

End of project evaluation
HTCCC PEOPLE, PLACE, PRESENCE
2017 to 2020



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Holy Trinity Church and Community Centre
Bringing people together, to empower them to create
a strong and cohesive community.

People, Place and Presence (PPP)

End of Project Evaluation Income and Expenditure

Sources of Income	
Big Lottery Grant (BLG)	£348,807
Our contribution	£46,500
Total Income from original grant	£395,307
Additional income raised through the centre*	£126,017.00
GRAND TOTAL INCOME	£521,324.00

*Additional income raised through the centre from playground rent, regular and occasional use of centre facilities, Action Together grant, Awards for All grants, Forever Manchester, donations, Gift Aid.

Expenditure	
Total spend on PPP from original grant	£395,307.00
Total spend above original grant	£104,145.00
GRAND TOTAL SPEND	£499,452.00
Current surplus	£21,782.00



Project Outcomes 2017 to 2020

PROJECT OUTCOME ONE

'Local isolated women will be empowered to become more active citizens with a focus on those most difficult to reach.'

INDICATOR 1

More engagement activities for women to develop peer support networks at a level of 3 per annum and a time scale of the end of project.

EVIDENCE

We have far exceeded our target with more than 40 engagement activities for women: -

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Classes

We have worked in partnership with Tameside College to provide a progression route of English language courses at pre-entry learning level for 107 different learners. Of these 88 have successfully completed their courses. Weekly classes include:

- ESOL Talk English, in partnership with Tameside Adult and Community Education (TACE), for at women at Pre-Entry and Entry Level 1.
- Creative English, for women at Pre-Entry Level.
- English My Way, for women at Pre-Entry and Entry Level 1.
- Accredited English, for women at Entry Level 1 and above, in partnership with Jigsaw Group.
- ESOL First Steps.
- ESOL My Community.

ESOL Health and Wellbeing Classes - Two classes per week at two hours per session - 4 hours a week. Piloted from April to November 2018.

ESOL Life in the UK Classes - Study for the UK Citizenship Test. One 2 hour session per week.

ESOL ICT Classes - Specially created for ESOL learners, this class taught ICT skills, including basic computer, keyboard and internet skills, at beginners' level. 20 learners completed this course. In partnership with Tameside College.

School Readiness Classes - In partnership with Jigsaw Group and Holy Trinity Primary School. Local pre-school children attend a weekly 2 hour session in term time. During 2019 more than 20 local families have benefited from these school preparation classes for pre-school children and their parents.

Sewing Classes - In partnership with Jigsaw Housing. Thanks to Jigsaw Housing we purchased 10 sewing machines and employed a sewing tutor to teach two classes, at beginner and advanced level. The classes took place in our new specially constructed 'poly tunnel' room in the upstairs hall. 59 different learners have benefited from these popular new classes since June 2019.

Sewing Project in partnership with the Royal Exchange Theatre

- This hugely exciting one-off opportunity was brought to us by our partner Jigsaw Housing Group. Over three months costume designers from the Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester trained HTCCC learners in costume design and together they made costumes for the theatre's production of 'Wuthering Heights'. The group also attended backstage tours of the costume department and attended performances of several plays at the theatre.

A mixed class of 10 participants of BAME and white ethnicity worked together on this special project and they and their families enjoyed an evening performance of Wuthering Heights at the theatre (13/02/20) where the result of the group's hard work was displayed on stage.

Royal Exchange Theatre and Wuthering Heights - Partner Jigsaw Housing

Theatre Trips - HTCCC learners, who would not usually visit local theatres or entertainment venues, have enjoyed three trips to Oldham Coliseum Theatre, to see musical 'The Hired Man' (02/07/19), pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' (09/01/20) and Asian comedy drama 'Dishoom'. These trips were kindly funded by our partner Jigsaw Housing Group.

