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Justice Prince celebrates People's Health Trust's fifth anniversary at House of Commons

Members of Longbenton-based group Justice Prince spent an afternoon at the House of Commons to celebrate People's Health Trust's fifth anniversary.

Justice Prince secured funding of £440,849 from People's Health Trust, using money raised by HealthRespect through The Health Lottery.

The funding has been awarded through the Trust's Local Conversation programme which involves supporting residents to develop a shared vision for their community.

Residents decided on local issues they would like to focus on including; unemployment - particularly affecting young people, the need for support for older and vulnerable people, lack of activities for children and young people and the need to improve community cohesion. They are now working together as a community to address them.

During the afternoon, members of the group had the chance to chat with event host, Baroness Royall, other Trust-funded projects, MPs and People's Health Trust staff and Trustees.

Karen Clark, CEO, of Justice Prince said: "We've really enjoyed being part of People's Health Trust fifth anniversary celebrations at the House of Commons.

"Working with the Trust has been really refreshing because they put residents at the heart of design, development and delivery of local initiatives."

People's Health Trust supports local residents to design and deliver activities that will benefit local people the most.

In the last five years, over £80million has been raised by 51 society lotteries, through The Health Lottery. Over 2,300 projects have been supported, helping more than 400,000 people across Great Britain.

The Trust funds a huge variety of projects, from community hubs where residents come together, to intergenerational projects.

These are led by local people and give residents the chance to design and deliver activities that will benefit their community the most.

The Trust believes that giving local communities greater control over what happens in their neighbourhood is key to creating new and stronger relationships, improving confidence and a greater sense of belonging.

People's Health Trust Chief Executive John Hume said: "It has been fantastic to have so many of our funded projects together at one event. I am delighted that so many were able to come and help us celebrate our fifth anniversary.

"People's Health Trust has achieved a significant amount to address health inequalities locally in the last five years, none of which would be in possible without the local organisations we work with.

"They are the real driving force behind change. Through their knowledge, skills and wisdom they are identifying the issues that need to be addressed in their neighbourhood and how best to address them."

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Notes to editors

People's Health Trust is an independent charity investing in local communities to help create a society without health inequalities. It works closely with each Community Interest Company, distributing grants. www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk

People living in the poorest neighbourhoods in Britain die, on average, seven years younger than people living in the richest neighbourhoods. What's more, they will spend 17 years more of their shortened lives with an extra disability and have a lower quality of life. We believe that where people live should not unfairly reduce the length or the quality of their lives.

HealthRespect is a Community Interest Company committed to raising money to address health inequalities in Newcastle Upon Tyne, North and South Tyneside, Gateshead and Sunderland. www.healthrespectcic.org.uk

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