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Community Rail Partnership



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OUR VISION:
A SOCIETY
WHERE
TRANSPORT
IS INCLUSIVE,
SUSTAINABLE
AND BETTER
CONNECTS
PEOPLE

OUR MISSION:
TO MAKE IT
EASIER FOR
PEOPLE
TO USE
SUSTAINABLE
TRANSPORT

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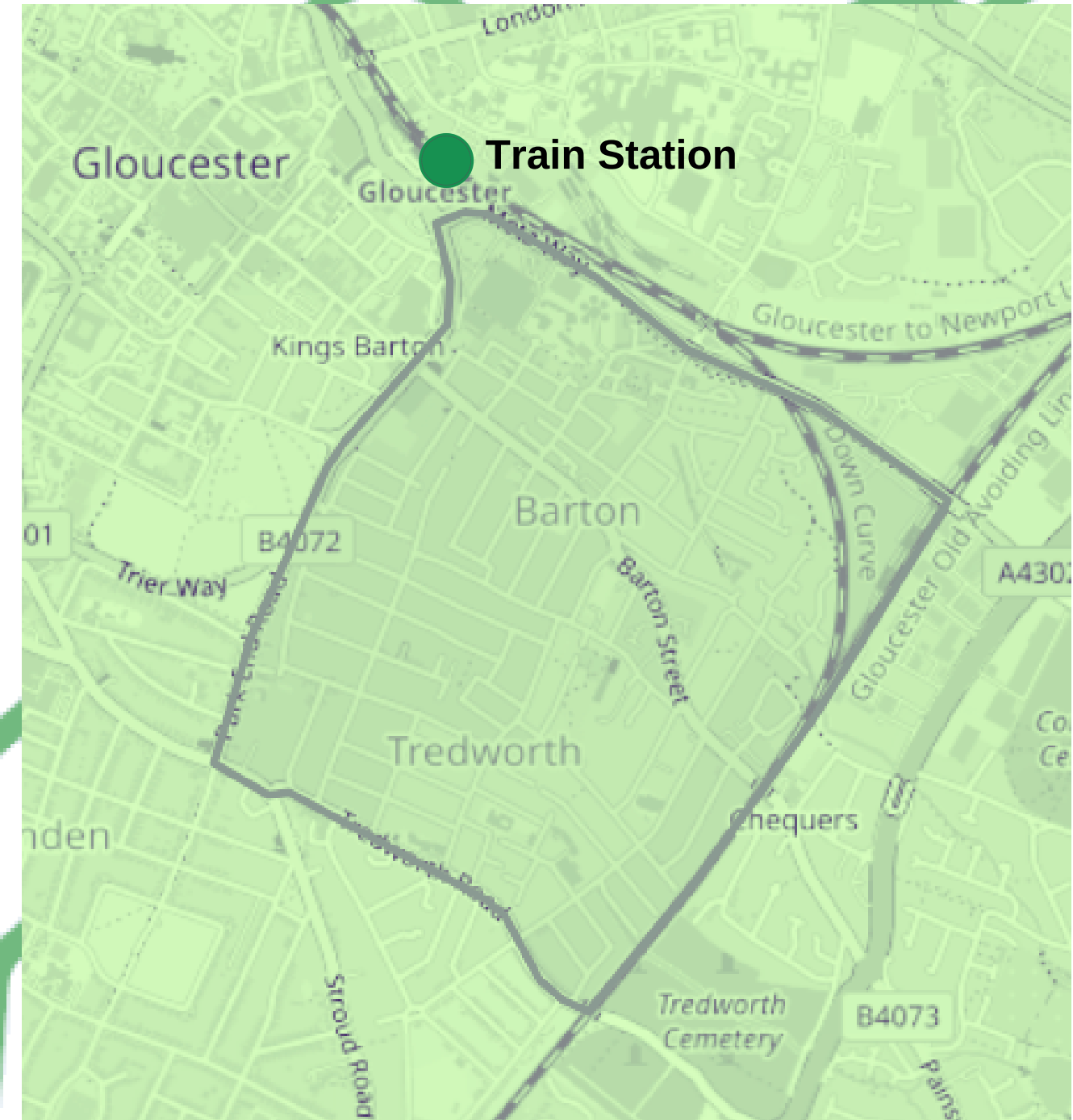
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- **Connections**
- **Make it 'easier'?**

Getaway Programme Background and Objectives

2 minutes walk from Gloucester Railway Station...

