

somewhereto_ rap and perform

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Charlie, somewhereto_ participant

somewhereto_ is a nationwide project to help young people find the space they need to do the things they love within sport, culture and the arts. Their aim is to help improve the lives of thousands of young people and create thousands of success stories, today and in the future. This is Mark and Charlie’s story.

Mark met with regional coordinators Neil and Michele when they visited Sunderland College’s Usworth site. Mark wanted somewhereto_ rehearse his musical style of rapping along with his friend Charlie. As he lived in Washington in Sunderland, and prior contact had been made with the Arts Centre there, they were contacted to see if they would be interested in supporting Mark with his somewhereto_ passion. They were more than happy to accommodate, and Mark, together with Charlie, went to the Arts Centre for an introduction – they were so happy with the facilities that they decided to stay for the whole night and now attend weekly.

Three weeks later Neil and Michele went back to meet with Mark and Charlie - they had recorded their first track! Their group name is Star Siblings. The duo performed in front of 500 people at NE Generation’s Urban Youth Games event earlier this August, and another young person currently working with somewhereto_, Joss, filmed the event (see ‘somewereto_ film’ case study).

Charlie said of their experiences: ‘It was more than we had hoped for, it was unreal. Me and Mark have decided for definite that we are going over to the Arts Centre on a regular basis and maybe get a bit more involved in what’s going on. We feel so positive because we never had anything like this, so it just feels like a massive step forward – thank you.’