



Combined Worker Report May 2021



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SG – 1 week's annual leave taken in this reporting period.

Following government Covid – 19 guidelines we are continuing to work from home, until advised otherwise.

Online platform – Zoom

Zoom is still widely being used during COVID – 19 and many organisations including Local Trust has advocated its use to replace face to face meetings with multiple users, this will continue till advised otherwise. We are adapting to accessing some meetings via the TEAMS platform, this is a preferred choice for several organisations so to gain the widest reach across the partnership we must remain flexible.

Gaunless Gateway Big Locals Facebook pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=gaunless%20gateway%20big%20local>

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=gaunless%20gateway%20big%20local%20volunteering>

Community Development Lead

Good News Stories

John Wiseman from Auckland Youth and Community Centre (**AYCC**) was interviewed by Gary Burgham on 105.9 at Bishop FM about future plans for the popular centre based on Woodhouse Close Estate, Bishop Auckland. Click the link below to hear about their most recent developments:

<https://soundcloud.com/bishopfm/john-wiseman-aycc-1>

Trades4Care (T4C) CIC will be working within Auckland Youth and Community Centre (**AYCC**) during August, as part of a two-week project supporting young people to carry out professional standard decorating work as part of their studies at Bishop Auckland College. T4C programme enables young people to gain real life 'on the job' experience in community and social - care settings, supervised by professional trades people. Many young people progress into further learning, apprenticeships and paid work as a result of taking part.

Creatives' Collective

As part of looking for ways to offer longer term support and create sustainability, the partnership is exploring an opportunity to establish an alliance of creative people and organisations that operate across the GGBL area, delivering Big Local outcomes. After an initial meeting with Dispel Arts and Daisy Arts, several other projects including, AYCC, Bridge Creative CIC and The Auckland Project @Woodhouse Close, have agreed to collaborate on a community engagement and involvement activity across our Big Local area. Postcards will be delivered to streets in each of our areas, inviting local residents to join in and also help us in identifying hidden talent amongst their family, friends and neighbours.

Anyone wishing to become involved will have the opportunity to develop a process to commission in their artists of choice, to work at street level to produce something of interest, which could be anything from photography, music, song writing, drama, graffiti art, puppeteering and so on. All of the streets involved will come together to celebrate their achievements at a winter festival.

For information

Local Trust Reporter visiting

Local Trust Reporter Harriet Marsden will be visiting GGBL over two days in late June to capture first hand

experiences of partner projects, especially around those who have offered less formal education routes for families during lockdown. BS will coordinate projects to visit, resulting in a blog that will have a national reach.

Women and Girls Work

Discussions with key partnership workers has identified a huge surge in young people (including boys) self-harming, expressing turmoil, lack of confidence and apprehension in re engaging in activities. One to one counselling support and coaching has a long waiting list and workers feel that action is needed now to safeguard young people and engage them in activities that will allow them to explore 'self'. Delivery partners would like to monitor participants progress over a longer period and report back on any positive outcomes and impact from engagement and involvement with a view to replicating the model.

Workers would like to pilot a series of innovative, interactive workshops designed to build Independence, Assertiveness, Maturity, Motivation and Empowerment in children in middle childhood (7 – 12) and for 13-19 yrs designed to be Young Person centred and engage with Young People as individuals.

I am ME (Independent, **A**ssertive, **M**ature, **M**otivated and **E**mpowered) **Power Up** aims to equip Young People with better emotional resilience and the ability to resist peer pressure and avoid risky behaviours such as smoking, drinking, self-harm, drugs and sex.

Workshops are bespoke to meet the needs of the group being worked with, which can be mixed age groups, a specific age target group, young carers and/or excluded children.

Capacity Building

Discussion with committee members of **West Auckland AFC** around future aspirations and funding requirements and potential collaboration with other west Auckland initiatives.

Bursary Support

A young person from St. Helen Auckland, with long term health conditions, is requesting £2,592.50 to enable her to attend a course at Houghall College, working with animals, that could lead to further learning or work opportunities. Details for discussion and decision have been circulated to Decision Makers.

Project Proposals

£5,100 requested for a 'safe and secure' project at West Auckland AFC circulated for discussion and decision

Partnership support and Volunteer Broker

Good News Stories

Walking Away

This new organisation aims to promote health and wellbeing across the partnership and wider partnership through walking and talking they have firm charitable aims, I nominated Chris the founding member (a GGBL volunteer) for the Local Trust Leadership course and he has been accepted.

