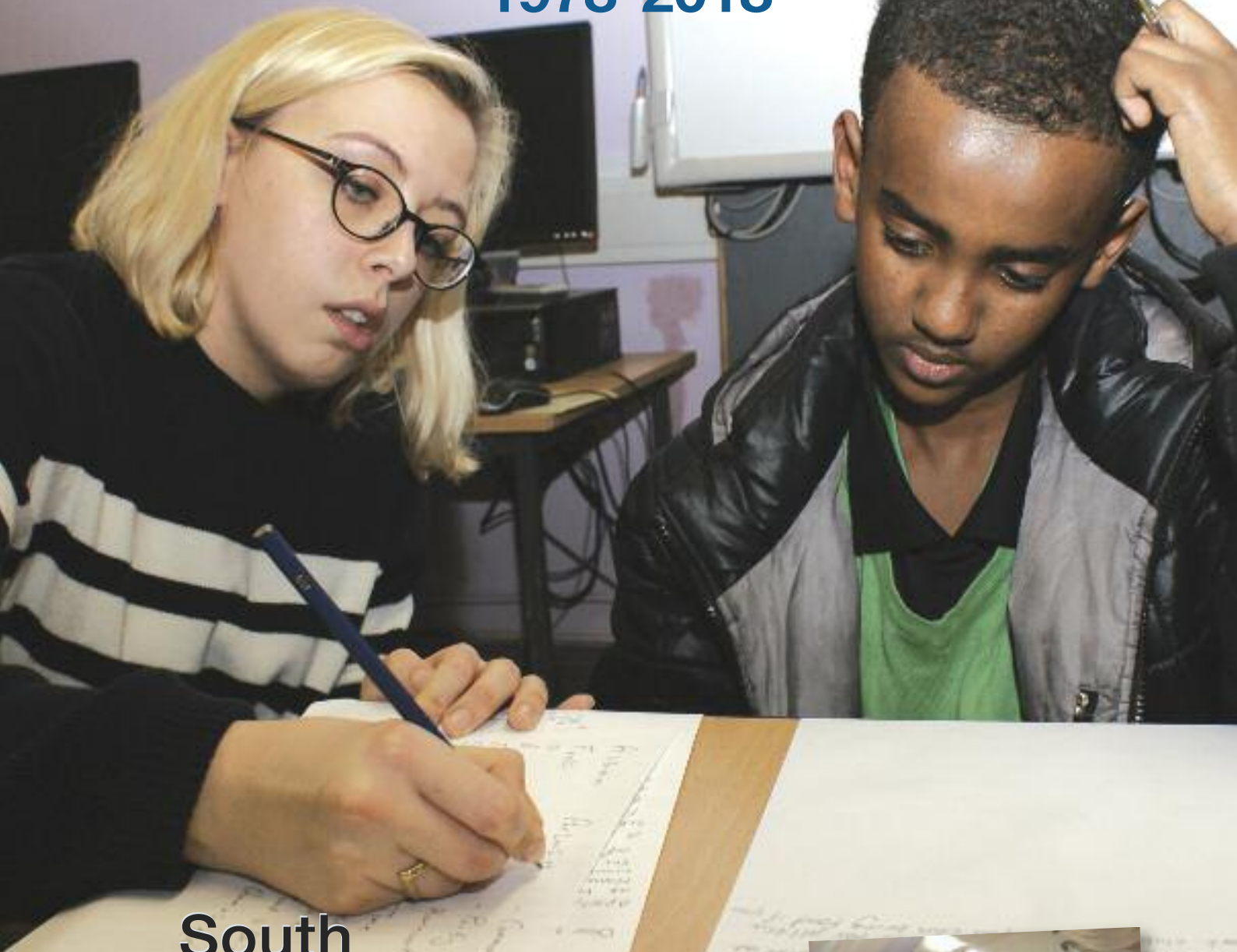


# Celebrating 40 years 1978-2018



## South Riverside Community Development Centre



**Annual Report  
2017**

# Chairpersons Report



Jacqueline Marshall

*"Don't be afraid of change, you may lose something good, but gain something better"*

**Welcome to the 40th year of serving our local community of South Riverside and the surrounding areas and communities (1978-2018).**

