

Organisation Name	Reference
Credu Connecting Carers	

Visit Date	Visited By
11 June 2024	Alison

Grant Summary
<p>To build and embed effective recognition, respect and support for young carers and young adult carers in education through peer mentoring, adult mentoring, and whole school systems.</p>

Visit Details (People met, premises visited etc.)
<p>Owen Jones, CEO (joined from Cardiff) Sally Duckers, Programme Manager (joined from mid Wales)</p>

Information about the Organisation
<p>POWYS – Low population, hyper rurality. Social Services and Wellbeing Act – legislation described as great starting point (better than England?) – practice needs to catch up. NE Wales – WCD (Wrexham, Conway, Denbighshire) – Sally Duckers has oversight of those areas and this is where our funding is focussed. Sally was with Carers Trust, our grant follows on from a partnership programme she started their in Schools. Sounds as though it's tough turning round schools There are 30 High Schools and Sally says only 3 are flying. Some don't understand importance of the issue and want Credu to come in and provide assemblies and direct work but there isn't enough capacity for that. So their focus is to 'create a movement' but influencing each school (by finding a champion and young peer mentors), key organisations e.g NHS, youth workers. Owen describes their role as 'humanising bureaucratic organisations' She is presenting at a commissioners conference next week where the focus is YC and she will reach many organisations. Schools programme has been an 'epic' - bi lingual resources created by Credu are on Hub.cymru the go-to website for national curriculum resources. We fund staff staff time: Sally took Young Adult Carers (YAC) to a carers conference in Manchester and they ran an interactive theatre workshop. YAC came from all over the world.</p>

Also the Peace Justic Conference last year – 8 YP who are going back to an environmental conference which the YP are self funding. Showing how work is generating confidence to travel and be activists.
Engaged in Place to Be partnership arts partnership project.

The peer mentor programme in WCD gives self-esteem and purpose for the older children

Sally reported on the MyTime pilot in Wales - Sent out invitation to 20 schools – only 5 felt could take it up and she is not sure how far they have got. At present resources are not bi-lingual. My impression is that she doesn't think it is going well.

Issues and Comments

This organisation has done some excellent work from a much lower starting point than some of the other projects we have funded.

No salient issues.

Other Feedback