Andrew Corry is a dedicated Bishop FM volunteer and Gaunless Gateway Big Local are pleased to have him on board. He has developed his skills in both the studio and personal journey with writing about his lived experience of depression and is now involved in a variety of different areas. Andrew was invited to discuss his mental health challenges; you can listen here at 1 hour 22 minutes in this interview. Click the link below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p09fxsbr#>

Tarek Mrad's Community Podcast's - Gaunless Gateway's Remote Roving Reporter

Support given to partner organisations to join Tarek to highlighted their work via podcasts. Tarek is currently scheduled to interview a member of the team from both Trades4Care and Auckland Youth and Community Centre (AYCC). Podcasts will be circulated when completed and they will form part of our

legacy plan capturing the partnership's journey. Tarek will also discuss an opportunity for them to take part in a 24hour podcast in November, being broadcast around the globe.

1st St Helen's Guides Group

The new GGBL volunteer is keen to begin helping bring the group back together in person after beginning online, with another potential volunteer identified to offer further support.

My Chance My Future

We received a thank you email from Leanne Jones, Transformational Coordinator

"Just to make you aware that a lady has enrolled on to the programme that had been recommended by you." See the link below for further details:

[My Chance, My Future - Bishop Auckland College \(bacoll.ac.uk\)](http://bacoll.ac.uk)

Better Impact Portal

Local Trusted Organisation (LTO) are supporting SG & BS with the licensing agreement in the first instance to clarify how GDPR may be impacted.

Cardboard Castle Club - Volunteer Video

A wonderful video has been completed (the final one in a series of some of our partnership's response to Covid 19 by volunteers in our community) to circulate on social media for Volunteer's week, many thanks to Gillian Gamble for the editing and formatting of the clips. Training in digital and formatting skills are being piloted soon, these have potential to be rolled out across the partnership and beyond.

Bridge Creatives online party

This was a celebration online like no other, it was to celebrate their 3rd birthday, I attended this fun and touching event of their journey so far.

Amanda Stone – Advocacy Panel Group – Consultant and Coach

To build capacity within the advocacy and policy panel group we have had one to one coaching sessions via the Sheila McKechnie Foundation on behalf of Local Trust. Participants views from the discussion themes and topics will be collated and help clarify and shape further work of the group.

Healthy Heart Beat Group

The group will be back in Henknowle Community Centre when gov. guidelines permit, Partnership Support and Volunteer Broker support ongoing.

Meetings attended and minutes / notes taken, written up and circulated

- Full Partnership Monthly Meeting
- West Auckland Village Greens & residents Group

Project proposals for discussion and decision / recommendation – N/A

Combined Work and Collaboration

Bishop Auckland Alcohol Partnership (BAAP)

The BAAP are setting up a West Auckland Alcohol Partnership to share information and intelligence gathered through their recent survey. We have suggested that they initially link into the Parish Council via their Clerk and other group leaders such as the West Auckland Village Greens Residents Group who have set up the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme which includes local business..

Worker Event – Local Trust

We attended the Zoom event; this event is only open to workers and is an open forum to discuss any matters arising that individuals feel they can't either discuss with their partnership or are seeking guidance advice ,or good practice from other BL workers.

The Well

A zoom meeting took place between Andy Mitchell, BS and SG to bring the organisations up to speed as there has been considerable change since covid has struck and developments in West Auckland are coming to fruition; including the Youth Initiative and Street Games for GGBL alongside the future plans of The Well.

Rural Design Centre

We had a productive meeting with Andie Harris who will be attending the June meeting ,to discuss how they have the potential to support local ideas.

Action Learning Set – Completion

We evaluated our learning and growth through the skills developed and the new techniques we are implementing in our professional lives. The sets have given us an invaluable framework throughout the latter part of the pandemic while working remotely.

The Auckland Project – introduction to the new outreach Woodhouse Close workers

We met the team over a few meetings and had the opportunity to share the aims and aspirations of the partnership and how GGBL aims to bring about change through collaboration, joining the dots and hopefully gaining long term sustainability while capacity building.

BA Baptist Church

Ongoing Development Lead, Partnership Support and Volunteer Broker commitment given to this thriving hub of activity which is constantly growing and evolving. BS is continuing to update the vision in their plan, support development of social media. SG supports with backroom office support and new volunteer sign ups.

Walking Netball for Women King James 1 Academy

Sessions have now resumed outdoors Thursday evenings weather dependent, final funding has been received, all welcome.

Full Partnership Monthly Meeting

Ongoing attendance and feedback from our combined roles shared.

AYCC full staff meeting - BS & SG attended

Online Training / workshops: this is not an exhaustive list and does not list all individual meetings relevant to our job roles, just a snapshot of topics covered and some positive outcomes from attendance

Delivery body	Training / Workshop	Status	Initials
Local Trust	Community-led action on data poverty	Workshop	BS &SG
NE Youth	Working effectively with County Lines	Completed	SG
Street Games Training Academy	Understanding Young People from Low Socio- Economic Groups	Completed	BS & SG
NE Youth/ Yes We Can	Developing leadership and Management 2 day course	completed	BS