

## CASE STUDY— KIDZ AWARE

Amount Granted — £1,000, Keepmoat Fund



The project uses puppets to teach primary school children about racial, gender and disability equality. The aim is to work towards ensuring that all children with a disability have the opportunities to achieve their aspirations in life. The children interact with the puppets playing out different scenarios.

A new programme has been developed designed to tackle the issue of bullying and abuse. The charity also delivers training courses for parents/carers around disability issues and, being a Child Advocate, they provide information resource manuals for parents/carers and service providers.



### Who benefited and how?

The current programme has been delivered to over 50 groups of primary aged children. Puppets are an approachable way for children to learn and explore relatively complicated social problems. The children can ask the puppets questions about disability, for instance, things they would not normally be able to say to an adult. Disabled children find it difficult to be accepted by others and have major problems in accessing their rights. The puppet programme enables children to understand offence and accept each other.



### What did the grant achieve?

The grant was combined with another, smaller grant of £500 pounds from a different funder which allowed the charity to run the programme in 11 schools and hold a Christmas party for local children.

Over 2,000 children had fun whilst developing their understanding of equality, understanding, ambition and an inclusive society. As this is not part of the national curriculum, NO tests were involved, allowing for a stress free learning environment.