### Management View

"Sidewalk has continued to grow and mature over the past year offering an invaluable service to the young people of Perth. It has been very positive to see the development of the work out

with the city centre working with volunteers in local communities to nurture and support young people. We were delighted to welcome Pamela to the team as a trainee youth worker and have benefited greatly from her input in developing new and existing areas of work."

lan Marr, Sidewalk Management Group.



The Sidewalk Management group sign the Faithworks charter,
March 2010

#### Comments & Feedback

"The Sidewalk Staff helped to approximately 1400 S5/6 pupils received an appropriate message about the accohol. The professionalism they displayed whilst they engaged with the young people is to be commended." Rachel Ewins, Road Safety Officer, Tayside Police.

"The Congregation at Riverside have benefited greatly from the experience and support of the Sidewalk Project, and I sense the young people are also benefiting" Grant Maclaughlan, Minister, Perth Riverside church

### Thanks and Appreciations

The Sidewalk Project would like to thank the following partners, sponsors and friends who have supported the work of the Sidewalk Project in the past year:

CofS Parish Development Fund JK Cairncross Trust

Perth North Church Perth YMCA

Tay Charitable Trust
The Gannochy Trust
The Robertson Trust
The Souter Foundation

A special thanks to the Charitable Trusts who have contributed to the work financially and for those who have committed to continue this in the future.

The Sidewalk Project would also like to thank the people who have contributed to this Annual Review and given us permission to use their comments.





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Adults of Perth"





### Coordinators view

"Some exiting developments occurred in the life of the Sidewalk Project this year, with work developing in 3 schools and also significantly, with the support and commitment of local people and Riverside church, in North Muirton. The Project has also recruited a Youthwork student, Pamela Campbell, this enables us to continue the valuable work with young people. I would just like to thank all the volunteers for their time and commitment to the project, and also to the Young People whom we see in the different settings, thank you for accepting us, our work with you and the time you give to us." James Ballantyne, Sidewalk Project Coordinator



Sidewalk Volunteers Training (Oct 2009)

## In 2009-2010 We achieved this:

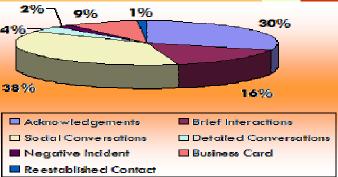
- Delivered 100 sessions on the streets or in schools
- Worked with 188 named young people
- Trained 12 Volunteers
- Helped 3 young people start college, 4 find jobs and several start employment programmes.

### Volunteers Perspective

"It has been and continues to be a very positive experience. I was glad of the training and this gave me confidence to go out on the streets as id never done this kind of youthwork before" Christine, volunteer since 2009.

"I realised there were young people who had issues that I wasn't aware of and that by simply having a conversation with them they would know that someone was there to care and offer advice." Malcolm, volunteer since 2010

# Graph showing the Nature of contact we had with young people on the streets of Perth (2010).



### Aims of the Sidewalk Project

The Project aims to have these impacts in 2011:

- Have positive engagement with young people
- Increased Safety on the streets
- Education/Intervention re alcohol misuse
- Positive outcomes for young people.
- Impact on local communities and volunteers

# Alcohol Behaviour of young people as encountered by The Sidewalk Project on the streets of Perth City Centre (2010).



### Diary of Events 2009-10:

June 2009: Began lunchtime work at Perth College.

July 2009: Started work with Riverside Church delivering detached youthwork in Muirton/ North Muirton.

Sept 2009: Recruited Pamela Campbell, ICC youthwork student.

Oct 2009: Trained first batch of volunteers from Riverside church to work in North Muirton



Sidewalk at the Driving ambition Roadshow (June 2010)

Dec 2009: Worked on the streets up to Christmas,

Young persons view:

"These guys are my best friends" A (aged 17)

including a busy one on the 18th, Sidewalk delivered its 100th evening session.

Jan 2010: Froze on the streets in -12°. Excitedly began Lunchtime work at Perth Academy (with Reality Adventure works, Scotland).

March 2010: Attended the SNAPY National Conference. Project has 3000th contact with young people. Confirmed our affiliation with Faithworks movement.

June 2010: Met and engaged with many young people at Transition days and Driving Ambition Events. We sponsored an Award at the Spirit of Youth Awards and started lunchtime work in Perth Grammar school.

# For more information see our website: www.thesidewalkproject.org.uk or

