

SOCIAL IMPACT REPORT

St Sebastian's Community Centre

2015



St Sebastian's Community Centre is a social enterprise that works to support the community of Charlestown in Salford. We support local people to achieve their potential through providing education and social opportunities and help to reduce social isolation in our community.

Trading since 1982, **St Sebastian's** is a dedicated community space with a community café with external catering and hire space for community groups to meet and socialize. We have a youth club and a nursery, we build local partnerships and share resources.

At the heart of what we do lies four key values; for local people to achieve their full potential, to provide a community hub for all, to reduce social isolation and to give local people a voice.

This report sets out **10** things you need to know about **St Sebastian's Community Centre**

1: **St Sebastian's** works collaboratively in partnership with local organisations including Inspiring Communities Together CIC the development organization for the local area and Salix Homes the local housing provider, to coordinate and deliver local support.

2: **St Sebastian's** provide advice and guidance along with a work club supporting up to **10** people on a weekly basis to build skills and self-esteem and gain eventual employment.

3: **St Sebastian's** have monthly social events which reduce social isolation for over **60** people per event.

4: We have a community Café which employs **3** local people, providing a safe space for local people to meet on a daily basis, serving affordable food for up to **20** people on a daily basis. We provide space for community groups to meet with different groups meeting every week.

5: What our partners say about us;

"You and your staff coped with it all so calmly and efficiently. We are really enormously grateful!"

CAFOD after an event for 60 students and 20 adults.



serving and promoting the local community, by providing a friendly, encouraging, empathetic and supportive atmosphere

6: Up to **30** people from the local community meet at the Community Forum every two months, to build knowledge and understanding, equipping them to challenge their situations with many statutory agencies, finance, housing and many other issues.

7: What local people say about St Sebastian's;

"Thank you for all your help – I couldn't have done it without you" (local person who gained employment)

"Thank you for your patience and support" (service user)

8: **St Sebastian's** reinvest in our local economy by employing local people in the Community Centre.

9: **St Sebastian's** hosts the Big Steps Nursery which is managed by local people employing and training local people and providing a much needed resource in our community for families. And we have Oliver's Youth Club which provides support to local young people and provides opportunities for volunteers to get skills and qualifications.

10: **St Sebastian's** hosts the Salford Independent Beer Festival every year at the Community Centre, raising much-needed funds that are reinvested into all of our community ventures.