



DIVERSE DONCASTER

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Hello and welcome to our monthly Diverse Doncaster newsletter! Featured in this newsletter are organisations that have recently benefited from our Micro Grant Programme - Heal Me Happy and Balby Youth Hub!

Heal Me Happy Cic



How our micro-grants have helped

Grant - £750

Aim - To build relationships in the community & to create a platform for recovery & wellbeing by using everyday activities



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Equipment Purchased

Yoga Mats

Craft Supplies - journals, pens and paints

Board games

Fruit Fund & Bottled Water

Workshops Delivered

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Meditation & Journaling

Jam Tree Music

Outcome

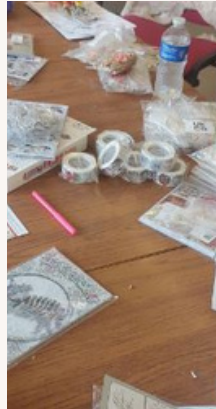


Participants and users of Heal Me Happy travel from Doncaster and Rotherham to Askern. This helped to create a larger footfall in local parks and cafes. It also attracted people from the wider community to build new relationships and bonds with the people of Askern. These workshops have had a very positive outcome in the Askern Community. The games night created a space for family to enjoy quality time together. The meditation and journaling workshops also improved people's mental health and wellbeing!

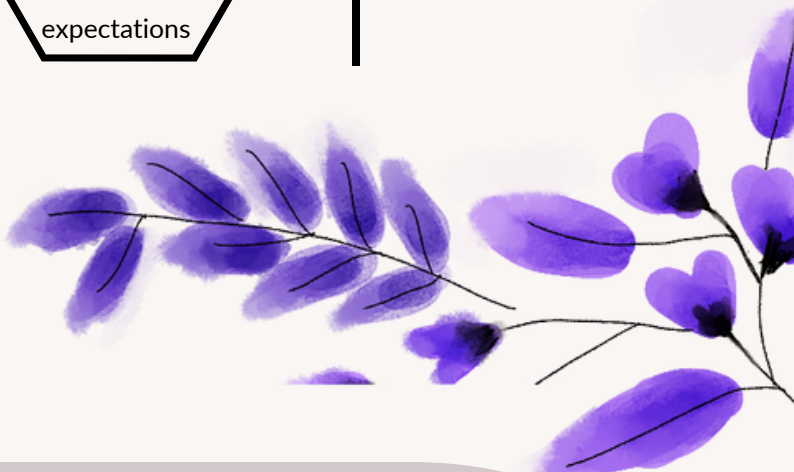
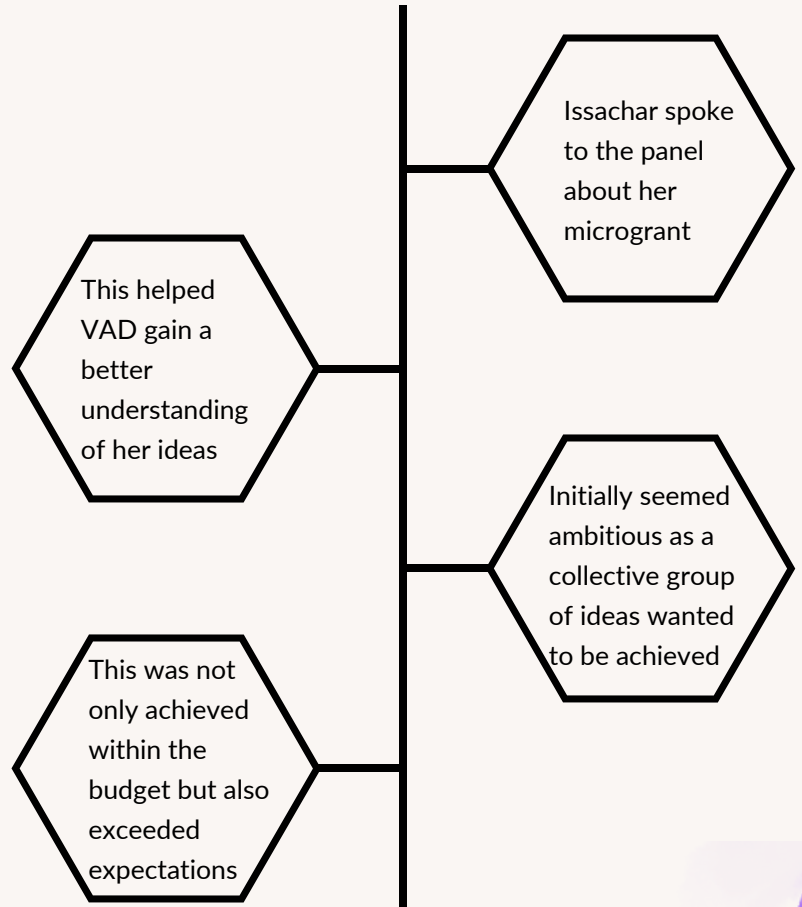
What's next for Heal Me Happy?



