**Reading Rooms Progress Report – July 2017**

**Active Groups:**

Conversation Café – for people improving their spoken English

Home Educators Tuesday – parent and child group

Home Educators Thursday – parent and child group

Inspire Communities Carer’s Group – fortnightly group for adult carers

Isaac Robinson House – residential home for adults with learning disabilities

Mind Young People’s Group – Hull and East Yorkshire Mind clients

Reading Room volunteers – sessions for Reading Room facilitators

**Groups starting in August/September:**

Avenues Library Open Group\*

Central Library Afternoon Open Group\*

Central Library Evening Open Group\*

Darley’s Youth Group – will start again in the autumn

Endike Day Care Group – Day care for the elderly, will start again in the autumn

Elm Tree Court – residential home for people living with dementia

Harrison Park Extra Care – sheltered accommodation for retired people

Ings Library Open Group\*

Longhill House - residential home for people living with dementia

Raleigh Court - residential home for people living with dementia

Wilton Lodge - residential home for people living with dementia

\*will be actively promoted to the clients of Hull and East Yorkshire Mind.

**In planning:**

(at various stages of the planning process from early discussions to nearly there)

* Dove House Hospice
	+ Respite day care
	+ Bedside Reading Rooms
	+ Bereaved children group and 1:1s
	+ Friday Friendlies Community Group
	+ Monthly staff Reading Room
	+ Special Reading Rooms under Dying Matters umbrella
* Hull Library Service Housebound Customers
	+ Group Reading Rooms
	+ Home visit Reading Rooms
* HMP Hull
	+ SOTP group Wednesday afternoons. Vulnerable prisoners some of whom may have learning disabilities
	+ PIPE group
	+ Family Liaison:
		- Dads and children
		- Women
* The Warren – young people aged 14 – 25
* HICA – home care clients
* Hull Adult Education ESOL support
* Eternal Benefits Charity – community support to people of all ages
* Open Doors Hull – provides support for refugees, asylum seekers and migrant workers
* Westcott and Sidmouth Primary Schools – early discussion about how Reading Rooms might be used in the school context.

**Festival and Special Reading Rooms:**

* Big Malarkey x 1 – Reading Room for children and parents at the Big Malarkey Children’s Literature Festival
* Dan Billany x 2 – Reading Rooms for adults based on the work of local author Dan Billany in conjunction with Hull University
* Reading Rooms Launch Event x 11 – Reading Rooms for adults across the City at various Libraries during the day and evening

**Inactive Groups:**

* Mind – Adult group. Room availability at Mind restricted the group (Monday 4.30pm). Mind clients will be invited to open library sessions.
* Ashdale Lodge – a residential home for people with dementia. Single facilitator who needed more support in a difficult environment. To be contacted and offered further Reading Rooms with the double facilitator offer. Facilitators have now received dementia awareness training.

**Statistics:**

Number of Reading Room sessions since 1st January 2017 – 68 sessions

Number of attendances at Reading Rooms – 360

* Number of adult attendances – 269
	+ Number of men – 48
	+ Number of women – 221
* Number of child attendances – 91
	+ Number of boys – 33
	+ Number of girls – 58

Age breakdown:

Under 16: 91

16 – 25: 4

25 – 50: 124

50 – 65: 44

65+: 97

**Training**

Currently trained facilitators:

* 17 volunteers (mix of City of Culture and Library volunteers)
* 14 members of staff
	+ 8 Librarians
	+ 2 Reading Rooms team staff
	+ 4 frontline staff
* 3 members of staff from HICA

Training Plan:

* Four Reading Rooms facilitator training sessions planned for the rest of 2017. September and October booked in and out to offer with City of Culture. Three training sessions have already taken place.
* Masterclass Training
	+ Dementia Awareness (delivered by HICA) – 1 session has taken place. At least one more will be delivered to new facilitators.
	+ Mental Health Awareness (to be delivered by Mind) – 1 session planned at present.
	+ Prison environment awareness to be delivered by Rebecca Binnington for volunteer facilitators who have indicated an interest in facilitating Reading Rooms at HMP Hull. Still to be arranged.