Arts and Crafts In partnership with Jigsaw Group - Local families were engaged in an arts and crafts project session every month. HTCCC hosted a 'sand art' session for parents and children by Crafty Corner Tameside. Timea Ashraf, founder of the company, is a HTCCC creche worker. 10/07/19

Ashton Library Tour - HTCCC learners from our ESOL classes attended the new Ashton Library for a guided tour. Many learners were not already members, so joined the library and signed up for the 'Reading Ahead' scheme, which encourages book borrowing and learning. 28/11/19

Ashton Old Baths Tour - HTCCC learners and their families enjoyed a guided tour of this local Victorian public bath house, which has now been transformed into a modern workplace for the digital and creative media industries. 08/07/19

Britain in Bloom - Holy Trinity Women's Group was awarded an 'It's Your Neighbourhood Award Level 5' by RHS & North West Britain in Bloom Awards 2019. The group has worked with local schoolchildren and their families to brighten up the local community with hanging baskets and community litter picks. 30/10/19

Charity fund-raising events hosted by our centre users and groups

- Chaand Raat, An Eid party celebration and charity fund-raising evening, hosted by our user group Kush Amdid. 03/06/19
- Coffee morning / Fun Day organised by our creche worker Timea Ashraf, raised money for Macmillan Cancer Care. 15/09/19
- 'Ladies Afternoon, By Haych', by Humaira Iqbal. Sponsored by local businesses this event raised over £900 for water charities in Bangladesh, Pakistan and Yemen. 28/04/19
- 'Paint it Pink,' A coffee morning fundraiser in aid of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, by our user group Neonatal Knitters. 23/10/19

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Community celebrations, events and meetings - We have provided an affordable and accessible venue for local people to hire. Over the last year 50 private bookings have included; parties, for - children, birthdays, weddings, engagements, religious celebrations for Eid and Christmas and memorial commemorations. Four different local community groups have held their regular meetings at the centre, including a group who we were able to help with free room hire, as they could not afford the fees. We helped this group with their submission of a funding application for a grant and they have successfully secured funding from the Community Wellbeing Investment Board. This has enabled them to pay the centre for their room hire and strengthened their organisation's structure and processes.

Family Residential - This weekend break provided the opportunity for local families to enjoy some time away together at the Hollowford Centre in Castleton. They took part in a busy programme of outdoor pursuits, sports activities and team building sessions in the Derbyshire countryside. In partnership with Lindley Educational Trust. 30/11/19 – 01/12/19

General Election Hostings - An opportunity for people in the local community to question the candidates for MP for Ashton-under-Lyne. Hosted by Action Together, 04/12/19. Our local MP, Labour Party Deputy Leader Angela Rayner, is a friend of HTCCC and visits when her busy schedule allows. Over the last year she has talked to the ESOL classes about the importance of voting (12/12/19) and dropped in on the sewing class to hear about their experiences in the class and to try her hand at sewing! (21/02/20)

International Women's Day Event - At Oldham Coliseum Theatre, thanks to our partner Jigsaw Housing Group. HTCCC learners celebrated IWD by attending a bespoke programme of talks from theatre professionals and workshops on stage combat and arts & crafts. 06/03/19

Media Engagement - Our staff and volunteers were interviewed about their involvement with the project on Mike Shaft's Breakfast Program on BBC Radio Manchester, 06/10/19

Women's Exercise Classes - Two 1½ hour classes per week ran until November 2018.

Yoga - Piloted for 3 sessions but not to continue.

Cancer Awareness Talks - Two delivered in Bangla and Urdu to the local community.

Canal Boat Trip - To Portland Basin Museum and a canal boat ride.

Chand Raat - Celebration for Eid. Hosted by our user group Kush Amdid.

Community Organising Training - Accredited Level 2 and Level 3 training for staff and volunteers.

Defibrillator Training - A 3 hour training session for staff, volunteers and user groups.

Hate Crime Awareness Talk - Thanks to Greater Manchester Police and TMBC's Community safety Team.

Inter Community Sports Event - HTCCC and 5 churches and families playing rounders.

Manchester Cathedral Celebration Event - For Talk English ESOL learners.

Mental Health Awareness Talk - Thanks to Diversity Matters.

