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Client

Derbyshire County Council

Safeguarding Children Board,  
Bounce!



Working with Derbyshire County Council youth Services and the Safeguarding Children Board, we were asked to develop a programme of events to engage with children designated as at risk, as well as those hard to reach young people who would not normally engage with local services.

Targeting with 5 schools in areas of high social deprivation, we established arts based workshops - hip hop, animation, sculpture, installation art and theatre. The workshops focussed on the 5 Every Child Matters agenda and gave the opportunity to the young people to have their voice heard, through an established day of events, called Bounce! held in May 2008,.

The Bounce event brought in over 250 further young people with drop in workshops, from circus skills to Video DJing, from street dance to climbing walls. These ran alongside the same 5 workshops held in schools but this time, facilitated by the young people themselves, not the artists.

In June of the same year, the young people fed back directly to the annual Safeguarding Practitioner Conference and established an on-line toolkit to help maintain the dialogue.

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