

Activity of Boys Development Project

Aims and objectives

The Boys' Development Project (CIC) is a registered Social Enterprise and a company limited by guarantee. Main purpose is to increase boys' and young men's life options and achievement by:

- 1 | Developing effective projects and programmes targeted at boys and young men and their families;
- 2 | Providing consultancy and training to professionals who want to develop their work with boys, young men and their families;
- 3 | Carrying out research and investigations that will add to the growing body of knowledge and by carrying out evaluations of projects targeting boys and young men.

Creator/owner/responsible institution

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Stakeholder: Civil society organisation

Area of intervention: Men and gender equality

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Activities

Ten funded projects:

- Boys in Early Years (commissioned by Manchester Early Years) had two parts, the first was providing training to those working with boys (3-5) in the 40 Children's Centres across the city and the second involved supporting 18 initiatives with boys focusing on communication, school skills and motivation. This project ran from September 2010 until July 2011.
- Warwickshire Young Fathers Scoping involved a geographical scoping; an agency telephone audit; a practice focused literature review; consultations with young fathers and the development of an appropriate and realistic strategy. This project ran from September 2010 to March 2011.
- Boys and aspirations - we are working with a Lewisham Primary School looking at ways to raise year 6 boys' aspirations and motivation to ensure they make the best use of their school experience.
- Boys Talking Sex (funded by the Department for Education and commissioned by Brook) aims to consult with significant numbers of boys and young men about their attitudes and behaviours towards sexual health. We provide workers with a monthly session plan, they deliver this to a group of young men and feed back their views, which we then compile into themed reports.
- Preparing Boys for School (funded by the Wates Foundation for two years) targeting parents to ensure that boys have the required skills set to make the transition into school successfully. This project is being delivered mainly in South East London primary schools. A booklet is now available titled Boys into School and can be downloaded and bought from the Resources Page.
- About Boys Course (ABC 0-5) is an 8-hour (4-session) programme that targets mothers with sons between five and eleven. The themes are gender differences, boy's development,

discipline and boundaries, motivation, communication and boy's achievement.

Professionals can attend a training course which leads to accreditation to deliver this very successful programme. Twenty people in the London area are currently in the accreditation process. There are 44 accredited trainers for the ABC 0-5 and a further 20 going through the accreditation process.

- About Boys Course (ABC 5-11) is an 8-hour (4-session) programme that targets mothers with sons between five and eleven. The themes are gender differences, boy's development, discipline and boundaries, motivation, communication and boy's achievement. Professionals can attend a training course which leads to accreditation to deliver this very successful programme.
- Conflict Resolution Skills (funded by six Lewisham Primary Schools) for boys in Year 3 (7/8-year-olds). This project aims to teach boys conflict resolution skills at the very earliest stages of development. Programmes were delivered and evaluated to see the potential for mainstreaming. Delivery from September 2010 to July 2011.
- Boys at home and school (funded by six Lewisham Primary Schools), which targeted specific families where boys are struggling at school. This programme offered families strategies and support to increase their abilities to provide boundaries and discipline to their sons. Programmes were delivered and evaluated to see the potential for mainstreaming. Delivery from September 2010 to July 2011.
- Pastoral Care Initiative - we have been funded by and working with a Lewisham Primary School looking at ways to address behaviour issues, especially with boys. We are partly reviewing and revising policy and procedures, but also developing specific initiatives to be delivered in this academic year.

downloadable at www.boysdevelopmentproject.org.uk/downloads.html

Materials

- Lloyd T. (2010) Boys Going to School (a brief guide), London: Boys Development Project
- Lloyd T. (2010) Discipline and Boys Under 5 (a brief guide), London: Boys Development Project,
- Lloyd T. (2010) Young Men and what others think of them, London: Brook
- Lloyd T. (2010) Young Men and the law, London: Brook
- Lloyd T. (2010) Young Fathers and Midwives, a missed opportunity? Young Fathers and Midwives, a missed opportunity? London: Brook
- Lloyd T. (2009) Boys' Underachievement: What schools think and do, Centre for Young

Men's Studies, Ulster University

- Lloyd T. (2009) Stuck in the Middle (young men: conflict, violence and safety), Centre for Young Men's Studies, Ulster University
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ONGOING: Ne

TYPE: Study / Survey, Training tool, Counselling / Mentoring / Coaching program, Publication

TARGET GROUP: Young men (15-25), Boys (under 15)

KEYWORDS: [men and gender equality](#)