



The Future

Partners are building on the success of this project. While nurturing and sustaining their work with these young people, they are also reaching out to other excluded groups. New potential participants are coming forward, stimulated by word of mouth contact between different ethnic communities.



FACTFILE

● **Funders:**

The Edinburgh Youth Social Inclusion Programme (EYSIP), ESF EQUAL Theme B, Lloyds TSB Foundation Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage, Communities Scotland.

● **Partners:**

- Edinburgh Green Belt Trust and Dalkeith Country Park
- Historic Scotland Education Ranger Service at Holyrood Park
- British Waterways Trust Scotland and the Falkirk Wheel
- The Green Team at Craigmillar Castle Park
- The National Galleries of Scotland at the Dean Gallery and the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art

● **Target group:** Young people from ethnic communities in Edinburgh

● **Numbers:** 60+ young people

● **Resources:**

The young peoples' photographs and diaries were displayed at the Edinburgh City Art Gallery over two days in May 2005. A traveling exhibition of the project is available to communities and organisations working within the heritage and environment sectors to share the experience. The evaluation report 'Ethnic Minority Youth Participation in the Built and Natural Environment' is available on the BEN website www.ben-network.org.uk

● **Key points for communities:**

- Introduction to stimulating outdoor activities and access to green spaces can play a significant role in the health of young people and contribute to their quality of life and well being.
- Ethnic communities can take the initiative, with the support of BEN, to access opportunities, resources, information and the contacts that they need.
- Community projects and leaders have a responsibility to take up such opportunities and resources for the benefit of their community members.

● **Key points for organisations:**

- Environmental and heritage organisations must prioritise ethnic participation in order to comply with the Race Relations (Amendment 2000) Act. It must be embedded within the organisations' overall policy and strategy at all levels so that staff have the responsibility to take action. In particular, proactive outreach work and equal partnership is essential to ensure full engagement with ethnic communities.



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