

News Release

From Southmead Community Plan Steering Group

Southmead to receive £200,000 from the **Fourteen** Programme

We are delighted to be able to announce that Southmead has been selected as one of Fourteen communities across the UK and Northern Ireland to receive funding to improve access to sports, arts and volunteering as part of the 2014 Commonwealth Games legacy. Southmead will receive £200,000 over the next 3 years. Southmead was selected on the basis that it demonstrated strong evidence of community representation and enthusiasm for the ethos and spirit of **Fourteen**

What is the **Fourteen** Programme?

Fourteen is a £3.5m national programme funded by Spirit of 2012, a charity set up by the Big Lottery Fund to connect events to communities across the country; tackling disadvantage by supporting opportunities in sport, physical activity, culture and the arts, volunteering and social action.

What is the money for?

Fourteen is aimed at empowering people to get out in their local area, to be involved and to feel better. The money can be spent creating opportunities in sport, arts, youth development and volunteering and for increasing inclusion, particularly for people with disabilities. Activities must be aimed at supporting local people in developing their potential and feeling able to actively contribute to their community.

What happens next?

Quartet Community Foundation (www.quartetcf.org.uk) will be overseeing the Southmead **Fourteen** programme. Over the next two months Quartet will be helping Southmead to set up a local reference group. The local reference group will use the results of the Southmead Survey and the soon to be launched “Southmead Community Plan: A better future for Southmead” to help identify resident’s priorities for the **Fourteen** programme funding. These priorities and projects will then be written up in a document called the **Fourteen** Plan. Once approved, funding could be available to spend as early as April of 2015.

How can I get involved?

To find out more, come along to the launch of the Southmead Community Plan on 5th March any time between 3.30 and 7.30. The presentation and formal launch will be happening just after 6pm. If you would like to be involved or find out more please contact Helen Bone on 07855 344558 or e-mail helen@vividregeneration.com.