Over the years, South Riverside Community Development Centre has been a beacon to those who dared to improve their rights and encouraged and empowered people to develop and maintain essential skills for life. Our strategic aims over the next three years are still very much integral to working with and for the benefit of our client groups. Therefore we pursue and focus on – consolidating and developing services to local people, introducing and developing new community based services and facilities for the local community. We as an organisation also wish to improve key internal processes in order to deliver the mission and most importantly to fund the mission. This could be through asset development, social enterprise, submitting tenders and making changes where appropriate alongside our community. Some of these processes have already commenced, Rubin Sharma said:

*"Change is hard at first, messy in the middle and gorgeous at the end"*

A lot can happen in a year some good and bad. So for the first time in South Riverside Community Development Centre and 40 year history a Director was appointed to lead the organisation alongside the trustees/staff into our journey forward to promote and help our community as a whole. Although it was an enormous challenge and change for us, the trustees, after mammoth discussion, initial apprehension, debate, but eventual agreement by the trustees, appointed Neil Binnell in early November 2017. Neil has come from a background of leading community development & regeneration, and has managed housing and community care services. He was appointed in an extremely precarious time for all of us at SRCDC, but has thus far led the processes in an exceptional manner as was necessary and essential for the organisation to move forward.

Unfortunately the major loss for us at Riverside was administrating the closure & Management of Communities First, (BRG), Butetown, Riverside and Grangetown. On March 31st this year the Community First Programme, due to local council changes throughout Wales, ceased to exist and stopped providing its essential services to the local communities which we represented. This has been an unpleasant and sad time for us all and particularly for the organisation as a whole, as valuable and key members of staff were made redundant. However, I would like to take this opportunity to personally and on behalf of the trustees thank everyone for all the hard work that was put in to its inception and throughout its longevity. To the whole of the Communities First team and managers:

Allan Herbert Cluster Manager  
Nathan Evans Senior Lead, Prosperous Communities

Mashmooma Din Development, Prosperous Communities  
Tony Hendrickson Senior Lead, Learning Communities  
Cathryn Davies Project Administrator

Other valued CFst team members also included: Helen Edgeworth, Hamid Hichum, Lucy Chandler, Khalid Ahmed, Terence Dimmick, Rebecca Grace, Michelle Becker, Wabbah Ali, Terence Topham, Kay Brain, Eynon Williams, Razia Miah. **THANK YOU!**

Recent funding cuts have also affected our Oxfam worker, Anna McVicker (Skills For Life) and Jacqueline James. Jacqueline coordinator of our Young Children and Parents Project. Both have been power-houses within their area of work. I take my hat off to all the crèche workers who have on occasion volunteered their services. We maintain our ESOL classes with the help and excellent work of Mashmooma Din. I would also like to thank our cleaning and care taking staff for their work which underpins the smooth running of our buildings. Finally, I would like to thank Ken Barker who has left the organisation after thirty years loyal service, we wish him well for future. **THANK YOU!**

As with all of the above the Management committee has had a lot to focus on and decide, especially this last year, where major changes occurred and tough decisions were made. As Chairperson of South Riverside Development Centre I especially Thank you all for volunteering your time, commitment, contribution and support, you are appreciated **THANK YOU!**

**NB. Having said that we are looking for enthusiastic new trustees with specialist skills within community development, management, finance, marketing etc. Please feel free to contact me, to have a chat and meet for a coffee.**

As an independent voice of the community and over our 40 year history South Riverside Community Development Centre, continued to provide a range of services to thousands of local people per year. This also reflects the fact that the majority who use the centre are from minority ethnic communities. The Centre wishes to continually celebrate and embrace this, but also reach our hand out to ALL members of our vibrant community. As a local business woman, Director, entrepreneur and tutor I notice the apathy and austerity around the streets of Riverside. Although there may be bumpy rides ahead we must ride them together. In the past SRCDC has led excellent improvements, developments, new initiatives and a number of successful campaigns aimed at regenerating and improving the area. Working with other organisations and with the community we want to reduce our carbon footprint, and as an organisation our future aim is to continue to seek untapped areas of funding.