Leadership Residentials - In partnership with Lindley Educational Trust (LET). Staff and volunteers took part in four residentials: - Team Building, Management and Skills Development; Bushcraft; Camping & Living in the Outdoors; and an Adventure based residential.

Walk for Life - A walk with members of the Ramblers Association and local MP Angela Rayner's Office to build relationships, enjoy the local countryside and discuss local issues. . 15/07/19

Safeguarding Adults at Risk Level 1 and 2 & Prevent Training

A full day course attended by staff and volunteers.

St George's Day - A visit to Curzon Ashton Football Club for 100 local people.

Women In Islam Awareness Training - A two day training course attended by 10 local women.

Trafford Centre Trip - A social group outing for HTCCC learners who would not have the confidence to travel to an out-of-town shopping centre on their own on public transport. 18/07/19

User Groups - Our regular user groups provide the core offer of the centre outside of our own provision. Ashton Martial Arts, Ashton Youth Group, Kush Amdid, Neonatal Knitters and Weightwatchers support the centre financially and with their community engagement. *Please see our extended report for further testimony from our user groups.*

INDICATOR 2

Women report they feel less isolated as a result of the project at a level of 100 women in Year Two.

EVIDENCE

In Year Two, of 101 women questioned 100% reported that they feel less isolated as a result of the project

INDICATOR 3

Increased volunteering at a level of 1,200 hours per annum and a time scale of the end of the project.

EVIDENCE

The figure for volunteer hours in the past year include 2,125 hours for neonatal knitters, 950 hours for martial arts, and 350 hours for volunteers within the PPP. This gives a total of 3,425 volunteer hours against the target of 1,200. The reason our PPP volunteering has reduced from previous years is because three of our volunteers, Timea Ashraf, Ruksana Sharmin and Ansar Zaman have all progressed into 'casual worker' roles at the centre, providing vital support work within ESOL lessons, the crèche, and the office.

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PROJECT OUTCOME TWO

'Improved skills, self-esteem and life chances for local people with a focus on those who are most difficult to reach.'

INDICATOR 1

Local women involved in entry level learning at a level of 200 women - 50 in Year One, 75 in Year Two and 75 year in Year Three.

EVIDENCE

The total number of women engaged in entry level learning in year one was 135 and in year two was 117. In Year Three the total number of different women engaged in entry level learning in ESOL lessons was 107. In our sewing classes the total number of different learners was 56. A total of 415 for the project to date, which is more than double our target.

INDICATOR 2

Local women reporting increased confidence and self-esteem at a level of 100 women - 20 in Year One, 40 in Year Two and 40 in Year Three.

EVIDENCE

In years One, Two and Three, the total number of women surveyed, 214 respondents said that their confidence and self-esteem had improved as a result of the project.

INDICATOR 3

Women progressing into education at a number of 100 women by the end of the project.

EVIDENCE

The total number of women progressing in their learning journey during the three years of the project is 155. This is on a combination of different learning opportunities, for example: Training for HTCCC staff and volunteers this year :-

- Dementia Awareness Week training – A session took place at HTCCC; raising awareness, dispelling myths and providing advice about caring for those with the condition. 04/07/19 (3 learners)
- Emergency First Aid at Work & Paediatric First Aid Skills (Accredited) at Jigsaw Homes. 19/09/19 (1 learner)
- Faiths United Tameside – 'Faiths Tackling Isolation' workshop. HTCCC staff attended this workshop, gave a presentation on our work and networked with other faith organisations in the borough. 13/07/19 (2 learners)
- Safeguarding, Level 1, at the LEAP Centre. 26/06/19 (1 learner)
- Team Building session by Lindley Educational Trust. 09/01/20 (8 learners)
- 68 women progressing on internal courses.

In Year One 11 women, Year Two 67 women and within Year three, 9 women progressed to Tameside College and 68 progressed on internal course, giving a total of 155 women.

PROJECT OUTCOME THREE

'Sustaining an affordable, accessible, local asset to create a stronger, more cohesive community, connecting local people to tackle problems.'

