

Possibilities for Each and Every Kid (PEEK)

PEEK has been operating throughout the Calton, East Centre and North East wards over the past 14 years. Working with around 500 children and young people on a weekly basis, they offer a diverse range of innovative arts, fitness and leisure, free play health & well-being and volunteering activities which contribute towards the motivation, self-confidence and skills young people need to change their lives. PEEK receives IGF funding under the Youth Employment and Young People programme.

PEEK has over 65 volunteers from the local community including a number of parents who are involved in the Board of Directors. The Organisation aims include breaking down barriers (religious, cultural, generational, territorial and gender), offering choices and opportunities, increasing confidence and self-esteem, broadening horizons, creating a safe environment to experiment and take risks, lessening negative behaviour whilst providing training and support to local young people. These core aims are implemented through relationship and skill building group work using the arts and physical activity as well as a leadership programme providing volunteering opportunities for young people.

PEEK uses a variety of mediums to reach services users including Active Schools Co-ordinators, Community Police, youth partners and social media. It showcases their work through its own website, Facebook and Twitter, with young people leading on the design elements of social media to ensure it is as visual and engaging as possible.

Over the past year, 21 young people achieved a Bronze Arts Award, 4 achieved Silver Youth Achievement Awards and a further 2 gained Gold Awards! Saltire Awards were presented to 43 people at its November Celebration event for volunteering and 3 young people were awarded the Evening Times Community Champion Award (North East) for volunteering.