

Breaking Down Barriers



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Project Overview

The Genetic Literacy Project in Sheffield was a joint bid from The University of Sheffield and Firvale Community Hub to Genetic Disorders UK. The Last 5 Years have been funded by Sheffield City Council as a part of their Infant Mortality Strategy.

The project was designed to increase genetic understanding at community level and develop communication tools and channels.

The project helped recognise and respond to the communities information needs, make use of local networks and resources and identify what material/tools would be most effective.

Through consultation with communities the need for a video in both English and Urdu was identified, which led to its development. The video has since been used to assess it's impact on knowledge and the communities' attitude towards the issues. Its aim is to develop a better informed understanding of Genetic and Recessive disorders, Cousin marriage and Genetic Risk within the community and amongst other professionals.

Currently the Project is developing a booklet led by The University of Sheffield to accompany the video in order to train other professionals to be able to run a genetics workshop using the video and booklet

Challenges

The two main challenges the project has faced are:

Engaging General Practitioners/GP Surgeries to come on board, understand our work and use our referral process to offer support to families whom may be effected.

Systematically evidencing the work we do. As the outcome of the work carried will take time to access and evaluate it becomes difficult to evidence what is being carried out.

Areas of Success

Sustainability of the project.

Successfully developing a video in both English and Urdu to use as a informative tool for professionals and the community. Delivering information and knowledge to the local community during events. Engaging professionals in collaborative work and information sharing.

Reaching out to the hard to reach communities and enabling them to make better informed decisions.

Questions



Thank You



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