*"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new"* (SOCRATES)





# Members of the General Management Committee

The trustees of the charity were elected and reported at the Annual General Meeting in January 2017

The Board of Directors is made up of Centre members, who are elected at the Annual General Meeting, representatives of organisations that are in the Schedule of Affiliated Organisations, and individuals who are co-opted by the Management Committee.

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| <b>Alka Horne</b>          | elected January 2017 |                         |
| <b>Christine Chapman</b>   | representative       | Treasurer               |
| <b>Jacqueline James</b>    | staff representative |                         |
| <b>Wayne Findlay</b>       | representative       |                         |
| <b>Iona Gordon</b>         | elected 2013         |                         |
| <b>Jacqueline Marshall</b> | elected 2015         | Chairperson             |
| <b>Hannah Pudner</b>       | elected 2015         | Vice-chairperson        |
| <b>Jaswant Singh</b>       | elected 2014         | Secretary               |
| <b>Salam Abdul</b>         | elected 2017         |                         |
| <b>Dave Kilner</b>         | elected 2017         | (resigned January 2018) |

**NOTE:** where there are more than 4 elected members, those members of the Board who have the greatest period of office are required to stand down and are eligible for election again at the AGM.



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Trustee



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Chairperson



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Vice Chairperson



Salam Abdul  
Trustee



Iona Gordon  
Trustee

## Brunel Street Centre users 2017

### Acoustic Tuesdays

folk music club

### Bangladesh Reference Group

advice and advocacy group; children's exercise

### Future Homework Club

homework club, Sudanese Community

### Lisa's dancers

children's dance class

### Old is Gold

women's exercise group

### Oxfam UK / Skills for Life

job club

### PACT Riverside

police & residents consultation meetings

### Rahmat Community Youth Association

religious study group

### South Riverside Communities First

partnership steering group



### Sudanese Community Association

community events

### Taekwondo classes

### Tearing Your Hair Out group

family support group

### Urdu Academy

Urdu language teaching & support

### Barnado's Stay and Play

development group for BME women

### CLASSES

ESOL classes, IT classes, Men's ESOL, Parenting classes

### PARENT & TODDLER GROUP (staffed)

Parents' & under 5's staffed crèches in association with community learning programme.

We also used the Centre for Communities First programme events, and booked family and community events.



# Directors Report

## 2017



Neil Binnell

I started working for South Riverside Community Development Centre (SRCDC) in early November 2017 on a part time, fixed term basis, the Directors role being a new one for the organisation.

On arrival everyone was truly welcoming, in the way the organisation has always welcomed new, fresh faced arrivals into its ranks and into its community! I have arrived at a time of great change for the organisation with the closure of the Communities First Programme- the anti-poverty programme for Riverside, Grangetown and Butetown and the loss of the Communities First staff team and the core funding this has brought to SRCDC for the last 10 years. The challenge is large.

Going forward my first priority was to ensure that the staff affected by the closure of the Communities First Programme were supported through their redundancy in a dignified and respectful way – many having worked for SRCDC for around 2 decades and having made a tremendous contribution to the lives of thousands people over that time. In addition to the loss of the Communities First funding was the danger that the organisation would lose lots of its tacit knowledge, networks and community connections. We need to work hard on retaining this knowledge and experience whilst respecting that most of the individuals affected needed to find alternative employment.

On entering our buildings (Brunel Street, Wyndham Street and Riverside Warehouse) the feeling I had was they don't reflect or celebrate all the fantastic work that goes on, on a day to day basis. Providing support, advice, signposting and teaching to the diverse communities that we serve. Many days of the week our main building is packed with people. So one of my priorities is to improve our visibility – by, for example, improving our website.

Working alongside the General Management Committee and the exiting staff my priorities are:

**To build on existing partnerships and develop new ones-** for example Taff Housing are going to help us revamp the children's play area at Brunel Street. We are also in discussions with Cardiff University to host a PhD student to help us update our research into our community.

**To review our physical assets** Our buildings need to be run more efficiently, ensuring we are maximising use in a cost effective manner. I have carried out a user survey which returned a high level of satisfaction by the community groups who use our buildings which is very positive. We have started the process of decluttering and upgrading internal spaces and marketing the facilities better. We have also engaged a consultant

(funded by Cardiff City Council) to advise us on income generation.

