

# The Prince's Trust factsheet 2008



Youth charity The Prince's Trust helps change young lives. It gives practical and financial support, developing key workplace skills such as confidence and motivation. It works with 14- to 30-year-olds who have struggled at school, have been in care, are long-term unemployed or have been in trouble with the law.

The Prince of Wales's charity has helped more than 575,000 young people since 1976 and supports 100 more each working day. More than three in four young people The Trust helped last year moved into work, education or training. Further information about The Prince's Trust is available at [www.princes-trust.org.uk](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk) or on 0800 842 842.

Around one in five young people in the UK are not in work, education or training. Youth unemployment costs the UK economy £10 million a day in lost productivity, while youth crime costs £1 billion every year<sup>1</sup>.

## Helping change young lives

- The Trust supported more than 40,000 young people last year. More than 26,000 of these we had not helped before and almost 14,000 were existing clients
- In 2007/08 we helped:
  - 11,500 young people at risk of exclusion from school through the 1,000 **xl clubs** operating in 550 schools and centres across the UK. 6,100 took part for the first time and 5,400 were existing clients.
  - Almost 8,000 young people through our 12-week personal development **Team** programme to help gain key workplace skills and confidence.
  - 9,300 young people through the **Business Programme**, helping 2,400 to start their own business and providing ongoing **business mentor support** to 6,900 young people.
  - 3,200 young people with **cash awards** to help develop their skills and employability
  - 2,300 people for the first time with **funding** to help devise and deliver their own community project. A further 1,200 were provided with ongoing support.
  - 1,100 young people through innovative pilot programmes.
  - A further 3,000 young people through a variety of local programmes.

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<sup>1</sup> The Prince's Trust, *The Cost of Exclusion*, 2007

## **We deliver high quality practical solutions nationwide**

- More than three in four (78%) young people we supported last year moved into work, education or training.
- 58% of Trust-supported businesses are trading into their third year.
- Young people on Prince's Trust courses were 40% more likely to be motivated for work and, in turn, feel more responsible for their health.
- Since the launch of Team in 1990, more than 114,000 young people have joined our 12-week personal development programme.
- More than 50,000 14-to 16-year olds have benefited from our xl programme, giving young people who are struggling at school and often at risk of exclusion the skills and confidence to succeed.
- The Prince's Trust has helped more than 70,000 young people set up in business since 1983.

## **Getting young lives working regenerates communities**

- We estimate that The Prince's Trust Team programme contributes £4.75m through the volunteer time given to local communities through community projects such as the renovation of a community centre or creation of a children's play area.

## **We work in partnership**

- We have over 800 operational and strategic partners. These include delivery partners for Team such as the Fire Service, FE colleges and voluntary organisations, schools running our xl programme and community organisations in the UK and Europe. We also work with more than 60 football clubs and 14 county cricket clubs.
- We work with major corporate partners – The Royal Bank of Scotland Group, Citigroup, Premier League, Football Foundation, PFA, Superdrug, Marks & Spencer and BT. We share skills and expertise with over 100 blue chip organisations including Bloomberg, Accenture, HMRC and many other public sector bodies.
- We are supported by the European Social Fund, the European Regional Development Fund, the DCSF, The Home Office, Invest NI, the Welsh Assembly Government, the Learning & Skills Council, Regional Development Agencies and many other national and local public sector partners.

## **We are efficient and cost effective**

- Last year, 88p out of every pound we spent went directly on delivering and developing programmes and services for young people.
- The Trust needs to raise around £1 million every week to continue our vital work.
- The Trust employs almost 700 people and values the support of over 7,000 volunteers.