- Continue building relationships and wellbeing & recovery in everyday activities
- Eventually franchise
- Post Box Priorities - receive feedback from the community about other workshops they would like



Application Process



"I'm so happy for the chance to start up Heal Me Happy CIC & create this organisation. I will always be so grateful; this wouldn't have happened without the microgrant to start it off. The support I've received & the relationships I've created with VAD is second to none."



Heal Me Happy

Balby Youth Hub

Microgrant - £750

The Youth Hub is solely financed by funding & led by local community volunteers



Equipment Purchased

Outside Picnic bench for the Youth Carers group



Workshops Delivered

Young Carers group (8-13yr olds) 20 people per group per week

Older Young Carers group (9-19yr olds) 20 people per group per week



Outcome

The picnic bench is highly used and provides a space for the young carers to have snack time around. The outdoor area it is in is used frequently by both the youth hub & the Young Carers groups. The outdoor area is used for basketball, football & the Forest school.

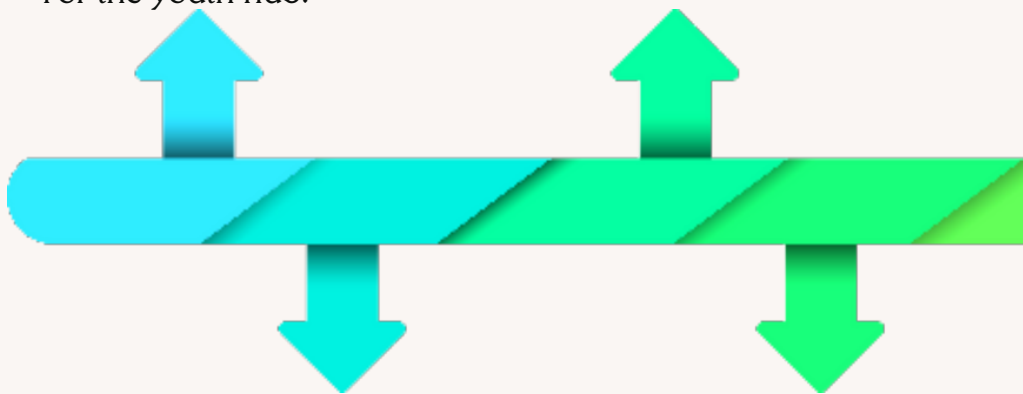


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Application Process

There are 6 volunteers who are the main 'action group' who complete the funding forms & plan activities for the youth hub.

This was spoken about & shown that there is indeed a big outcry for help with completing funding forms.



This application was completed by a volunteer who does not have access to community Wi-Fi but has to use her phone to complete the form rather than a computer.

Discussions around who is completing the form & the resources, experience & knowledge of this needs to be discussed more.

What's next?

- Still outstanding resources to apply for
- Recruiting more volunteers of a wider age bracket
- Seek help with completing funding forms
- Seek help with implementing safeguarding training



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