

TOGETHER IN THE NORTH

COLLECTIVE IMPACT IN PLAYFORD

Together in the North

Children and Young people in the City of Playford are happy, healthy, ready for today and for the future.

What we've been up to...

We are ready to tackle 2018 as being an Action Based Year!

With 2017 creating opportunities for ground work, focus of goals and strong networking. We have welcomed the new Collective Impact Leader, Amy Gascoigne, who has come from a background of youth community development within the north of Adelaide; and the initiative has connected to some great community spaces.

Community Conversations

On August 12th, Together in the North held a Community Conversations event with a free community fun day at the Stretton Centre in Munno Para West.

It was a terrific opportunity to connect with over 150 community members and hear their thoughts on ***What makes you happy, healthy, ready for today and ready for the future?***

The event was launched by The Hon. Jay Weatherill and was made possible by support of members from Together in the North with special thanks going to the staff and team at City of Playford.

Community activating grants

A great opportunity for Together in the North was to support the fantastic work that is happening within the Playford region, was through the community activating grants.

Here seven projects were funded focusing on building the resilience of CALD children and youth, breakfast clubs and after school activities, family drop in centres, musical and sensory processing programs to support with emotional regulation and resilience, children as peer advocates, interactive literacy activities, and supporting children of prisoners to better engage with education.

To join Together in the North:

For more information or to become involved with this Collective Impact Initiative, please contact Amy Gascoigne on amy.gascoigne@togethersa.org.au or 0422 722 092.

Mobilizing Community Leaders Training (Stage One)

Gaining a greater community voice has been a common discussion throughout Together in the North, and as such well-connected community leaders have met together to co-design their own training session which will be delivered in January 2018. Community members were connected to Youth Advisory Committees, Sporting Clubs, multiple Church's, Breakfast Clubs, school parents and friend's associations, family services, animal rescue, Roterac, schools, youth and community services, CALD community and much more. It is exciting to see such a passionate group of people come together who are so well connected within the community to join the Together in the North network and bring their community connections with them on the journey.

Finding a Focus

The Together in the North Action Plan has a large scope which at times can be overwhelming for all involved. Due to this, the network was keen to work together to find a focus to support with the creation of an action plan to move forward. 30th November saw 26 members of Together in the North vote to focus on "Children and young people have a sense of belonging and connectedness" which has supported the network to focus of short term actions. The next steps are community consultation, research, communications and branding, forming new partnerships and strategic alignment, and there is a great sense of collaboration in the air.

Where we're going...

Together in the North is ready and rearing for an action packed 2018. There will be larger community involvement and opportunities for a greater understanding of the community voice, recruitment of new members (which will include an induction process in order to keep momentum moving), stronger partnerships and an increase in communication, along with a better understanding of roles within the network.