**To seek funding** to run projects and events that meet the needs of our community. As always looking to undertake work that is coproduced, sustainable, usually in partnership with others, that is in line with our values. The funding gap we have is extremely challenging and we are working on replacement funding that builds on our strengths and fits with our purpose and mission. We currently have two applications into charitable trusts and one to the Big Lottery.

**To provide Education and training-** a large part of this work is the ESOL classes (we currently run 14 classes a week). In addition we provide training facilities for basic employment qualifications such as construction, teaching assistants and childcare. Our role in brokering and coordinating training and matching participants from our communities has been a huge success. Building on and developing links with more training providers and employers over the coming year is an absolute priority for us.

#### Some facts:

- Cardiff is the second most unequal city in the UK.
- Cardiff is currently experiencing a 20% population growth rate - second only to London.
- 50% of Wales's BAME community live in Cardiff.
- 35% of primary school children in Cardiff are from BAME community.
- Our area of benefit in terms of housing, income and physical environment remains in the top 10% most deprived in Wales.

#### The future

This is a really difficult time for SRCDC, with the loss of staff, loss of funding and consequent loss of services for the communities we work for and with. If the Councils (Capital) ambition is to make Cardiff a more equal and inclusive place then it needs to work with us to achieve this.

It is a tough time for all third sector and public sector organisations with the effects of austerity and consequent funding restraints having a significant impact on the communities in which we work.

The coming year is really going to stretch us, however, history has shown that we are a tough and resilient community anchor organisation. Our communities need us more than ever. I am still very much getting to know the individuals and groups that make up our brilliantly diverse community. **So please get in touch, in person, by phone, by e-mail, via our website or in any other way you wish. I would love to hear your thoughts and ideas about how we can continue to work with and for you.**





## Membership is open to:

- All residents of the area of benefit (Riverside, Grangetown, and Canton electoral areas of Cardiff) who are 18 years of age and upwards, and who accept the Centre's rules;
- Community organisations operating in the area whose aims and objects are in conformity with those of the Centre.

## Schedule of Affiliated Organisations

Cardiff Gingerbread  
Riverside Community Market Association  
Shiloh Pentecostal Church  
Taff Tenants' Association

We welcome applications for membership at any time – membership is free of charge – and we seek especially to extend the range of organisations represented on our Management Committee. Membership applications should be made firstly to the Centre's Administrator; in the case of representation, these are considered by the Committee.

## Riverside Warehouse users 2017

**A** Consortium approach between South Riverside Community Development Centre (SRCDC) and Grange-town Boys & Girls Club (GB&GC) has provided an innovative approach to youth work since its inception in March 2016. It provides both open access and targeted youth work in the Riverside and Grangetown areas of Cardiff.

### WORKING TOGETHER TO SUCCEED

The Riverside and Grangetown Youth Provision operates open access sessions 6.30-9.00pm Monday, Tuesday and Friday in Riverside and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday in Grangetown.

Young people gain team work, team building, understanding of the rules and working within them as well as tackling wellbeing, personal fitness, forming social relations and/or obtaining results in competition of all levels.

As part of the co-design ethos and responding to needs and interests of young people, a key focus of the Aspire Outcomes activity has been around Resilience and Health through Sport/Food and Expression/Skills /Ambitious through multi media & music projects. A key feature has been supporting a group of teenage girls take part in single sex activities. This group of young people have taken part in a new 'Baby Blues' Reality baby project run by Horn Development Association in partnership with Youth

Another group of 15 YP were involved in Music and film promotion video project with Promo Cymru, aimed at giving young people a strong voice they could put towards social change and policies. As well encouraging

self-expression through creative freedom and having a voice within multimedia and social media. The project not only produced a high calibre promotion material but young people taking part also gained qualifications.

