



LCT 7074

Activity Plan report for Cabinet Member

Community Participation Officer- LCT

13 February 2020

1.0 Engagement of Volunteers and apprenticeships

1.1 Volunteer hours

Outcomes: *Embed closer staff & volunteer working, The D-Day Story will be more resilient for LCT's arrival*

In year 1 volunteer 3,111 hours have been contributed amounting to £22,221 as time in kind.

1.2 LCT Apprentice

Outcomes: *Learning about heritage, building confidence & developing transferable skills*

Elena, the LCT Apprentice, is 11 months in to the 12 month apprenticeship which has focused on:

- Digitising the collection and collating quotes to feed in to the story told on board LCT 7074
- Assisting with family friendly events and the installation of temporary exhibitions to gain wider experience
- Achieving NVQ Level 3 Business Administration and developing her CV in anticipation of next steps after her apprenticeship



1.3 Volunteer recruitment

Outcomes: *The local area will be a better place to live with more opportunities for local people*

The Community Participation Officer- LCT and Public Participation Officer at The D- Day Story have led the induction for 20 new Volunteers. Not every expression of interest in volunteering was successful. Unsuccessful applicants were referred to more relevant opportunities, such as activity groups led by Portsmouth City Council's Independence & Wellbeing team.

1.4 Volunteer training

Outcomes: *Volunteers develop skills & the story of LCT 7074 will be better explained on board*

All successful Volunteers have undertaken comprehensive training alongside current volunteers and staff at The D-Day Story. This has made for a well embedded team. Training included:

- Volunteer induction
- Health & Safety training
- How to tell the Story of D-Day
- Visit to Southsea Archives
- Tricycle: Cycling & trike maintenance
- Secondary school delivery
- How to deliver a D-Day Story tour & deliver a talk
- Equality & Disabilities training
- Welcome Host Gold



Retention has been high with positive feedback: "*What a useful, informative and exciting (!) day, learned much & discovered that initial fear soon goes, once you get in to your stride*"- Talks training.

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2.0 Community Communication

Outcomes: A wider range of people will be involved in heritage & People will have greater wellbeing

In October 2019 the community communication below launched to raise awareness of the project, a tricycle was also launched to put a pop up museum on the road.



Working with Volunteers, the Community Participation Officer has delivered 37 pop up museums, talks and outreach stands. 1230 people have been engaged.

A variety of groups have been engaged including supported living accommodation and Veteran's support groups. Feedback includes: *"The feedback obtained from the session was very positive - All attendees strongly agreed that the workshop was interesting, structured well / right length of time, and allowed enough time for discussion."*

When asked which part of the workshop they found most valuable responses included: all aspects / all of it (x3), information on the LCT / chatting with the speakers (I assume yourself and Marisa!)"- Veteran's Outreach Support

"One gentleman had managed to change his hospital appointment time so he could attend and was delighted he made the effort"- Tudor Rose Court



3.0 LCT Journey: Community film

Outcomes: Tell local stories in a national context, Portsmouth is known as the home of D-Day & people develop skills and greater wellbeing

Working with volunteers, community groups and museums in Tyne & Wear, East Anglia, Southampton and Liverpool a film has been created to tell the story of Landing Craft Tank 7074.

Participants researched and shared stories for the creation of a 20 minute film. This tells the story of the ship from being built to being a nightclub on the river Mersey. Veteran interviews were also captured on board LCT 7074 at HM Naval Base Portsmouth.



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The film will be launched in spring, building momentum for the LCT move and the opening in summer 2020.