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Why?
Project rationale





Who?
Excluded communities







What?

New media training, capacity building











Sharing the experience



Where we live: Life on Cowgate



Hello they're my names Philip Lockyer and I'm 17 years old. I've lived on Cowgate all my life. Cowgate is not a bad area to live in. People always put Cowgate down as a bad area, but it's not. It has its problems but doesn't every area?

Cowgate has changed over the years and I've seen many changes myself. There has been many projects built up, the housing has changed and more families have moved in.

I think Cowgate is one of these areas with a label on it, whenever there is a story about Cowgate it is sometimes had news, the only

thing what is good is what the young people are doing and the media never look at that. There is a big problem with the police on Cowgate, because they are always in the area. They drive round looking for people to stop because they have nothing better to do.

I don't like the police because they are f***ing radgies, they think they are above the law but are they fuck. They have no respect for young people and they don't listen to your views.

I am fucking sick of being stopped all the time for no reason, they person check you and search you for just walking along the street.

They were employed to do a job and that is to catch criminals.

I am sick of the f***ing system and it should be changed for the better.

Lyndsey's view on Cowgate

I lived in Cowgate for 13 years and seen a lot of change in the area. I left Cowgate 2 year ago because I could see the area was getting worse and I didn't want my son to live in this area. Since I left Cowgate so has a lot of the good people that used to live there, there is more crime, more criminals moving



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I feel I've let a lot of people down over the years, but in my past. It's only now as an adult that I've started to build those bridges I broke years ago.

I'm on a visit with my youngest brother, as he is in prison for car jacking (he basically took someone's car off him) and got three year all together.



There is six in my family, 2 girls and 4 boys. Some work others don't. I'm unemployed, but i do a small amount of voluntary work for homeless people at Pit street, as I've been there myself, seen the film wore the T-shirt and read the book sort of thing. They want and need people like me to relate to the other ex-offenders or homeless, so the people involved don't feel patronised and spoken down to from some civil servant or hureaucratic

pen pusher.

It is similar to what you are doing, for the people by the people, which is a good thing because people like us are stereotyped into believing we are no-good, which is wrong and patronising.

I'm not 100% sure what I'm exactly supposed to do for you, I can only wait and see what your first paper or booklet entails, but I'm eager and willing to try anything.

I've got to tell you about this one.....The other day I'm driving through Wallsend, and I see about 20 police and armed response. I'm thinking to myself here we go, some bank job or a bluke running about with guns or something. So anyway, as the traffic is being ushered through i ask the police "what's up?", he says "not to worry its the Duke of York visiting the new museum in Wallsend". Now I'm not too patriotic or owt like that but I swear on it, there was only two old people standing waving a 2" by 2" St. George flag at him. I cannot get over the police response for 1 person, famous or not I know its not very important, but as it was crazy it stuck in my head.

Now I'm sorry for the state of my handwriting and spelling mistakes, its been 10 year since I wrote anything, and that was when I was at school.

Well mate it's been a long three days down here, I'll be glad to get away, but by gum it's been worth it.

So be good be kind be careful.

Read my articles:

DigiCamp: Philip Lockyer



On July 24, 2001 me and some other young people from different areas across Newcastle came to the Calvin Trust, Kielder, Northumberland.

It's the first day now and I am enjoying it so far, I meet some nice young people. I think it's going to be a great three days here and I think I will learn a lot from the group and share the experience with others.

One thing I do notice is that the group bonds really well and everyone gets along. I have done a few things today. The first thing I did was we had to climb a wall and then abseil down it. It was good because it was all to do with trust.

The second thing I did was something called the web. You had to get the whole team through the web without touching the sides. The whole team got through and we all worked

together.

The last thing we did was where we had to cross the water with three crates and had to get the whole team across without falling in the water. Also we had to get three tubs across and they had to be in the right order.

We are just chilling out now waiting for our munch (food).

Apart from that the staff at the centre are really nice and they know what they are doing. They help you out with all the activities and support you.

Day two:-

It's been a very good day today, I got up nice and early and watched a bit of T.V.,



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