

Sighthill Library Youth Project

**Edinburgh City Libraries and Information
Services**



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- Change of approach
- Activities
- Outcomes



Background

- Sighthill Community
- 18% unemployed (city 9.8%)
- 23.4% low income (city 11.8%)
- Anti-social behaviour problems
- The Library



Change of approach

- Project Aims
- New behavioural management techniques
- Consultation with young people
- Productive partnerships



Activities

- 'Teen Boox'
- Careers Workshop
- 'Reading the Game' and Footballers Wives
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- Computer Craziies
- Gamer's Workshop
- Sighthill Video Diary Project
- Library Refurbishment



TEEN BOOX



CV WORKSHOP



READING THE GAME



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME



COMPUTER CRAZIES CLUB



GAMER'S WORKSHOP



ROCK N THE LIBRARY



**BOOKS
'N'
BEAUTY
NIGHT**



RIF FOOTBALLERS' WIVES READING GROUP



SIGHTHILL YOUTH VIDEO PROJECT



LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT



SIGHTHILL COMPUTER BAR



Outcomes

- Benefits for individual
- Benefits for staff team and libraries
- Benefits for the community



Future Developments

- Project continues at Sighthill Library
- Project developed at Ratho Library
- Model rolled out to other locations through Libraries4YOUth project



Dean Clark, Sighthill resident, age 18

- “A few years ago we used to get banned all the time, for sometimes stupid things like just eating a bag of crisps. Now the staff are a bit more easy going and we can have a bit of a laugh with them. They help us with CV’s and applications for college. They have also run various clubs and I completed the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award through them.”