INDICATOR 1

Increased mixing of diverse community members through community cohesion events, at a rate of 4 events per annum.

EVIDENCE

Celebration Event - In April 2019 we held a celebration evening for our centre learners, user groups and their families. Our learners were presented with certificates of achievement for all their hard work in our ESOL, Life In The UK and IT classes. Awards were also presented to our volunteers, user groups and staff for: Community Organising, Community Safety, Defibrillator Training, Martial Arts, RHS Britain in Bloom and special chocolate awards for the children from Holy Trinity Primary School who help out as Little Litter Pickers! Awards were presented by our special guests, Principal of Tameside College, Jackie Moores and our Management Committee member, Councillor Joyce Bowerman. A celebration meal for all those attending followed the awards ceremony. 05/04/19

Christmas Service - People of all faiths and none were invited to attend a service of Christmas readings and hymns, with a special performance of Christmas hymns and carols by the children's choir from Holy Trinity Primary School. 22/12/19

Community Fun Day - Summer Fun Day by Lindley Educational Trust for the local community. Team building games, sports activities, children's games, food and drink, stalls, traditional mehndi body art and a tombola provided something for everyone. 18/08/19

Refugee and Asylum Seekers Event, by Action Together - This hugely successful event brought together organisations who deliver support services to refugees and asylum seekers across Tameside with the people who need them. Over 100 people attended the event. 03/10/19

Refugee and Asylum Seekers Forum, by Action Together - HTCCC has been the venue for regular meetings of the action group.

Rounders in St George's Park - Churches from the Parish of the Good Shepherd took part in a friendly summer afternoon of rounders games for all in the family in a local park. 07/07/19

Please also see our latest provision timetable to demonstrate the diverse users of the Centre and the activities that they take part in.

Talks:-

- Domestic Abuse Awareness workshop with Diversity Matters. Diversity Matters gave a talk to HTCCC learners on domestic abuse and the BAME community. 10/07/19

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- Hate Crime Awareness – Tameside Council's Community Safety Team gave two talks to HTCCC learners for Hate Crime Awareness week (12th – 19th October 2019), to make them aware of what hate crime is and the support that is available to those who are affected.
- Recycling – Officers from Tameside Council's Environmental Services Team gave a talk to HTCCC learners on the importance of recycling and practical advice on how to dispose of waste in a safe and environmentally friendly way. 27/06/19

INDICATOR 2

Increased diverse users of the building report they feel the Centre is accessible and central to collectively overcoming local issues. At a level of 3 community campaigns / ABCD projects per annum.

EVIDENCE

Of 67 learners questioned in April 2020 100% agreed that the community centre was 'safe and welcoming' and that the 'workers are friendly and respectful'.

Information, Advice and Guidance – Our successful partnership working with Age UK Tameside has continued and our Information Advice and Guidance service has been extended to February 2021 thanks to a grant award from Action Together. This means that our IAG worker, Tayyaba Mirza, can continue her vital work providing help to people in community languages that they would not otherwise receive.

Please see our extended report for further evidence about our IAG work.

Police surgeries – GMP Tameside have delivered monthly police surgeries at HTCCC, to provide advice and help to the local community.

Tameside Independent Advisory Group committee meetings – Staff from HTCCC have joined this new panel convened by Tameside MBC's Community Safety Team. The group provides independent, constructive advice and feedback to Greater Manchester Police on their role and operations in the borough, with the aim of creating safer communities and building good community relations.

Throughout the Covid-19 crisis HTCCC staff have remotely attended 'virtual' meetings, liaising with the group about the effects of the epidemic on our local community and receiving essential advice and updates, which they have disseminated to local people in community languages.

INDICATOR 3

Case studies report individuals and the community is more cohesive, at a number of 30 case studies by the end of the project.

EVIDENCE

Of 67 learners questioned in April 2020 100% agreed that the community centre had 'helped to bring the local community together'. By the end of Year Two we had completed 12 individual and 14 group case studies.

