## Young People to showcase their creative projects at a unique exhibition at Worksop Library

The Point of View project (POV) is a collaborative project that has been busy building new, strong and lasting relationships between Arts organisations and the wider voluntary community and social enterprise sector.

By putting the voice and 'Point of View' of young people at the centre of all POV activities, it has been making a big impact locally.

Working together, the POV project partnership has facilitated and amplified the voices of young people to develop 5 test and learn pilot projects and has already hit it's target of creating over 100 new volunteer opportunities for young people.

Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service, in collaboration with Bassetlaw Action Centre, Centre Place, Inspire, Junction Arts, Mansfield CVS, Rhubarb Farm, South Yorkshire's Community Foundation and Voluntary Action Doncaster have been delivering the project in Bassetlaw, Bolsover, Doncaster and Mansfield.

## Stephanie Henry, POV Project Manager, BCVS, said;

"It has been a genuine pleasure working with all the partner organisations in their separate districts, exploring young volunteering in a different capacity; leading from the young people's voices and the huge benefits this brings. Not only have the organisations supported above 100 new young people into volunteering opportunities but also shown how the Arts can benefit their confidence and wellbeing".

To celebrate the success of the project, local people are invited to join the creative young people for an extraordinary event that celebrates the incredible combined power of creativity and community impact.

Inspire library Worksop is thrilled to be hosting the exhibition, which will feature the remarkable work of the young volunteers who have harnessed their talents and passion to make a real difference in our local community.

This event will serve as a testament to the true potential of young people and their ability to shape a brighter future via their creative expression and volunteerism. These exceptional individuals have dedicated their time and energy to tackling various social and environmental challenges, showcasing how art, innovation, and compassion can intersect to bring about meaningful change.

## Simon Cook, Study Programme Manager, Inspire College, said;

"Inspire College is both proud and thrilled to be hosting an exhibition of art for the Point of View Project. We have a history of involving our learners in local initiatives benefiting both them and the wider community, so the POV project has been a brilliant experience. We're very excited to be welcoming our partners and the wider public to this opportunity to view the brilliant work created by all the young people involved in POV"

Centre Place, located in Worksop, have enjoyed their work with the POV project.

## Georgia Crossland, Service Manager, Centre Place

"We are extremely proud to be running the point of view project with our partner organisations, providing volunteer opportunities to young people who otherwise would not be engaged in the arts. We have run a photography project and abstract art project with feedback from one young person was "I didn't even know I could do art, so I am pleased with what I have created." Our next project is engaging with young people to design a mental health resource pack for young people aged 10-25 across Bassetlaw, to provide them with information, resource and activities whilst they await therapeutic intervention"

Mark your calendars for Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 4pm – 6pm and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 10am – 6pm. Inspire Worksop Library, Memorial Avenue, Worksop, S80 2BP.

This unique exhibition is the perfect opportunity to witness first-hand the exceptional power of young people when they come together, combining their talents and visions to shape a better tomorrow.

Join us as we celebrate the remarkable achievements of these inspiring young volunteers and embark on a journey of discovery, creativity, and limitless possibilities.

For more information about the POV project please visit <u>www.bcvs.org.uk/pov</u>