Senior Programmes Manager Report for public meeting 7.6.25

We have organised a series of 5 creative workshops for children throughout June and July as part of the village-wide Little Moscow programme. All activities are inspired by the lock out and include cookery, inventions with recycled materials and banner making for children and young people.

We received funding to run Easter holiday activities which went really well - thanks to all the volunteers who helped us to deliver these sessions. The children enjoyed Easter baking, archery, outdoor games, allotment gardening, making slime and toasting marshmallows! We need volunteers in order to run activities in the summer so if anyone is interested, please get in touch!

We are all set up to offer opportunities for young people aged 13-16 to volunteer with us across various projects and will be encouraging more young people to get involved. We already have one young volunteer at the shop who is helping with kids' repair club every Wednesday.

We have received funding from Karbon Homes for a project to enable more older, isolated people to participate in activities at The Bank and the shop so will be rolling that out soon.

We have had quite a few staffing changes at the Bank over the last couple of months. Jessica is now on maternity leave. Our 3rd apprenticeship training programme has now been completed and Faye Bewick has been appointed as Operations and Admin Assistant. We have appointed a new Deputy Manager in the cafe who is due to start ASAP.

The Regeneration Shop has been shortlisted for an award in the Gateshead Awards and Faye has been shortlisted in the Gateshead Learning SKills Learner awards.

We had a film crew filming Men's Pie Club at The Bank last week and expecting it to be shown on The One Show on BBC 1 in September.

Finally - this week is National Volunteers Week which is an opportunity to thank everyone who volunteers for CRG in any capacity! Thank you everyone!