

[The Eastside Centre](#) in Sutton-in-Ashfield, provides a range of different services and activities including SureStart, courses for adults and youth clubs. The Eastside Seniors Youth Club was awarded **£450** to pay for musical tutors in their Youth Clubs, to train and equip young people in dance and music, helping them to develop their skills and enjoy themselves.

The grant from the Nottinghamshire Arts Fund meant that the Eastside Centre was able to offer professional dance and music tuition to the group of young probably for the first time.

Seventeen young people were involved in the project that saw many of them star in a performance for parents and friends. Some of the 17 participants have now progressed into various other activities:

- Alice - is an accomplished pianist at grade level 6 and now tutors young people in the youth club.
- Cherry – trains every week in a professional dance school in Mansfield.
- Meredith - is in the dance team at Eastside.
- Adam - now plays in his own band
- Ben -is an accomplished drummer and percussionist.

Dorothy Tomlinson from the Eastside Centre says ‘One of the benefits that the grant bought for our groups was the recognition that not-for- profit community activities such as ours provide a valuable service to the young people in our area and the wider community. Without a grant from the Nottinghamshire Arts Fund for this provision we could not hope to attain the heights and targets that we set ourselves. We have a policy of continuous improvement by the way that we treat young people, believing that if we provide the very best – the rewards will be in the output , dedication and enthusiasm in which the young people act out our various projects.’

The Eastside Centre continues to encourage and support young people to take part in the arts.

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