



South Riverside Community Development Centre (SRCDC)



Annual Report 2022-2023

Building Brighter Futures Within Our Communities



SRCDC works to provide community based services that are co-produced with the communities that we serve.

We do this by developing projects and activities that are in response to identified needs in the areas listed below:

Community Support

Training and Support to help get into work

Health & Wellbeing

Children, Young People & Families

Arts & Culture

Social Enterprise

Campaigning and Influencing

Our primary geographical area of delivery is within South Riverside with partnership working across the areas of North Grangetown and Canton.

We aim to be a source of vision, inspiration, and creativity in helping to develop the community through working in partnership with relevant local, regional and national organisations to improve the lives of people living within our communities.

Staff & Board Profile

We have **13** board members

11 Core and Project Staff

18 Sessional staff

2 Associates



Strategic Aims

Our strategic aims by which we will achieve our mission are as follows:

- To foster the empowerment of individuals and groups through providing information, facilitating involvement in issues that affect their lives through supporting community organisation and developing skills: and acting as an independent, representative voice for the community.
- Ensure access to services, facilities and opportunities necessary for the social and economic development, health and well-being.
- Develop strong cross-cultural relationships which recognise, value and celebrate the multicultural makeup of our community. We aim to achieve this by supporting cultural activities within each community, encouraging sharing between cultures and promoting understanding and acceptance, which will benefit our diverse communities.



SRCDC operates with the following values and principles:

Social Justice	Enabling people to claim their human rights, meet their needs and have greater control over the decision making process which affects their lives.
Participation	Facilitating democratic involvement by people in the issues, which affect their lives, based on full citizenship, autonomy, and shared power, skills, knowledge and experience.
Equality	Challenge the attitudes of individuals, and the practices of institutions and society, that discriminate against and marginalise people.
Learning	Recognise the skills, knowledge and experience that people contribute and develop by taking action to tackle social, economic, political and environmental issues.
Co-operation	Work together to identify and implement action, based on mutual respect of diverse cultures and contributions.

Overview of Projects

Believe/Credu 1

Funded by the Henry Smith Charity, this project supports women 25+ from Black and Minority Ethnic communities to become closer to the labour market. The project offers a broad range of courses and activities including; digital literacy classes, read and write sessions, numeracy classes and CV workshops.

Youth Clubs – Riverside and Grangetown

SRCDC in partnership with Grangetown Boys and Girls Clubs delivers weekly youth club sessions engaging young people aged 11-16 in a range of activities including, arts and crafts, sports, gaming, cookery, food activities and issue based workshops.

Riverside Festival

As part of the Annual Riverside Festival, SRCDC continues its support for the planning and delivery of this key event in the Riverside calendar.



We host the festivals arts and crafts camp in the lead up to the festival and provide administrative and financial management support to the Riverside Festival Association. We are committed to supporting the development of the Riverside Festival for future years to come. A big thank you to all involved!

Wyndham Street Pantry

This Pantry offers a local weekly food shopping opportunity for all residents. Taking place on Tuesdays, 1pm-6pm and Wednesdays, 10am-2pm, members pay a weekly cost of £5 for access to £20 worth of groceries. The Pantry works with FareShare Cymru and a range of local bakers, restaurants, supermarkets and allotments to increase the weekly offer.

Riverside Warehouse – Refurbishment Project

SRCDC secured £300K via the Welsh Government – Community Facilities Grant scheme to undertake refurbishment of the Riverside Warehouse. During phase 1 (January – March 2023) SRCDC worked with Willis Construction and a range of partners to complete the initial phase of the project.

Phase 2 will be undertaken between April – June 2023 and we look forward to handover and welcoming the community and partners to experience and engage in the new space.

Lets Interpret

This project creates an opportunity for women with community language skills to access training courses on Interpreting and work towards a Public Service Interpreting qualification (Level 3). This enables women to provide interpreting services to a range of cross sector partners as part of their pathway towards employment.



We Can Work it Out (WCWIO)

SRCDC in partnership with Women Connect First, Oasis Cardiff and Horn Development Association delivered a programme of activities to break down barriers towards employment for whole family units from Black and Minority Ethnic communities. Activities included the following; KS3 & KS4 tutoring and study skills sessions, language café, CV workshops and financial inclusion sessions.

Greening & Growing Riverside

Greening and Growing Riverside was developed to create an innovative, community focused project to help local community members increase awareness of and enhance biodiversity in the local area of Riverside. The project delivered a series of workshops and events across the year. The project engaged 175 families and children in the process.

Young Children & Parents Project (YCPP)

This project provides a broad range of activities and sessions supporting parents and children within the community. This includes the following; weekly parents and toddler sessions (Monday 10am-12pm & Thursday 10am – 12pm) and a series of arts and crafts/sports sessions during the school holidays. In addition to this we offer a mobile creche service that is used by a range of cross sector partners including; Public Health Wales, Red Cross, Cardiff Council and the Home Office.

The River Music Project

This project delivers a broad range of music and arts based activities within the community that includes the following; weekly classes (piano, ukelele and drama sessions), weekly childrens art club. In addition to this the project supports local community artists (musicians, choirs, djembe drummers, singers etc) to collaborate with others, engage in rehearsal space and develop pieces for performance opportunities.

Key Successes for the Year 2022-2023

Volunteer Hours Generated Within The Community

An amazing core group of 44 active volunteers have given over **2800** hours of their time in support of a range of activities and events throughout the year. Fantastic Effort!! Big Well Done!! Many Thanks!!!

Funding Secured

We have had a successful year! We have generated over **£659K** from a range of funders and contracts!!! Well Done Team! (This includes £300K from the Welsh Government- Community Facilities Programme for the refurbishment of the Riverside Warehouse).



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Over the past 3 years of this project, we have engaged **229** women of which **72** successfully entered employment, **60** completed a work placement and **every** participant completed a range of accredited and non accredited training.

Number of Partners & Groups Using SRCDC Buildings

We have engaged **40+** partners and community groups in the delivery of a range of complimentary projects and activities within the community. This has included Play, Music, Sports, Education and Training, Cookery Classes, Martial Arts etc).

Rental Income Generated

As part of our sustainability strategy, we have generated over **£51K** through the rental of spaces across our 3 buildings! (Brunel Street, Riverside Warehouse and the Wyndham Street Centre).

Wyndham Street Pantry

The project has recruited and engaged **298** members, who have shopped over **2512** times and have supported **21** individuals and families through our 'pay it forward scheme'.



Through our partnership with FareShare Cymru, A whopping **27.4 tonnes of food** has been saved and used through the project. A massive **79.46** tonnes of CO₂ has been saved.

Lets Interpret

The project has had a very positive year with **28** new trainee interpreters being recruited, who have also completed a Public Service Interpreting course (Level 3) through Cardiff University, Reaching Wider Scheme. **Congratulations and well done!**

The River Music Project

Its been a very busy and creative year, with **14 holiday activities** being delivered (including Pottery, UV light and Graffiti workshops, screen printing, lego workshops etc) engaging over **250** participants.

A key highlight for the year was the opportunity for local children (Ukelele students) to perform at St Davids Hall's 40th Anniversary celebration.

Congratulations to the Ukelele Students!!!



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