Group

2016-2017



BRIGHTENING YOUNG PEOPLES LIVES

Lower Kersal Young People's Group is a community group that has been working with children and young people teaching cooking, gardening and drama skills since 2004.

Brightening young people's lives through educational and recreational activities for young people and adults.



**1.** Lower Kersal Young People's Group (LKYPG) has worked with a number of non-profit groups and completed a Kersal Flats magazine project, over 55s cooking, allotment and sewing course, a volunteers programme, a film called "Then and Now" and a pilot scheme with Achieve to support people getting off substances by working on the allotment and cooking their own food.

**2.** 10 young people have earned the PEARL qualification in journalism from working on the magazine.

**3.** LKYPG teaches young people the history of their area. The young people did research by visiting Salford Museum and found out about the estate of flats that had been

**Quotes from children and young people; "Digging spuds is like finding treasure." "Youth club gets me out of the house and it helps me meet new friends."**

knocked down but also the community life that took place there in the 1970s. The young people were impressed by the community spirit following the floods in the 70s, they also cooked food from the time and were shocked by the difference in the food. The young

people dressed up on 70s clothes for the events, tracked down inhabitants from the time and were excited to learn that one had become a Mayor of Salford.

**"Doing the magazine has made more aware of my area. I realised Kersal is full of history- in the 1800s it was all farmland"**

**4.** The film "Then and Now" opening in April 2017 at the Lowry Centre with some local soap stars in attendance. The film celebrated the lives Salford Pals who fought in the First World War. The cast and crew who made the film learned a lot about the reality of war, trench foot and other issues for young soldiers in the trenches. This helped the participants get an understanding and were able to with conviction.

**5.** 87 people have had Food Safety 1 and 2 qualifications, which included allergies awareness as well as making jam, pies and crumbles, cooking with herbs and basic skills with veg that came from our allotment.

**6.** We are really proud at Lower Kersal Young People's Group of how we teach people to work the land and cook and many attendees earn qualifications with us.

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