

## Pro Forma for Participation Works Network for England regional case studies

<b>Region: East Midlands</b>	
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Please indicate which sector this case study is an example of:	
Voluntary sector activity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory sector activity <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate sector activity <input type="checkbox"/> Other ( <i>please specify</i> )	
Please indicate which themes this case study can be used to support ( <i>tick all that apply</i> ):	
Arts & creativity <input type="checkbox"/>	Learning & research <input type="checkbox"/>
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Funding <input type="checkbox"/>	Safeguarding <input type="checkbox"/>
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Hard to reach groups <input type="checkbox"/>	Workforce development <input type="checkbox"/>
Health <input type="checkbox"/>	Youth-led project <input type="checkbox"/>
Inclusive practice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other ( <i>please specify</i> )
<b>Name of project: Fairplay Young Roots Project</b>	
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<b>Aims of the project:</b> To involve young people with additional needs and disabilities in youth led projects to find out about their heritage thereby developing skills, building confidence and promoting community involvement.	
<b>Timeline for the project (expected start and finish date, if known):</b> June 2005 – November 2006	
<b>Please name any other organisations involved if this was a project developed as a partnership:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cresswell Heritage Trust</li> <li>• Chesterfield &amp; Bolsovers Libraries</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Who funded this project?</b> Heritage Lottery Fund/National Youth Agency Young Roots Programme</p>
<p><b>How many young people were involved?</b> 13 young people</p>
<p><b>How were children &amp; young people involved in decision-making?</b> They came up with the original idea, decided which sites to visit, on what basis they would be evaluated and did 'mystery shopper' visits to local heritage sites which they chose. The info gathered was used to develop a leaflet and mobile exhibition for young people publicising the sites.</p>
<p><b>What changes has children &amp; young people's involvement led to?</b> Young people with disabilities had a greater knowledge of the heritage sites in their local area. The sites and wider community have greater insight into some of the accessibility issue facing young people with disabilities.</p> <p>Fairplay gained first hand knowledge of the benefits of running a volunteering programme and is seeking to develop more opportunities. The project has been a catalyst for some of the young people to continue their volunteering.</p>
<p><b>What did children and young people involved in this work achieve from this experience?</b> The young people involved achieved personal development such as confidence and independent living skills. They have achieved vocational development including practical skills in research, map reading, interpretation, interviewing, leaflet design photography and project management. They have also gained an understanding of the way people used to live. YP were presented with Millennium Volunteers and attendance certificates.</p>

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