



## Funding Support

### Whitemoss Youth and Community Centre

The Youth Club offers premises run on two nights a week for junior club members aged 8-12 years, one night a week for members aged 12-15 years, one night for members aged 15-19 years and one night a week for special needs children aged 8-13 years.

The centre has a computer room with 7 computers, a music studio funded through a Capital (Youth Opportunity Grant), a multi-sensory room, games room for pool, table tennis, committee meetings, a gymnasium for most sports, an outside area with basketball area and a sensory garden. Charlestown Tenants and Residents Association uses the facilities for their committee meetings.

The organisation is predominantly run by volunteers and has been awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Service after 40 years and has also just been awarded a Be Proud Award for 2011 for Community Project of the Year and one of their volunteers Liam England has also been awarded Young Achiever of the Year. Philip Tommins from North Manchester also won a Be Proud Award 2011 for Creativity in the Community for all his Art work around the centre and also in the local area.

Whitemoss Club for Young People contacted us at the beginning of 2010 looking for support to develop their application to Changing Spaces in order to complete their project development plan for a multi use games area adjacent to their building.

We met with the group and key partners to discuss their application form and to ensure they were making an application to the most appropriate fund. We encouraged the group with their application form and their relationship with Groundwork and they were successful in securing this funding and are developing a facility that will give children / young people / friends and families, a lasting legacy in Charlestown. The building work starts on the multi use games area in March 2012 and should be up and running in the middle of April 2012.

The group contacted us again in spring of 2011 to attend our Reaching Communities Capital Fund workshop which we organised with the Big Lottery. This workshop helped groups maximise their chances of a successful application to the Reaching Communities Capital Fund. From attending this workshop the group realised that applying to this fund wasn't the right option for them and they made the decision to keep looking for smaller pots of funding to further develop the services that they offer.

In the summer of 2011 the group contacted us about our offer of support to voluntary and community groups who were making applications to the Youth Fund. The group were provided with one-to-one support by one of our consultants to develop their application and were successful in obtaining this funding.



The group are continuing to seek opportunities for funding to develop the services that they provide in the community and we are meeting again in January 2012.