

<b>Case Study 002</b>	<b>from <a href="http://www.communityplanning.net">www.communityplanning.net</a></b>
<i>Theme</i>	<b>Youth action plan</b>
<i>Project Title</i>	<b>South Kirkby and Moorthorpe Youth Project</b>
<i>Location</i>	Wakefield, Yorkshire, UK. South-east part of city
<i>Project leader</i>	South Kirkby & Moorthorpe Community Project (SK&MCP)



A good example of engaging young people in the preparation of a Community Action Plan for an urban neighbourhood. Achieved by a local school council preparing a Youth Action Plan based on data from a questionnaire for school students and other young people.

## Context

- South Kirkby and Moorthorpe were once small agricultural communities (recorded in the Domesday Book).
- During the Industrial Revolution they were transformed into 'pit villages' with an urban character.
- Closure of collieries in the early 1990s led to severe social and economic deprivation.
- Various regeneration initiatives taken, including the preparation of a South Kirkby & Moorthorpe Community Action Plan, led by a Community Partnership of local stakeholders.

## Process

<i>Year</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Parties involved</i>
2004	July	<b>Project planning</b>	Agreement on community youth survey and approach to local school and youth service. <b>Yorkshire Planning Aid (YCP), South Kirkby and Moorthorpe Community Project (SK&amp;MCP) development worker, JCF Consultancy</b>
2004	Aug		
2004	Sep	<b>Logistics</b>	Questionnaire design, use and analysis agreed. Link with local secondary school (Minsthorpe Community College) established <b>YPA, SK&amp;MCP , Minsthorpe Community College (MCC), JCF.</b>
2004	Oct Nov	<b>Questionnaire finalised</b>	By school council and tutors. Outreach work with 'street kids' (those not at school) agreed with youth service. <b>MCC, Wakefield Council Young People's Youth Service</b>
2004	Dec	<b>Survey and outreach</b>	Questionnaire collection. Two evening sessions with school council members completing questionnaires with 'street kids', facilitated by two youth workers. <b>MCC School Council.</b>

2005	Jan Feb Mar	<b>Analysis and plan drafting</b>	Data inputting completed. Data analysis. Preparation of draft and final youth action plans. Key findings incorporated into Community Plan.	<b>MCC, YPA, SK&amp;MCP</b>
2005	Apr	<b>Plan launch</b>	Community Plan and Youth Action Plan launch event, including presentation by school council. Local MP John Trickett in attendance together with local 'great & good'.	<b>All</b>

## Outcomes

### Successes

- 1280 young people involved in preparation of the Community Action Plan (1260 school students and 20 other young people completed the questionnaire);
- Key findings from youth survey included in Youth Action Plan and in Community Action Plan;
- Student Council involvement in Community Action Plan launch event, (through powerpoint and verbal presentations of the work);
- Commitment by the Community Partnership Steering Group to expand so as to include 2 Student Council representatives to help guide the Plan's implementation (possibly monitored by Planning Aid);

### Shortcomings

- Lack of follow up. Steering Group collapsed and implementation of plan not systematically followed through. Due to lack of funding to support a development worker, without whom there is no one to steer and administrate the process. A proposed expanded steering group with student representation has yet to meet.

## Parties involved

<i>Party</i>	<i>Role</i>
<p><b>South Kirkby and Moorthorpe Community Project (SK&amp;MCP)</b></p> <p>The steering group includes representatives from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chevin Housing Association</li> <li>• Coalfields Regeneration Trust</li> <li>• Moorthorpe Town Council</li> <li>• South Kirkby Town Council</li> <li>• Local Residents)</li> </ul>	Project direction and management
<p><b>Minsthorpe Community College (MCC)</b></p> <p>A local school with 1800 students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 members of student council</li> <li>• 2 tutors</li> <li>• 1 governor</li> <li>• 1260 students completed questionnaires</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.minsthorpe.wakefield.myzen.co.uk">www.minsthorpe.wakefield.myzen.co.uk</a></p>	Implement survey. Prepare Youth Action Plan. Presentation at launch event.
<b>Yorkshire Planning Aid</b>	Facilitators. General advice, coordination and technical assistance.
<p><b>JCF Ltd Consultants</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.jcfconsultancy.com">www.jcfconsultancy.com</a></p>	Advice on survey (coordinators of main questionnaire survey).
<p><b>City of Wakefield Council Young People's Service</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/Education/YoungPeoplesService/">www.wakefield.gov.uk/Education/YoungPeoplesService/</a></p>	Brokering engagement with 'street kids'
<p><b>Local 'great and good'</b></p> <p>50 or so, including: local Member of Parliament Jon Trickett; Wakefield Council officers and members.</p>	Attended the Community Action Plan launch event.
<p><b>Coalfields Regeneration Trust</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk">www.coalfields-regen.org.uk</a></p>	Sponsor

## Funding and resources

- Yorkshire Planning Aid provided a free consultancy service and reimbursed Minsthorpe College for cost of copying questionnaires and for student travel in connection with 'street kid' outreach.
- Cost of Community Plan drafting and survey work funded by grant from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust. This funding also supported a Development Worker hosted by Chevin Housing Association and the commissioning of JCF Consultancy.

## Special features

### Planning Aid played a key role which included:

- Establishing link between the Community Partnership and Minsthorpe Community College re using Student Council to engage with fellow students;
- Helping the Council to modify adult questionnaire and establish distribution and collection mechanisms;
- Linking college with community questionnaire co-ordinator for advice on data input/analysis;
- Advising students and tutors on preparation of a Youth Action Plan based on questionnaire survey;
- Brokering direct link between students and Community Partnership steering group;
- Engaging with Wakefield Youth Services to draw non-college young people into survey;
- Assisting students and youth workers at questionnaire completion sessions with non-college young people
- Supporting throughout as necessary.

## Photographs

Engaging young people in the preparation of a Community Action Plan



**Community Action Plan  
launch event, April 2005**  
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## Documents

Download from website at: <http://www.communityplanning.net/casestudies/001/aylesham03.htm>

1. Youth questionnaire, Minsthorpe Community College, December 2004
2. South Kirkby and Moorthorpe Youth Action Plan, Minsthorpe Community College, 2005
3. South Kirkby and Moorthorpe Community Plan, Executive Summary, March 2005

## Quotes

“A good example of a resource efficient project from Yorkshire Planning Aid’s point of view. Facilitation role has not been onerous in time or staff terms, but outputs in terms of numbers of people engaged and hard outcomes have been significant.”

**Jacqui Baines, Yorkshire Planning Aid coordinator, 2005**

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