

What is the Future Role of the Third Sector?

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The Prince's Trust experience

Works with young people to help them overcome barriers and get their lives working:

- 20% offenders/ex-offenders
- Programmes and personalised support
- Accreditation
- 50,000 young people per year
- Merger with Fairbridge
- Delivery partners and employer supporters



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Added value

- 5000 volunteers: 90% direct with young people
- Employee placements: 350 employee short placements; 160 longer secondments
- Assistants, CV sessions, Work experience
- Community projects and portfolio training
- Mentoring, including ex-offenders
- Young Ambassadors – empowering young people
- Role models



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Mentoring

xl programme



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Get Into Cooking

Team



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Reciprocal benefits

- Competencies, skills and knowledge
- Businesses engaging with community
- Sector skill needs
- Uniformed services - cost effective training and prevention
- Retired police officer project
- Help for Heroes



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Game change

- Economic – reduced spending on public services
- Political – localism and fragmentation
- Payment by results – Social Impact Bonds
- Commissioning – Contracting out



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Opportunity for the sector

- New markets and growth
- Appetite for innovation
- Play to our strengths
- Utilise proven partnerships
- Service user involvement



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Challenges

- Capacity and scale
- Sharing - outcomes and infrastructure costs
- Threat to independence
- Voluntary v mandatory
- Public sector expertise
- Measuring outcomes
- Sustained resources
- Fragmentation



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The future

- Consortia
- Corporate/voluntary sector partnerships
- Shared risks
- Focus on statutory services
- Measuring and attributing outcomes
- More mergers



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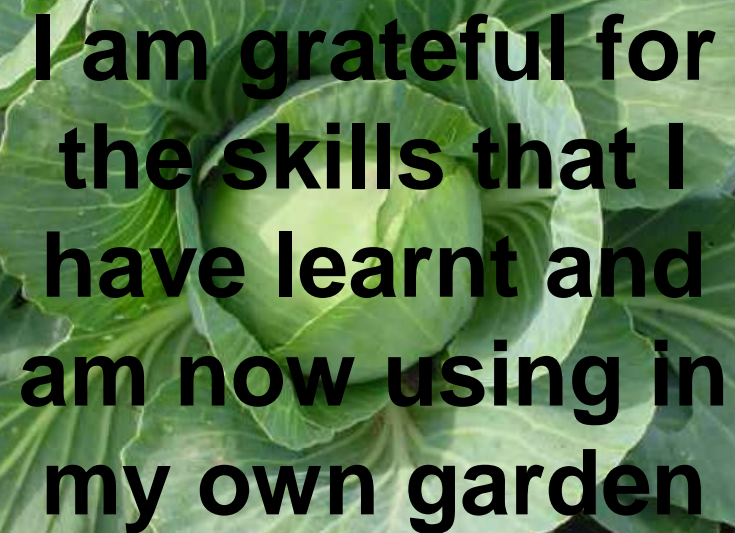
The future

Super Provider

- bundle multiple voluntary sector contracts to one hub



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**I am grateful for
the skills that I
have learnt and
am now using in
my own garden**

Gary – 17 yrs old



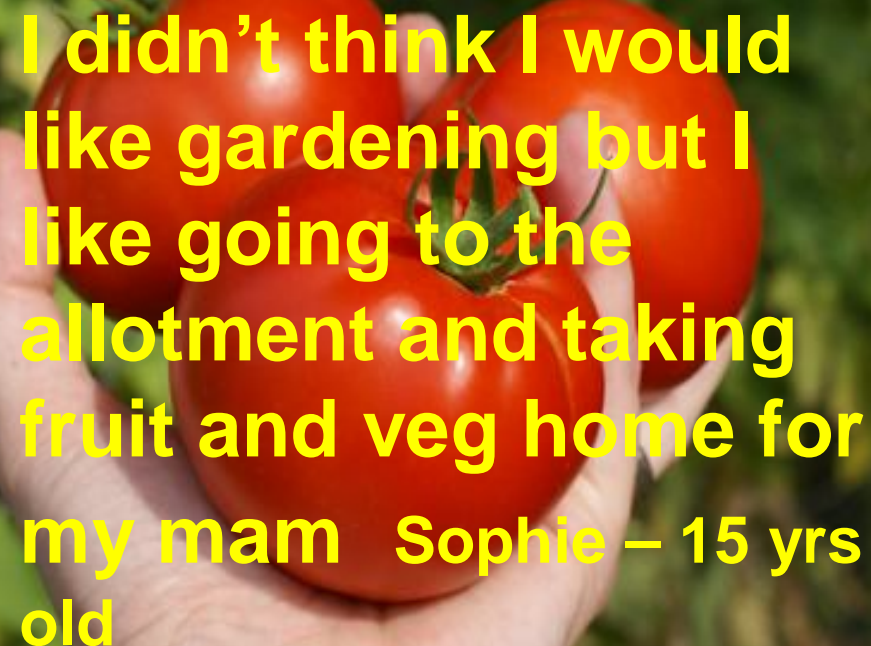
**That Mint's
'Mint'**

Scott – 16 yrs old



**I thought
Beetroots
came out of
a jar**

Kayleigh – 17 yrs old



**I didn't think I would
like gardening but I
like going to the
allotment and taking
fruit and veg home for
my mam Sophie – 15 yrs
old**