

BREAKING BARRIERS IN BURNLEY

Organisations Involved & Contact Details

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Aims & Target Group

This project, *Breaking Barriers in Burnley* is a multi-agency youth provision project, which aims to involve young people from different areas, backgrounds and cultures together in order to develop positive relationships between the various communities of Burnley. It works to tackle racism, bring communities together, promote understanding and tolerance and to reduce conflict by providing constructive activities for the young people of Burnley.

Project Description & Components

The group is open to young people between the ages of 13+ and meets once a week in the basement of the Central Methodist Church in the centre of Burnley, home of The Basement Project. The group works on various projects mainly at tackling attitudes to oppression and racism, promoting tolerance and dispelling myths.

Recent projects have seen the group develop a piece of drama that they perform around Burnley, which highlights the future of Burnley if far extreme political views are not challenged now. The drama has now been produced into a DVD and is being shown in various schools, youth clubs, and community and faith groups.

Process

Breaking Barriers in Burnley as a project came about in response to prevalence of racism in the area. Various agencies and volunteers from around Burnley got together to formulate a program in which focus was given on team building and peer mentoring to forum theatre.

Outcomes

A drama in which local young people play out the negative outcome of racism and how a positive and tolerant attitude can help the community achieve harmony and peace. The drama

has now been produced into a DVD which has been distributed to different schools, youth clubs, and community groups in order to educate the people about the negative impact of racism on the entire community.




















Challenges & Obstacles

The major challenge is to get the youths interested in important social issues and get them to develop projects on their own to tackle racism in the area.


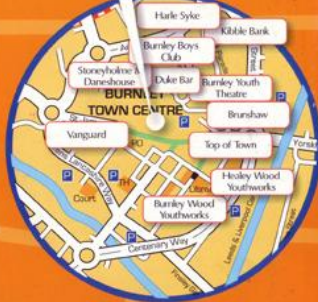
Funding

Central Methodist Church and various charitable organizations.

Images

Leanne	<i>"A safe place to mix with different areas."</i>		Mott	<i>"Opportunity to meet new friends, mixing with different cultures."</i>	
Kirt	<i>"Opportunity to make new friends."</i>		Becky	<i>"Getting to know new people and having a laugh."</i>	
Rachael	<i>"Good opportunity for young people to come together."</i>		Alal	<i>"Opportunities to take part in a variety of outdoor activities."</i>	
Tomas	<i>"Getting to know new people and eat free food."</i>		Emilla	<i>"BBB is a good group for meeting new young people."</i>	
Naj	<i>"Enjoy meeting new people and having a good laugh."</i>		Khadz	<i>"New experiences, new friends, getting to know about others."</i>	
Asrar	<i>*"A brilliant idea, which is definitely working."</i>		Chelsea	<i>"BBB is a good place for making new friends."</i>	
Rebecca	<i>"A good way of bringing different cultures together."</i>		Daniel	<i>"BBB is a chance to enjoy and meet other people."</i>	
Farooq	<i>"The best is yet to come."</i>		Anna	<i>"Great! Have made a lot of new friends."</i>	
Shaz	<i>"Good chance to meet people."</i>		Abdul	<i>"Have an opportunity to have your say."</i>	
Ali Beg	<i>"We are the future."</i>		Rhiannon	<i>"I've met loads of new people and I've got the chance to make a difference."</i>	
Jenny	<i>"Meet new people, new experiences and have fun."</i>				

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INTRODUCTION

Breaking Barriers in Burnley aims to get young people from different areas, backgrounds and cultures together, in order to develop positive relationships between the various communities of Burnley.

*"BBB is a brilliant group for the youth of Burnley, to share their ideas and experiences, to truly make a difference!
— No barriers."*

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BARRIERS

WHAT IS "BBB" ALL ABOUT?

- Communicating with each other
- Understanding each other
- Breaking down Barriers
- Making new friends
- Tackling Racism
- Bringing Communities together
- Understanding people's cultures
- Promoting unity and community cohesion
- Providing activities for young people across Burnley
- Having fun in a safe environment
- Sharing and working together
- More individual responsibility
- Positive people

WHAT "BBB" WANTS 2 ACHIEVE IN THE FUTURE

- Achieve activities for young people
- Overcome racism
- Everyone having equal opportunities
- Breaking down barriers between different areas, so that Burnley is "ONE"
- Getting Burnley youth together
- Better, Safer & Fun Burnley

IN BURNLEY

Prudence

"Coming 2 bbb is an opportunity 2 communicate with different people around Burnley."



Jordan

"A group about making new friends and sharing views."



Christine

"Meeting people and new experiences."



Asha

"A great opportunity to make a difference for the better."



Vicky

"BBB is a great opportunity to mix with other cultures and a good chance to make new friends."



Karl

"BBB is an opportunity to meet new people."

