

# Case study

## Derbyshire VCI Passport



The Derbyshire VCI (voluntary, community and independent sector) Passport is a volunteer development programme designed to equip volunteers from 16yrs+ with the knowledge and skills to enable them to work safely and effectively with children and young people in their communities.

The project is a partnership between Derbyshire County Council, the district councils, volunteer centres, volunteers and many volunteer engaging organisations such as cadets, Homestart and the Youth Offending Team.

Volunteers attend a structured training programme covering five modules:

1. Health & Safety
2. Equal Opportunities
3. Safeguarding
4. First Aid
5. Involving and consulting young people

At the end of the programme volunteers develop an action plan for implementation in their own communities which they present to their local Parish Council for future support. In addition they receive a CRB check and are presented with the VCI Passport, which is valid for three years and is recognised by partners as a quality assurance allowing them to work with young and vulnerable people.

The project targets development of young volunteers with qualifications below level 2 and is accredited by OCN. In addition to skills development, evaluation of the project has also evidenced growth in confidence building, team work, safeguarding and practical activity to support community development and cohesion as a result of the programme. To date 20 of the 200 participants have also secured work as a result of the project.

Derbyshire VCI Passport is jointly funded by Derbyshire County Council, district authority contributions and additional resource from the volunteer centres. Delivery of the project costs between £75 and £100 per participant.

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