### Cardiff Youth Service

Youth Club, 4 then 3 sessions a week  
(from October 2013 to February 2016)

### Youth Innovation project

Youth Clubs & associated, 3 sessions a week  
(from February 2016)

### Fitzalan High School

'Step 4' out of school provision

### Cardiff Community Learning Network

Network meetings

### Communities First South Riverside

community events

### Play Services

temporary Council play summer provision

### Riverside Festival

committee meetings & Festival 2016

### Women Connect First

exercise classes for older women

### Women Connect First

ESOL classes & creches

### Women's Access Network

fundraising events

### WOW film club

film shows for women

### Classes

'Bollywood' dance, Food & nutrition, Sewing classes  
Storytelling



**BRG**

Communities First



## ● Employment

We worked with **190** people and helped  
 We supported **66** into employment **134** gain a relevant qualification

## ● Reducing Youth Unemployment

We engaged with **52** participants  
**10** entered employment **41** entered further education

## ● Improving financial Capability

Our advice partners saw **119** clients  
 They supported **91** to gain access to benefits  
**24** clients had debts reduced or written off

## ● Developing Language Learning

We engaged with and supported **435** participants  
 Of which **41** improved their literacy skills  
**378** improved their numeracy skills **338** gained a language qualification **357** progressed to further learning

## Centre staff

### CORE:

#### Director:

Neil Binnell (from Nov 2017)

#### Administrator:

Ken Barker

#### Finance Manager:

Terence Topham

#### Finance Assistant:

Hasan Roop

#### Facilities Manager:

Terence Dimmick

#### Caretaker:

Nick Lewis

#### Cleaner:

Manjula Patel

#### Relief Caretaker:

Rahim Laban

### YOUNG CHILDREN & PARENTS' PROJECT:

#### Development Worker:

Jacqueline James

#### Play & Creche Workers:

Nazma Akter

Shibli Begum

Firuja Jalil

Natalie Hamonda

Kensie Hayan

Gurdev Kaur

Rajni Kaur

Jade Kaur-Landa

Runa Khan

Ayesha Mita

Anjali Parmar

Davisha Parmar

Jasu Patel

Katalin Shashaty

### WYNDHAM STREET CENTRE:

#### Caretaker:

Nick Lewis

#### Cleaner:

Zhiwen Zhou

### COMMUNITIES FIRST BRG CLUSTER:

#### Cluster Manager:

Allan Herbert

#### Senior Lead, Prosperous

#### Communities:

Nathan Evans

#### Senior Lead, Healthy Communities:

Tony Hendrickson (left June 2017)

#### Senior Lead, Learning

#### Communities:

Mashmooma Din

#### Senior Lead, Community

#### Engagement:

Catherine Morgan (from August 2016)

#### Project Administrator:

Cathryn Davies

#### Development, Prosperous

#### Communities:

Hamid Hicham

Khalid Ahmed (left June 2017)

#### Development, Learning

#### Communities:

Terence Dimmick (from Sept 2015)

Helen Edgeworth

Anna McVicker (from September 2015)

#### Development, Healthy Communities:

Rebecca Grace (left June 2017)

#### Monitoring Assistant:

Michelle Becker (left June 2017)

#### Admin Assistant:

Wabbah Ali (left June 2017)

#### Finance Officer:

Terence Topham

#### Extend class leader:

Razia Miah

### BUILDING LIVELIHOODS STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES PROJECT:

#### Livelihoods Project Worker:

Anna McVicker (to April 2016) (from May 2017 Skills for Life)

### YOUTH INNOVATION PROJECT:

#### Co-ordinator:

Steve Khaireh

#### Youth Workers:

Soraya Barshadoust

Joel Britton

Lenise Esprit

Andrea Heath

Gareth Hicks

Ismail Ide

Mustafa Jama

Charlotte Johnson-Evans

Kris Jenkins

Nikkiye Khaireh

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# Butetown, Riverside, Grangetown Communities First 2017



**W**e have completed the final year of local delivery of Communities First as the Lead Organisation of the BRG Cluster. It has been a difficult year involving the winding down of elements of programmes and managing the redundancy of the Communities First team, all within the context of a 30% reduction in budget. The Health related activities ended in July 2017 and the reduced programme of Learning and Prosperity has continued throughout the year. We have continued to deliver throughout this period and even within the context of a reduced programme we worked with 1,380 residents from Butetown, Riverside and Grangetown. Highlights have included 576 residents that benefitted from a range of Learning Activities and Opportunities, Citizens Advice Services, as included in Communities First has helped 375 residents and 127 people entered employment, most of whom benefitted from additional training and qualifications on their journey to employment.

