



Spirit of Manchester 2017 Mini-grants Programme

End of Project Report

Fit After Cancer Treatment [FACT] (working with Can-Survive UK)

This mini-grant was used to fund three new fortnightly healthy activity need-assessment sessions for people living with cancer that took place at Miners Community Art and Music Centre in north Manchester. The mini-project provided FACT, in partnership with Can-Survive UK, with the resources to attempt initial inroads into providing new support activities in north Manchester.



However, there was a lower than expected take-up of FACT's sessions. Project Officer Davine Ford said:

"There is an overpowering feeling of 'hopelessness' in the North (amongst) community members themselves. Whilst undertaking this pilot (I) took to the streets of Moston and Harpurhey to carry out research. From the 63 people interviewed, 96 % stated that there was no reason to try and survive in their current living conditions. There is a need for even more collaborative work to take place in the North of Manchester (so) service users (can) get the assistance they need. There is a great deal of work needed to change people's mind-sets but this can only be achieved when they receive practical support for the things that impact on their lives daily."