

Participatory Research Fund Project

ARU in the Community: A Trusted Adult Scheme

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Overview:

ARU in the Community brings together a team of youth support workers, the network of child protection practitioners, academics and trained adults to work together to advance our understanding of the needs of the children and young people. Research suggest that building meaningful relationship with a trusted adult is a significant predictor in turning life away from crime and addiction. With a focussed civic mission, we are committed to working with others through education, research and knowledge exchange to enhance the economic, cultural and social wellbeing of the communities in which we work and live.

Aim and objectives:

- Create a pilot scheme/social enterprise which involves supporting/mentoring children and young people.
- Engage with external stakeholders and set up a new ARU based social enterprise.
- Improve lives of disadvantages communities.
- Improve professional training, employability and mental resilience of ARU students.
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Funding of £6,000 was used for:

- Student Ambassadors
- Training
- Workshops
- Catering



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Stakeholders involved:

- Cambridgeshire County Council
- Cambridgeshire City Council
- South Cambridgeshire Council
- The Safe Team
- The Communities Team
- The Youth Offending Team
- ARU Students
- Children and Young People
- Child Protection Practitioners

Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement elements:

This is a multi-stage project entitled ARU Social Enterprise that aims to improve community-based services offered to vulnerable children and young people in Cambridgeshire. Our main partners are Cambridgeshire County Council, the Safe and communities' team.

Research outcomes:

- Impact: Evaluate and measure the social, environmental, and economic impact of ARU in the Community. This includes examining the outcomes and effectiveness of their programs, initiatives, and interventions.
- Collaboration and networks: Collaboration and networking among social enterprises, researchers, policymakers, and other stakeholders can foster a collective learning environment, encourage knowledge exchange, and promote collaborative efforts to address social and environmental challenges.
- Policy recommendations: To help inform policy development by providing evidence-based recommendations.

Overall, research outcomes for social enterprises aim to provide evidence, insights, and practical recommendations to enhance their impact, sustainability, and contribution to addressing social and environmental issues.



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