## **THE IMPACT OF THE COMMUNITIES FIRST PROGRAMME COMING TO AN END**

In addition to the impact the ending of the programme has on SRCDC and its staff compliment, there has also been an effect on smaller third sector partners in the cluster area. The BRG cluster has historically had a high number of third sector organisations'. This reflects a number of factors including cultural, political organising and a general awareness of the power of

collective actions. These groups are often fragile in terms of sustainability and when viewed through a lens of poverty, often struggle to support basic elements of support. As a result some groups have already ceased, including homework clubs, fitness and wellbeing sessions and activities in support of families and young people. It is also more difficult to support other organisations where Communities First added value. This is particularly true with organisations that support people with additional vulnerabilities, such as mental health, asylum seekers & refugees and those in various forms of recovery (homelessness, alcohol, substances), all of which have a greater intensity in city centre environments, BRG has the three wards in the city closest to the city centre.

There is a further impact related to the broader impact of not having English Language skills. These impacts extend beyond ESOL for Work and have deep impacts on the lives of older people (many of whom have been taxpayers for many years), more recent arrivals and the extended impact it has on families when viewed through the lens of in-work poverty and the reasons for in-work poverty.

The support that the Communities First Workforce operating from the value base of third sector organisations has offered to people with complex problems is very hard to replace.

**Allan Herbert** *Communities First Cluster Manager*

# Skills for Life Project

a partnership between SRCDC and Oxfam

The **Skills for Life Project** is tackling some of the root causes of BME women's disadvantage in the labour market. It combines practical work experience with a unique, person-centred package of support, professional coaching, and peer support sessions. Women are taken on a pathway from economic inactivity, removing the obstacles to enable them to progress closer to, or enter the labour market. The partnership aims to help people to achieve rewarding work once employed.

Participants are offered support from a trained Livelihoods Worker who delivers intensive or non-intensive Sustainable Livelihoods Approach (SLA) support, determined by the participant's needs. The SLA believes that everyone has abilities and assets that can be used to help them manage and improve their lives, and focuses on these to empower women and increase their confidence and sense of self worth. Skills for Life also takes an holistic view of someone's life to identify opportunities and barriers which may affect someone's ability to move into employment.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aau4876Slto>

Skills for Life fits within the Welsh Government and European funded Communities for Work (CfW) programme and acts as a complementary provision. Communities for Work is a voluntary service for those living in a Communities First (CF) area who need extra help and support to find work.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 52 participants (50 from BME – Black or other Minority Ethnic backgrounds).
- participants received SLA (Sustainable Livelihoods Approach) support and/or training on an individual or group basis.
- participants undertook a total of 23 work placements organised through the project and 18 participants took up the offer of professional coaching.
- women secured paid employment through the project.

## CASE STUDY: MUMTAZ'S STORY

- Born in UK but not spent whole life here – single parent, no qualifications, never had paid employment – Skills for Life offered employability training and other group based sessions, found her a voluntary placement and gave her one-to-one help with job applications – found a temporary position as a result – then found permanent job thanks to skills and experience gained – new job is only part-time but now in position to gain one with more hours soon.
- The overall costs of working with Mumtaz came to £1,637.97. For this, the project created a total economic and social value of £13,443.97 over one year.

## Oxfam Cymru / SRCDC: SKILLS FOR LIFE



## INTERIM EVALUATION March 2017 – October 2017

- These figures take into account the work of other organisations, such as Communities for Work, as well as various technical issues (such as deadweight and dropoff) – less than half of the change occurring attributed to Skills for Life as a result.
- With all this done, the net value ratio for the work with Mumtaz was 8.21:1 (to 2 d.p.). In other words, for every £1 invested, the project generated £8.21 of economic and social value.

