It has been a very busy and successful year for the young people of Chichester Community Development Trust. The Junior and Youth Ambassadors have turned out in record numbers and we launched the very popular Youth Club.

Youth Ambassadors

The Youth Ambassadors (YAs) are youth from around Chichester with diverse backgrounds and experiences, they reach out to their communities to listen to their concerns and act accordingly by organising and delivering social impact projects to better the community for everyone. All activities are youth led and provide them with personal development opportunities.

• 6.30-8.00pm

• Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday (All year)

• 12-18yrs

*Where?*

Impact and success:

* The YAs were charged with running the dog arena at the Summer Garden Party 2015. They experienced event planning, engaging local businesses and ran the arena on the day.

“The work we do makes a difference around here. We did the dog show, handed out goody bags with dog poo bags in there to stop dogs fouling on Graylingwell Park.”  Jack Thorley

* Family Walk: YAs organised a family walk to bring family and friends in the community together.
* YAs contributed to the success of the new Youth Club by organising Halloween and Christmas parties.
* YAs supported the CCDT chapel in candlelight
* YAs ran a World Book Night drop-in, to engage residents and promote and increase YA numbers.
* YAs supported the local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) with a Road Safety Awareness event.
* The YAs have been regularly engaging and assisting Chichester District Council including volunteering as stewards at the Tangmere Sports Relief Mile. CDC has asked if they would help at two events in 2016.

“The Ambassadors were absolutely brilliant please pass on our thanks and appreciation for helping on Sunday. Without you guys it would not have been possible!” Amy Chamberlain, Sport Development Officer, Chichester District Council

* YAs proactively engaged in a First Aid session delivered by St John’s Ambulance. All YAs passed the session.
* A large number of YAs completed 50hrs of volunteering and received a Bronze Outset certificate.

“You actually get to socialise with other people rather than sitting on your Xbox at home eating chips or on their phones.”   Trinity Ward

“You get taken out of your comfort zone.” Hailie Fletcher

Junior Ambassadors

The Junior Ambassadors (JAs) are the younger voice of the local community. Similar to the Youth Ambassadors, the Junior Ambassadors is all about the younger generation deciding what fun and exciting activities should be delivered by CCDT.

• Time: 6-7pm

• Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday (Term time)

• 8-11yrs

•The Lodge

Impact and success:

This year JAs collaborated with Immanuel Church in a shoebox appeal for homeless.

JAs created a permanent mosaic mural for The Lodge. The children are really proud of the artwork and the piece also brightens up the community.

JAs have also taken part in a programme of events that develop their personal skills, logistics and knowledge. Examples include a science class, recycling challenge and a healthy eating smoothie session.

“It has made me more confident”, Ewan Acton

Youth Club

The Youth Club is a weekly run club with an array of activities to engage and educate the youth of Chichester in a vibrant and comfortable environment. The YC offers everything from gaming competitions and movie nights to youth orientated creative and developmental workshops.

• 7-9pm

• Every Friday (Term Time)

• 10+

• The Lodge

Impact and success:

* At least ten young people attend every week.
* Activities are chosen by those who attend. It is also a place where they can just relax in a safe environment and do whatever they wish.
* Examples of activities: t-shirt making, newspaper fashion show, clay modelling, candle and soap making.
* The club has also succeeded in its aim of raising awareness of social issues as well as providing developmental opportunities and information.
* Introducing the PCSO: Karen was positively welcomed and had many productive conversations. The young people left knowing PCSPs are friendly and approachable.
* The Drug Awareness Workshop was well received with lots of open discussion about drugs, what they do and what to do if they suspect someone is taking them.

“The youth Club is good because it stops people sitting at home.” Hailie Fletcher

“Everyone would be inside most of the time because there would be nothing to do.” Trinity Ward

Young people quotes

It’s great because you get rewarded for the good work that you achieve.           Ewan Acton

We get to communicate with other people.

Trinity Thorley

You get taken out of your comfort zone.

Hailie Fletcher

We get to teach the younger children how to communicate and spend time with other people.

   Trinity Thorley