



CASE STUDY

<p>1. Title: Working with Young Carers to Tackle Bullying <i>It's a Shame For Everyone; Worcestershire's Anthem for Anti-Bullying.</i></p>
<p>2. Area (Local Authority/School (if applicable) and Region): Worcestershire</p>
<p>3. What was the issue? [100 words max] This was creative project developed with Worcestershire Young Carers to highlight their thoughts and feelings about Bullying. Young Carers have been identified as an especially vulnerable group for bullying issues – this intervention was designed primarily to offer a positive, creative experience for the young carers, but also enable their message to be shared throughout the county.</p>
<p>4. What action was taken? [100 words max] 16 young carers, aged 8- 18, spent two days with a well-known professional musician in his professional recording studio in Redditch. The project was broken down into two different groups; the 8 – 13 year olds spent the first day discussing bullying, drawing upon personal experiences and expressing their thoughts and feelings about the subject. Lyrics were formed by the group from this discussion. On the second day, the 14 – 18 year olds practised performing and recording the song, and added their own improvisation and interpretation to the final track. The song then went through a final production process, was professionally reproduced on CD, and distributed to all schools and CYP settings during AB Week 2008.</p>
<p>5. What impact has this had (so far)? [100 words max] The CD has been well-received by schools and settings, and used in assemblies / classes to provide a stimulus for discussion and focus. It continues to be distributed upon request, and offers practitioners / teachers a much -needed resource that highlights local issues and concern.</p>
<p>6. How did the above action help to embed anti-bullying work in your area? [75 words max] The Anthem Project has forged strong working relationships between LA Anti-Bullying work and the Young Carers provider in Worcestershire. We are currently looking to develop another project with this group, which will be working in partnership with the Who Cares We Care Council of Looked After Children in Worcestershire.</p>
<p>7. Additional information (OPTIONAL):</p>

Please find attached a copy of the song lyrics / credits. Copies of the CD are available upon request.

Contact details of author (OPTIONAL):

Hannah Cridford, Anti-Bullying Coordinator, Worcestershire Children's Services.

hcriford@worcestershire.gov.uk

01905 72 8895