



WELCOME TO YOUR SPRING NEWSLETTER!

We hope the last few months have been fruitful for you and your family.

In this newsletter, you will learn more about the fantastic initiatives we have been running and our plans for the near future.

The past few years have been challenging for us and we had to adapt to the virtual world, but we have now been able to host more physical sessions at our very own Nurturing Foundations Hub, located in Hapurhey, North Manchester.

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SOCIAL SATURDAYS



STEM WORKSHOP





During the spring term, we hosted an interactive Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) workshop in collaboration with Sublime Science (winners of BBC's Dragon's Den). It was a day full of experiments, fun and learning.

RACISM





Our next two Social Saturdays Sessions were focused on the topic of racism. Our younger students designed wonderful superheroes to fight against racism. Our older students participated in discussion-based activities and both groups came together to showcase their fantastic work.

We marked the end of these two sessions with games, puzzles and pizza!



SOCIAL SATURDAYS



COMMUNICATION SKILLS





During our penultimate session, we played a game show hosting game called 'Blankety Blank' to develop presentation skills. They did a great job maintaining eye contact, speaking clearly and bringing lots of energy! Perhaps we will be seeing our young people on our TV screens one day!

MOVIE DAY







Our final session was about films, fun and feedback. To celebrate the end of term, we watched Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse while enjoying tasty popcorn. Afterwards played musical chairs and answered general knowledge questions! We also received fantastic feedback on this term's sessions and our young people used words such as 'action=packed', 'confidence-building' and 'educative' to describe Social Saturdays.



IWD 2022



In honour of International Women's Day, we hosted an event at the Hub with donations from Winning Hearts and Minds Manchester. We had well-being talks and freebies to celebrate women and thoroughly enjoyed our time together.

ACA Launch





AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN ALLIANCE

We celebrated the launch of the African and Caribbean Alliance, which is a combination of 5 North Manchester VCSE organisations, led by Nurturing Foundations. The project aims to increase the health and wellbeing of residents of Manchester through increasing the collective resilience of the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector. In a constantly changing environment, VCS leaders need to build flexible and resilient organisations and strong partnerships, be outward facing and solution focused. Collectively, we will grow membership and capacity for smaller emerging community groups to enable them to have full access to support and to build thriving and sustainable organisations.

WORK-BASED LEARNING







We are supporting students from Manchester
Metropolitan University
on various projects including young people and
their mental health.

Here are some photos of them taken at our Hub!

'I feel honoured to have been paired with Nurturing Foundations for my work-based learning module, as it allowed me to work with Jay and all the other workers and volunteers. It was inspiring to see how much the foundation helps children, families, and other Northern Manchester organisations. Along with this, Jay taught us, as a group, many skills that will be beneficial for us as we move on into our careers.'

- Patsy Burd



RADEQUAL





The RadEqual project is about challenging hateful extremism in the community through having constructive conversations to resolve divisions and tensions. Our young people participated in various workshops about extremism in society gaining valuable knowledge thereby increasing their knowledge and understanding of radicalisation and hateful extremism. They created their own session plan, produced and performed a play at the end of the project on positive steps to take and help tackle this issue. Their excellent acting skills was very impressive!



To watch a video of the play, click here.



EASTER HOLIDAYS







EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES!

FREE
ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AGED 7-16





Easter holidays were so much fun as we welcomed a number of children aged between 7 and 16 to engage in activities including music, an Easter egg hunt, physical exercise, fun at the local park, a trip to the cinema and much more. Our young people demonstrated fantastic teamwork and communication skills - we are very proud of them!



BIKE PROJECT





On completion of their bike maintenance course, some of our young people receive new bicycles FREE. They are excitedly looking forward to developing their cycling skills and staying active. Huge thanks to Winning Hearts and Mind, MCRActive and Young Manchester.



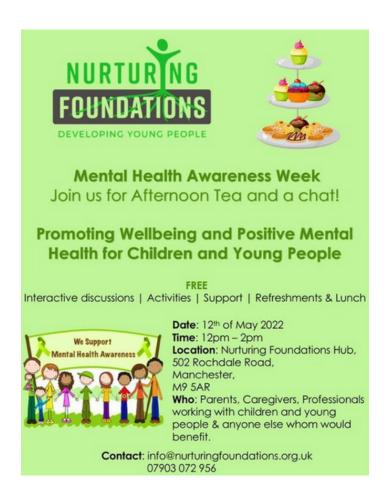






MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK









During Mental Health Week, we welcomed a range of people to our Hub for afternoon tea and interactive conversations about promoting positive mental health and wellbeing in young people. Lots of smiles and warm moments during the conversation as we gained knowledge on how to avoid loneliness.

THANK YOU!





















COMING UP!



Social Saturdays will be resuming this week! If you would like your child to join us at the Nurturing Foundations Hub, call or email us using the contact details provided on the flyer.

Alternatively, click <u>here</u> to register via the online form.

HAF Half Term Nurturing Foundations Hub Thursday 2nd June 11am – 3pm Friday 3rd June 11am – 3pm



Manchester Day!
We are taking part in Manchester Day on
Sunday 19th June.
Our children and young people will be
displaying their costume creation during the
parade in Manchester City Centre.









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