

# PLN stories: Research Projects

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For three years, Quartet Community Foundation has been involved in an important research project with the University and Bristol City Council, looking at the resilience of local youth sector organisations.

It's been fantastic having the oversight of the research associate, ensuring that the process has been robust. It's great to know that we can really trust and use the findings from this piece of work, and there's been a lot of learning we've been able to do as a result of the project.

We've had three sets of student Research Assistants working on the project. The first set conducted a literature review and discovered there wasn't a lot of existing work on resilience in the voluntary,

community and social sector. This made the project feel innovative as they sought to develop a research plan.

The second set of students refined the plan and carried out data collection and analysis. They drew this together into an insightful, published report that I feel proud to have been part of.

Our final set of students met with a sample of groups who took part in the research for a 'reflective consultation', ensuring that the research findings are accessible and useful for the participants themselves. The contributions of all three sets of students have been really valuable to Quartet's work; this has been the highlight for me.



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