**POV Case Study**

Our Project: (project idea/brief description)

How POV has helped our organization

Mansfield CVS has worked closely with Vision West Notts to identify the current barriers and remove these to provide meaningful volunteering opportunities that support academic courses and vocational pathways for young people.

To identify the skills gap that exists within the VCS sector ie, marketing & comms, trustees, construction, fundraising, group support, bid writing etc.

The Butterfly Service (EOLC) project delivered by MCVS and the possibility of Health and care, Arts and Technology students. Students volunteering to provide practical and vocational support to people with life limiting conditions. (please see attached leaflet)

MCVS and Vision West Notts have successfully identified a variety of vocational areas within the college that could build capacity within the VCS sector and in particularly support the Butterfly (EOLC)

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Why we took part

We have found that the traditional volunteers that the VCS historically may have attracted have changed since the Pandemic and the subsequent cost of living crisis. We identified that without meaningful opportunities in the district there will be limited growth and increased pressure upon statutory services that will have a negative impact upon the local community.

**So, if we truly want to” level up” we need to support communities to provide opportunities to “step up”**

Taking part in the POV project has enabled Mansfield CVS to identify and remove the barriers that prevent young people from volunteering.

It has also allowed MVCS to gain insight from the young people and the voluntary sector and enabled us

to nurture relationships with our education providers the importance of continuing to gain insight from them to continue to develop additional youth volunteering opportunities. This has provided an opportunity to explore a new sustainable volunteering model.

Key outcomes and impact:

1. **Raise the profile of volunteering for young people and the VCS Sector**

Raised the profile and benefits of volunteer roles for young people that underpin their vocational & academic choices. It will enable community groups to deliver their much needed support services to individuals and loved ones.

1. **Identifying opportunities and Removing Barriers**

All students are given an opportunity to volunteer,r which can take place in their study time, and any hours accrued are added to work placement targets.

 This removes the time/financial restraints of volunteering (previously identified as a barrier for preventing commitments to volunteering)

1. **Exploring Accreditation Opportunities and Creating Capacity in the VCSE Sector**

Explore the development for a volunteering accreditation

Identify and implement Volunteer roles that will underpin the delivery of the Butterfly ( EOLC)Support Services

Quote

**Mansfield CVS believe that young people are the next generation of leaders. That they are the “key” to creating economic growth, build capacity within the voluntary sector are an untapped resource.**

