

The Young Knitters Club



CONNIE, a mother and grandmother who has lived most of her adult life in Lavender Hill, working as a domestic worker in neighbouring Tokai and raising her children to have broader horizons.

PASSING ON SKILLS TO OUR YOUTH

ABOUT US

The Young Knitters Club was the initiative of a local retired woman who realised that school-going children in her area did not know how to knit when they came home with a knitting project and she had to do it for them. She decided to ensure that this skill was passed on to the next generation. Auntie Connie found a space and invited her neighbour's children to learn with her. From the first lesson with 10 girls, three weeks later Auntie Connie had more than 30 girls and boys learning to knit with the help of local volunteers. They've since held their own fundraiser to buy more supplies.

GOVERNANCE

Connie Abrahams

CONTEXT

Currently operating out of a communal container, Connie ensures that once the children have learnt to knit, they have their own needles and wool to continue at home. She constantly has new children arriving on her doorstep asking to join. Connie has plans to grow the Young Knitters Club in local schools and to take it further afield to other communities.

TIMELINE

Established June 2016

IMPACT

Passing on a basic skill to children that has multiple benefits, including aiding concentration, hand-eye co-ordination and most importantly bringing the community together and the children into safe spaces.



To support this project:

Mentor and volunteer, invest in Learning In Reach's capital project - building a socio-economic hub in Lavender Hill including an aftercare space, promote and share their story.

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