Barton and Tredworth, the most ethnically diverse ward in Gloucestershire, is classified as a highly deprived area nationally

41.4% of Barton and Tredworth's population are from a diverse ethnic group



**For almost all diverse ethnic groups health related quality of life is worse compared to white British people.
The benefits of being in the outdoors are well known but...**

**Only 1% of visitors to UK national parks come from BAME backgrounds.
Safety Concerns and Racial Discrimination...**

**More than nine in 10 journeys to national parks are made by car...
Between 2015-2019 - Black people more than twice as likely as White people to live in a household with no access to a car or van**

Getaway addresses social inequalities allowing black/brown youth to access mental health and wellbeing benefits of being out in nature.

Engaging & Empowering

The research matches our idea...but what does the community want?

We built on personal relationships in the community by approaching trusted community organisation.

We ensured our project goals aligned with the community organisation goals.

We communicated what resources we have and what we were offering.



**It's like any other relationship...
You have to build trust.
And trust takes time!**

**Giving the young people the opportunity to
co-design the experiences as a group, with
trusted youth leaders from their own
organisation**

**What are the leaders concerns?
What are my concerns and what can I do?**



The Impact of Building Trust Over Time

**Getaway Year 1:
10 day trips for 117 young people**

**Getaway Year 2 so far...
5 day trips for 121 young people**

Year 3 Plans?



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I don't use the train to go to rural spaces, just to big cities. I got a lot from this trip. It was positive, and I clicked with another young person, we got on so well.

It has helped me get into a positive mindset. I learnt how to film and use a camera; next I want to know more about how to edit.



Because our girls wear hijab (headscarf), some places haven't allowed us to take part in any water activities and we've had issues with other school groups laughing at our girls. But this has been really positive, everyone has been really nice and we've not had any negative comments towards us.

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I liked being out in nature. It helps clear the mind and brings peacefulness
I liked the train, it was better than being in a bus



Today I had so much fun because I never did anything like this before in my life

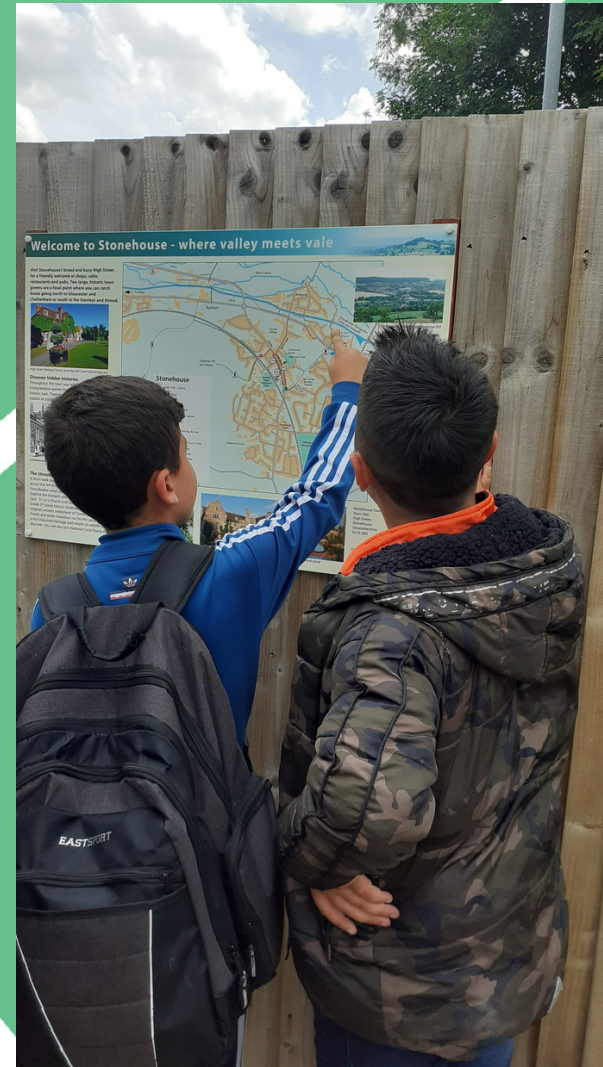
'I'm scared of trains. I want to go on the train on my own when I'm older. But this is more comfortable in a group and with my friends.'



Being in the forest is just different, like just, calm.

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It was surprisingly fun. I got hot chocolate and got to go on the train without my parents.

JazakAllah for arranging it. The kids LOVED it, and I mean, they were beaming when they returned.



The children had an amazing time and had the opportunity to experience a lot of 'firsts'. It was a memorable trip and could not have been done without the support of GCRP, who are encouraging everyone to travel sustainably 😊 Alhamdulillah for these opportunities!

I wanted to be out of my comfort zone and explore the Cotswolds.

We thought it was just grown ups who go on the train but we can go on it too.



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Thank you for listening!

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