Case studies proved to be difficult given the women's reluctance to share personal information. We therefore decided to produce a video presentation as part of our evaluation. This year we have produced a video presentation as part of our evaluation, which includes testimony about our work from our staff, partners, volunteers and user groups.

The video was produced by our partner Tameside College. Please visit: https://youtu.be/ycE3_7XxjCg to watch the video.

Please see also our extended evaluation report for further case studies and case study updates.

Britain in Bloom – Holy Trinity Women's Group has continued to work with Holy Trinity Primary School and the local community to improve the local area, by organising community litter picks, selling affordable hanging baskets to local residents (23/06/19) and supporting action on fly tipping.

Campaign to renovate the MUGA – Involving HTCCC, Tameside MBC, LET, Curzon Ashton Football Club Youth Group and local residents.

Family Fun Day – Bringing 500 local people together from a range of different backgrounds.

Remembrance Day Activities – To increase awareness of Remembrance Day and the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. We looked at the casualties suffered by all nations in the conflict.

PROJECT OUTCOME FOUR

'The organisation will have increased its capabilities (knowledge, skills, confidence) acquired relevant supporting tools where / if appropriate and used these newly developed capabilities to deliver outcomes more effectively and sustainably to beneficiaries.'

INDICATOR 1

Staff and trustees report how the capability building support has enabled them to work more effectively or sustainably for beneficiaries. In addition to this the Centre has now completed a feasibility study, appointed an architect and will soon be submitting an application to the Heritage Lottery for works to the value of £2.5M.

Benefits will include:-

- Strengthen the local community in line with our objectives;
- Create stronger and more cohesive communities;
- Improve the skills and therefore opportunities of the community.
- Maintain a Christian presence and relevance in the local community.
- Create a centre that is sustainable.

EVIDENCE

This was connected to the building capabilities element of funding was achieved in Year One.

Defibrillator - We have now received permission from the Diocese to install our defibrillator in the reception area of the community centre for emergency use.

Office improvements - HTCCC was awarded a National Lottery Awards For All grant of £9,082 in September 2019 for upgrade and improvement works to the wifi and phone communications at the centre. These works are now almost completed and will enable us to vastly improve our internet capacity at the centre, in order to offer new ICT courses to our learners in September 2020. We have also taken out a lease on an upgraded photocopier which has improved our administration capabilities.

'Poly tunnel' installed, October 2019 - Our new specially constructed 'poly tunnel' room in the upstairs hall allows us to heat and therefore utilise this space year-round, whereas previously the hall became too cold to use in the winter months. This new year-round classroom helps us to meet the extra demand for provision that we have created thanks to the project and funding from the Community Fund.

We have strengthened the management committee and made it more representative it and therefore accountable to the community we serve.

Conclusion



Holy Trinity Community Centre is located within one of the most culturally rich and diverse communities in Tameside. It is our mission to improve the lives of the most difficult to reach and marginalised women in society.

We strive to support our community in an inclusive and empowering approach that we like to call, the "grow our own" philosophy. This asset-based approach means that we nurture those within our local community to take ownership of, and feel proud in, the place they call home.

Harnessing this potential has provided us with the roadmap for bringing about meaningful and sustainable social change. We now have an architectural plan and vision for the re-purposing of the centre, which has enabled us to submit further funding applications, to the value of £2.5 million, to the Historic England Heritage Lottery.

This helps us to create a base for a strong and cohesive community of the future.

We are incredibly proud of the work and outcomes achieved within the past three years through the People, Place, and Presence project.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the partners and volunteers for their support and we look forward to continuing this journey with you as HTCCC continues to deliver its vision within the parameters of a 'new normal' post COVID-19.

Keep safe and healthy,

Carl Kelsall

PPP Project and Centre Manager

**The HTCCC community would like to thank all partners who have contributed to our success.
We will continue to reach the most different to reach and marginalised in society to create strong
and cohesive communities.**

We would like to thank the following organisations for helping us
'bring people together, to empower them to create
a strong and cohesive community.'



Ask yourself...
If not here, then where?

