

### Right to Challenge Case Studies

		<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location</b>
1	MOB	Eastern Ravens Trust	Children/Youth	Stockton
2	KC	Pennine Mencap	Learning disabilities	Greater Manchester
3	MOB	Little Red Bus (HDCT)	Transport	North Yorkshire
4	AB	Manchester Play Network	Play provision	Manchester
5	KC	Verd de Gris Ltd	Older people	Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire
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7	AB	The Junction Foundation	Family/young services	Tees Valley

### **1. Eastern Ravens Trust**

Eastern Ravens Trust is a local registered children's charity, run by [REDACTED]. The organization aims to support children and youths from the Stockton area, who are experiencing social isolation.

Founded in 1961, Eastern Raven has a long-standing history of supporting youths. Nowadays, the charity works with two specific projects, 1. The Young Carers Projects and 2. Linking People into the Community.

#### **Contacts:**

[REDACTED]

#### **Website links**

<http://www.easternravenstrust.co.uk>

## **2. Pennine Mencap**

**Pennine Mencap** is a charity supporting people with **learning disabilities** in northwest Greater Manchester, including **Oldham, Tameside** and **Rochdale**. We aim to provide high quality services that are supportive, stimulating, informative and fun!

We are registered with the **Charity Commission**, we are proud to be affiliated to the **Royal Mencap Society**, all of our volunteers are subject to an enhanced **CRB (Criminal Records Bureau)** check and all of our activities are **fully insured**.

Services: Currently offer three regular services:

### **Stage Right Performing Arts Group**

**Stage Right** is a drama and performing arts group run by Pennine Mencap in conjunction with Oldham College, with weekly workshops tailored for adults with learning disabilities. This is an exciting opportunity to learn new skills in the Grange Arts Centre's professional theatre, a unique venue with a fully wheelchair accessible performance space.

In addition to the weekly workshops, we aim to put on two public performances per year to showcase the skills of our members.

### **The Sunday Social**

The **Pennine Mencap Sunday Social** is a evening of social fun for people with learning disabilities, as well as their friends, families and carers. Entertainment at the Sunday Social includes a pub quiz or bingo, Play Your Cards Right, karaoke disco and buffet food.

### **Film Making Club**

**Cottage Productions** is a unique film-making club, run by people with learning disabilities. This is an intensive activity where participants write their own short films, act out the stories, handle the camera, and learn to direct the action. Meal and soft drink included.

**Contacts:**



### **Website links**

<http://www.penninemencap.org>

### **3. Little Red Bus (HDCT)**

Little Red Bus, a well-established community transport organisation in Harrogate, co-ordinate services in North Yorkshire and have worked with the County Council for a number of years. They would like to use the Right to Challenge to also offer adult social services transport in the area.

The Little Red Bus network aims to remove the barriers presented by non-car ownership, reducing social exclusion arising from rural isolation and limited mobility. They are working to improve pollution, congestion and parking problems, and provide sustainable transport solutions.

Currently operating collaboratively to improve the delivery of the social services transport fleet through better scheduling and rostering, they have been praised for their efficiency. Recently they have faced some resistance to further integration and had funding withdrawn.

They are applying for grant funding through the My Community Rights advice service to do feasibility work to support a challenge and expression of interest to run these services.

Covering substantial areas of public service delivery and with a long history leading up to the current situation means they may have other legal rights.

#### **Contacts**

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Case study is on the website;

<http://mycommunityrights.org.uk/case-studies/little-red-bus/>

#### **4. Manchester Play Network**

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**Manchester Play Network** - I corresponded with them last year (Oct), they had made an approach to Manchester City Council about the network being a single commission for play services. The 'offer' was rejected by the council who, subject to budget, were going to go out to tender through an area based commissioning approach. Manchester Play Network thinks it is likely to be a change in commissioning process rather than use of Right to Challenge.

#### **Contact**

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## **5. Verd de Gris Ltd**

Verd de gris Ltd is a not-for-profit company based in Hebden Bridge in West Yorkshire. Although not a charity it does not distribute a profit and has charitable aims, serving the people of Calderdale and West Yorkshire.

### **What we do**

Over the past 12 years we have worked to develop a range of exciting, stimulating and meaningful projects for older people. As well as creating opportunities for artistic expression we advocate for new ways of working with and responding to the needs of older people.

### **Our work**

Current project work falls into three main strands:

#### **1. Intergenerational**

Working with groups of older people and local primary and high schools and youth groups

#### **2. Cultural understanding**

Bringing together groups of people, old and young, from different cultural backgrounds to explore aspects of art, life and culture

#### **3. Art & Well-being**

Using a range of creative activities to enhance well being and quality of opportunity in later life

### **Contact**



### **Website**

<http://www.verd-de-gris.co.uk>

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## **7. The Junction Foundation**

The Junction is a local community based charity and company limited by guarantee that works to support vulnerable children, young people. By building a sense of **belonging, ownership and commitment**, increasing **individual and community resilience** and fuelling **self belief** that, **children, young people** and their **families** are **enabled to make and take opportunities** and **achieve their potential**

### **Objectives**

- To empower and enable children and young people to reach their full potential
- To be a great place to work and volunteer for
- To be a robust, well managed organisation valued by our stakeholders
- To contribute to the development of strong and resilient communities

The Junction and by working with its partners (see Link Team) delivers a variety of innovative, integrated services which are accessible with multi-points of entry. Services are delivered within a robust policy framework and within a set of core values which aim to put children and young people at their heart and achieve positive outcomes.

The Junction supports a large number of vulnerable children and young people across Redcar and Middlesbrough. These services are funded in a number of differing ways from contracts to small and large grant funds.

The **Open Access** and **Community Outreach** service supports young people aged 14-25 years who require advice, support, advocacy, integration into their community and help with issues relating to housing, benefits, self-esteem, emotional well-being, tenancy, debt, risk-taking behaviours, resettlement, relationships', training and volunteering

The **engage@thejunction** project, a tier two service that supports young people aged 14-25 years who are affected by mental ill health which aims to increase their personal resilience through one to one support, group work, professional counselling

The **LINK Team** is an innovative partnership including The Junction, LINK CIC, Social Care and CAMHS which supports young people aged 5-18 years affected by mental ill health and emotional wellbeing issues providing a range of evidence based interventions (groups/one to one support/counselling

The **Link** and **engage** services provide an efficient pathway between Tier 3 and Tier 2 services through effective partnership working

**Young Carers.** The Junction provides group/peer activities, one to one support, peer support and training opportunities for young carers aged 5 to 18



years old. This aims to “make life better for young carers”, increasing their personal resilience. The project has empowered young carers to fire up awareness of young carers, delivering training to professionals and communities

**Young Adult Carers.** A service to support young adult carers in Redcar and Cleveland and Middlesbrough aged 16 to 25 with practical and emotional support, access to advice and information funded through the PCT's

### **Working with families**

We believe that by working with families in the community that we can achieve positive outcomes for children and young people. Through our work we will build relationships with families and help and support wherever we can. We are working as part of a partnership in Redcar and Cleveland as part of the “What works” initiative providing focused support to families

### **Contacts**



### **Website**

<http://www.thejunctionfoundation.com>