Hunslet + Belle Isle Community Project.
Positive activities + support for kids, teens + families.
ANNUAL REPORT 2025.

Project Summary:

Thank you to all our friends, partners and funders for your valuable support during our first years as an independent Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). It has been a busy and exciting time.

During 2025 we have been able to establish strong organisational foundations whilst also successfully sustained essential frontline work with local children, young people and families across a range of settings. Increased funding has secured the role of a Project Worker and supported sessional staff, ensuring the continued delivery of these highly valued activities alongside some brilliant volunteers.





"Monday Club" provides a safe nurturing space for children, offering arts and crafts, games, gardening and creative play. Healthy snacks and refreshments are provided each week. Parents and carers attend and play a supportive role.

"Detached" outreach takes place in outdoor community spaces in both Hunslet and Belle Isle, engaging youngsters in positive support through safe, inclusive sports and games.



These activities bring about positive change in the lives of children, teens and families across Hunslet and Belle Isle and empower them to reach their potential.

Celebrating Growth:

For the first time, detached outreach now takes place in BOTH communities and is delivered YEAR-ROUND, rather than being limited to spring and summer.



We also increased our school holiday provision - continuing our core activities, offering trips for regular participants, alongside larger community-based events that connected with new local people.

While we aspire to continue evolving the project, we remain committed to safeguarding our strong local reputation. Any future growth will be community-led and shaped by the best interests of local people.

2025 in numbers:

- 136 Activities
- 225 Hours Contact Time
- 140 Local Participants
- 130 Volunteer Hours

Activities + Impact:

Our projects have thrived this year both in terms of quantity and quality with strong retention rates meaning most participants engage for a sustained period. We are continually welcoming new members - many who are invited by existing participants which is a positive endorsement.

Over 50 children and adults have attended Monday Club and over 70 people have connected with Detached Outreach work - 30 from Hunslet and 40 from Belle Isle. Many of these participants demonstrate challenging behaviour but through consistent engagement we are seeing change. We have developed valuable relationships and connections with parents/carers.

How has Monday Club helped you + your family?

"Making friends"
"Try new activities"
"Visit new places"
"Confidence building"
"Pride in where I live"

How has Detached Sports helped you + your family?

"Mixing with different people"
"Good mental health"
"Team work"
"Confidence building"
"Respect"

Our activities are ethnically diverse and people from a range of backgrounds come together for positive activities and constructive shared experiences. All our members live and attend schools locally meaning they are united by the lived experiences of the challenges our community faces.





Stories:

We have the privilege of working with some amazing children, young people and adults. All of them bring their own personality and life journey meaning our accessible groups are a rich mixing pot. Participants are grateful for the spaces we provide highlighted by the feedback above and these quotes:

"My son has ADHD + autism. Coming to this group has helped him a lot making friends, learning to be calm + respectful + gives him time away from the computer screen.
He loves going every week".

Parent from
Detached Outreach.

"Monday Club provides friendship and inclusion to a child with disability. It also offers support and opportunities for their elder sibling.
Both children enjoy coming to Monday Club and trips because they are both accepted and do things together"

Monday Club Parent.







Staff, volunteers + Trustees:

The Project is blessed with an amazing team of leaders who are endlessly going the extra mile to give their best to the activities and participants. All our team live locally, and we are committed to giving paid and volunteer opportunities to local people. We are also thankful to our wonderful Trustees.

"Volunteering at Monday club provides an experience working with young people – from being involved in active group games as well as being able to support them in puzzles + games. I have also been able to meet children + parents of different cultures which has helped me to learn about their culture". Young Volunteer Leader.





"Monday Club has had a great impact on my three Granddaughters. They have made new friends, helped over come shyness, learnt new skills + had some great days out + made lots of memories.
I love volunteering at Monday Club. My Grandchildren have loved being part of the group + now I am helping so other children can enjoy the benefits".
Grandparent Volunteer.

Looking ahead:

The Project Leader and Trustees have a wealth of experience developing and pioneering effective work in this community but we are always learning through our successes and set backs.

We are hopeful of obtaining a sufficient level of funding over the next year to maintain all the activities we currently deliver. We aspire to keep taking careful steps in growing our organisation and expanding the scope of the project to effectively respond to community need.







Thank you so much for your support – we look forward to working together in the future to make good things happen for this community.
If you would like to know more about our work or see opportunities to get involved please get in touch anytime.

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