## KEY LEARNING

*Without the project I'd have thought as a BME person, 'This place [I'm doing my work placement at] is not for me. Things I wouldn't have thought of as a possibility I can think of now.'*  
Project participant, Skills for Life

*'This has been a very positive, humbling and rewarding experience for me. The Oxfam Cymru team have been incredibly supportive.'*  
Coach, Skills for Life

*'Our staff have benefited from working with a more diverse group of people. This is the way we break through barriers.'*  
Work placement provider, Skills for Life

- Provisional analysis suggests that Skills for Life will have achieved a positive overall net value by its close – in other words, it will have generated more value than the value of the money invested in it.
- Qualitative feedback gathered so far suggests the project will have many key learning points to share with other programmes working with BME women on employment issues.
- Final report will be completed once the project closes at the end of the month, and will be available from Oxfam Cymru.

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# Wyndham Street Centre

## users 2017

### Groups using the Centre regularly:

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| Cardiff Activists Cafe        | social & political actions     |
| Food Not Bombs (kitchen hire) | social activists group         |
| Alternatives to violence      |                                |
| Kingsway Group                | spiritualist / religious group |
| SWLTRA / Riverside Triangle   | tenants' & residents' group    |
| Women Connect First           | women's development services   |

### Other groups that used the Centre during the year were:

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Cardiff University – Wiserd    | community events |
| Sudanese Community Association | community events |
| Libyan Community               | community events |

*The Centre was used increasingly as a venue for classes and training courses, including Play & Child Development, Childcare training, Complementary Therapy. We used the Centre for our committee meetings as an accessible ground floor venue; we also booked the Centre hall for family parties.*



# Higher Education and Research

## PRODUCTIVE MARGINS

**P**roductive Margins is a research initiative that forms part of a major five year co-produced interdisciplinary research programme involving the University of Bristol, Cardiff University and seven community organisations from England and Wales ([productivemargins.ac.uk](http://productivemargins.ac.uk)) The programme is seeking to remap the terrain of regulation, by involving the knowledge, passions and creativity of citizens often considered on the margins of politics and policy-making.

Our title Productive Margins: Regulating for Engagement encapsulates the principal elements of our research agenda. In the term productive margins we embody an understanding that people and communities excluded from participation in the regulatory regimes that impact upon their daily lives have expertise, experience and creativity that can be politically productive.

### *From the introduction on the PM web page:*

The research process included working with Community members from Cardiff (SRCDC) and Bristol SPAN – Single Parent Action Network), University Researchers, Artists as Researchers and staff from both organisations. The substance of the research was to use the real life experiences of participants in relation to regulatory systems. The outputs of the research included the co-writing of a novel that constructed characters and situations that

were based on the participants and their experiences. This novel and subsequently the programme was titled Life Chances (a conscious re-appropriation of a then Central Government narrative on poverty). Other outputs were a Jewelry Collective that existed in real life and in the novel, a group presence at a Research Festival in Somerset House in London and range of written outputs including Bristol University Policy Briefings, blogs, and members of the larger research group contributing to written outputs that will form both a chapter on Framing Co-production in a book focusing on Co-produced work and a stand-alone publication on Life Chances to be published by University of Bristol press (formerly Policy Press).

## HEALTH

We have had involvement with two aspects of the Training of Doctors and the contribution to research. We received a group of trainee doctors, from the University Hospital, Heath, as part of a pilot (which was conducted in the BRG area and North Merthyr Communities First) that took the community module of their training out of the classroom and into the community for a week.

We also accommodated a group of Doctors from the Division of Population Medicine at Cardiff University, Trans Cultural Medicine that conducted some interviews that contributed to ongoing research regarding the uptake of smear testing. Two members of the BRG team are also on a new Access Group of Public Health Wales that is looking at improvements in public engagement.

# Community Learning & Education Project

The Centre has been involved in community-based learning and education projects from years, continuing to develop close links with further, higher education and neighbourhood learning. We have been involved in the delivery of transcultural medicine sessions in partnership with Cardiff University medical students, as well as delivering participatory research training to local community groups. We focused on identifying and overcoming the barriers that the people of South Riverside and neighbouring wards experience in accessing training and educational opportunities. This year brought great success for the project and we have delivered training and learning opportunities for 520 residents.

We have delivered accredited IT classes for local community in partnership with Neighbourhood Learning which has helped in developing their knowledge and awareness around use of IT for jobs and online services.

We have also taken responsibility for developing the premises fit for the delivery of education, upgrading our IT equipment in our training room with wireless internet access for residents, classes and teachers.

