

# ANNUAL REVIEW 2009-10



We reached more people than ever in 2009-10, with a wider variety of projects reaching the most disadvantaged people in society.

Reaching the top of our climbing walls is an achievement for anyone, but for some children it was an impossibility until this year. We were able to purchase new specialist disability equipment to allow people with severe disabilities, including wheelchair users, to reach the top of our climbing towers. The equipment has been widely used and proven to be a real thrill for participants, giving them confidence and memories to last a lifetime.

***“It’s really scary and you might get squished! When I did it, it was alright though. I was happy and I was proud of it.”***

Our Choice, a new 5-year project, is being planned, managed and evaluated by looked-after teenagers. They told us they were desperate for opportunities to meet other looked-after teenagers, take part in some adventurous activities and achieve awards. So on Our Choice days, they can do all of that! A whole range of exciting activities are planned for this summer, including raft-building, climbing and archery. The teenagers attending can gain awards for their achievements and the project even includes an inflatable diary room where they can get burning issues off their chests.

***“It was amazing to see NN off on the day... she was so proud when she came back home. I am so glad the project made her realise she could be more independent”***

## The Year in Figures

10,864 participant places  
8,416 participants  
9,241 volunteer hours  
673 events  
68 assistant training events  
9 projects





We were aware of a growing concern about children who don't take part in exercise outside of school. Named by the children, Spider Monkeys is encouraging these children to up the amount of exercise they take part in by teaching them climbing, introducing them to other children and helping them to feel better about themselves. The children are all from local primary schools and are specially selected as being most able to benefit from the programme, often because they are in need of some new friends to build their confidence as well as a bit of exercise.

***"I got to know people and got to like them because we had to work as a team"***

Our summer activity programme, New Heights, took adventure right into the heart of deprived communities across the South-East. Local teenagers were trained to run or assist on adventurous activities for the younger children in their communities. All participants told us they had a great time, learnt lots of new skills, made new friends in their community and some told us it helped them to 'stay out of trouble'.

**Financial Report (Draft) 09-10**

	Income
Government Funds	£19,754
Fees & Contracts	£162,392
Lottery Funds	£13,000
Trusts	£65,756
Donations & Events	£8,090
Capital grants	£32,990
<b>Total</b>	<b>£301,982</b>

	Expenditure
Staff	£192,148
Activities	£17,638
Volunteers	£7,761
Transport	£12,128
Insurance, legal & governance	£8,019
Office & Communications	£17,691
Capital expenditure	£45,442
Fundraising	£871
<b>Total</b>	<b>£301,698</b>

***"It was really good for stopping me getting in trouble around the street"***

Our ongoing projects—the Rock Court, 818 Club, AdventureLink, Climblt! & the Adventure Leadership Training Project—have all helped people transform their lives too.

