

Background

Craigavon Locality Planning Group (LPG) was established in 2014. Membership of the group include a range of community, statutory and voluntary organisations with a remit for children and young people in the area. The group aims to improve the well-being of children and young people through a multiagency planning approach.

The group set it's six priority areas for 2015-2017; with one of the priorities to improve Educational Attendance Rates and Educational Achievements.

The group agreed to work with Portadown YMCA to host a Milkshake and Maths pilot project for young men within the Portadown area. The aim was to provide small group Maths tuition to 8 young people predicted a Grade D or lower in Maths GCSE with the aim to help improve their chances of attaining grade to C or higher in their Maths GCSE..

The outcome of the workshop was to:

1. Improve educational achievement.
2. Provide an opportunity for young people to participate in extra education and training.
3. Increase the young people's confidence in improving their education

Outcome 2 (SAOG Plan 2014-17)

Enjoying, Learning and Achieving:

Parents/Carers, Children and Young people are supported to understand the importance of, and to attend/participate in education and training.



How much did we do?

- 8 young males attended the sessions over 8 weeks
- 6 attended regularly, 2 attended less often
- Training delivered by local Maths teacher at the boys' school

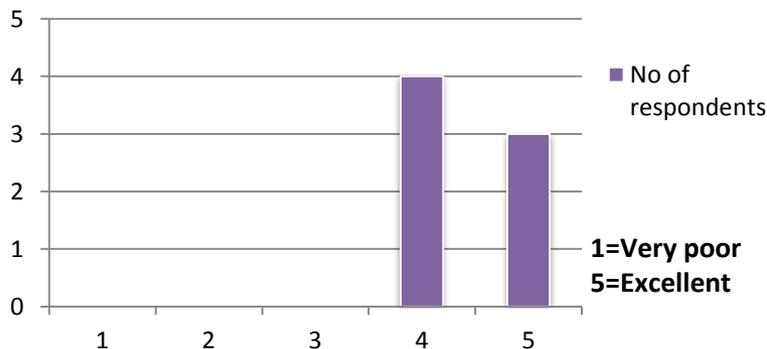
How well did we do It?

- The 6 young men who attended regularly all obtained Grade C in their Maths GCSE
- 2 young men who engaged less regularly failed to pass their Maths GCSE
- Teacher reported increased confidence among the young people during class

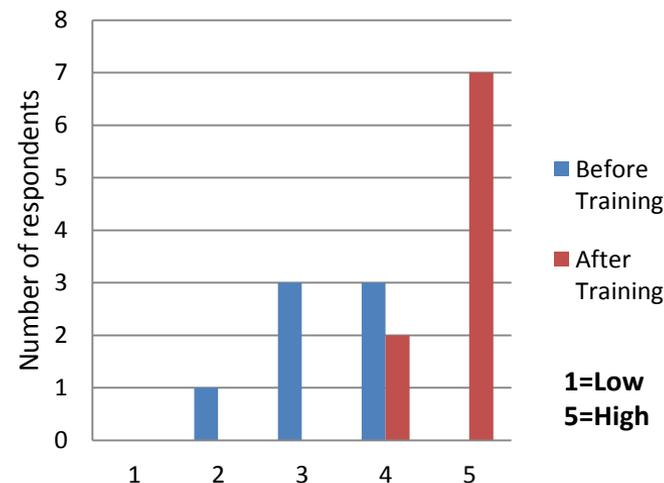
Is anyone better off?

- All 7 participants agreed the training materials were very helpful.
- All 7 participants the content and delivery were very effective.
- Parents of other local children have expressed an interest in their child participating next year

On a scale of 1-5, How confident are you that you will get a better grade in Maths as a result of taking part?



Knowledge Before and After Training



“It helped me to better understand things”
“Not being in big class and getting help”
“Getting to know things that I didn't know”