In addition, we have delivered child care and vocational training through the Communities First prosperity team, supported with free childcare. We have designed and delivered Bollywood Dance, computing, sewing, cooking on a budget & Complementary Therapies with other community groups in the locality.

We have continue our provision and support to ESOL classes for local communities from Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Libya, Sudan, Rwanda, Oman, Iraq, Somalia, Ethiopia, Cuba, China, Vietnam, Malaysia, Holland, Hungary, France, Jamaica, Poland, Eritrea, Romania, Slovakia, Portugal, Spain, Russia and the Czech Republic. We benefited from excellent teaching from ESOL teachers Hodane Abokar, Sheila West, Yasmin Hashmi (ESOL & IT), Robina Saqib, Rahema Zaman, Sofing Hassan, Debbie Poole and Beth Barry (ESOL). We have supported teaching placement opportunities to trainee teachers which has helped them to do their practice teaching hours.

The Project has also supported a number of thriving homework clubs for younger secondary school pupils in the Communities First area.

The team, Learning Lead for Communities First Mashmooma Din, Helen Edgeworth (development worker for schools), Anna McVicker (development worker) and Terry Dimmick (development worker for culture art and heritage) has worked hard with learning providers to bridge the gaps and create learning and educational opportunities for local residents.

**Mashmooma Din**  
*Senior Lead Learning Communities*



# Young Children & Parents Project 2017



**T**he YCPP has been at the heart of the community, working with families for the last 12 years. It provides programs, workshop, training and many other activities which engage and empower the children and young people of the community. This year the YCPP has provided a variety of fun activities for the children aged 0 to 14 who have attended the sessions. The YCPP employs staff who are representative of the ethnic diversity of the local communities of Canton, Riverside, Grangetown and Butetown. These local staff are able to use their knowledge and understanding of the languages and cultures to support the families that attend the sessions.

## Toddler Sessions

We are thankful for the funding from BBC Children in Need which over the years has allowed us to provide sessions for the toddlers as well as holiday activities and trips for the older children and young people. This funding finished in the summer of 2017.

The Project worked with **60 disadvantaged children** and their families, on various regular activities and workshops throughout the year.

The toddler group continued to run for two morning a week where parents were able to stay and learn alongside their children. This year we ran a messy play day for our pre-schoolers – messy play is very important for children as it helps in the holistic development and the children can express their feelings and thoughts through colour, texture, shapes and forms in two and three dimensions. The day was a great success where both the children and parents had a fun and really messy morning.

The project also provided holiday craft activities in the summer for children and young people up to the age of 14yrs. The children learnt jewellery making and

how to decorate t-shirts to their own unique design. The activities are varied and are often chosen by the young people, and are a great help in building the confidence and patience of these young people.

## Crèche delivery including Mobile crèche

The need for childcare to enable parent and carers to progress forward in training and employment is crucial. Because of this the YCPP developed a team of workers trained and experienced in providing care for the babies and children. The YCPP is able to provide mobile childcare which runs alongside training and other events in a variety of places and for different organisations. This then enables parents/carers to access training and education, which helps in eliminating generational issues around literacy, numeracy, unemployment and improving the life experiences of the children and

young people in these families. **Last year the team looked after over 350 children.** The workers are mainly of ethnic minority and speak many different languages, therefore they have a sound knowledge and understanding of other languages, cultures and traditions, and the parents are more comfortable leaving their children in our care.

## Home Office Immigration & Visa Services.

YCPP is contracted to deliver one session per week of therapeutic crèche service for the Home office Boarder Agency looking after the babies and children of asylum seekers and refugees while the parents are being interviewed. This service is invaluable to the Home Office as it allows both the case workers and parents to concentrate on the interview knowing that their children are being properly and professionally looked after. Last year with our one day per week service, **the staff looked after over 180 children** aged 0 to 17 years old from 30 different countries.

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## **SRCDC** Aims and values

SRCDC is a registered charity with a Memorandum of Association, established for the purpose of benefiting the communities in the Riverside, Canton and Grangetown areas.

### **SRCDC aims to:**

- a) advance the education of the public in matters related to mental, physical, cultural, and social welfare;
- b) relieve poverty.



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