



Westmill Case Study



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Youth Works



In **2008** Youth Works took part of “Rhythms of the World” which is a major local event celebrating Hitchin’s diverse culture through a range of music and dance performances and is part of the Town Festival.






300 local residents gathered to give their support....



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As part of the 3 year Youth Works programme on the Westmill estate the young people wowed residents by creating and running a very professional community radio station throughout the summer. Over 100  young people from north Hertfordshire were involved, talking, sound checking, giving opinions on current affairs, gaining skills in radio engineering and encouraging local residents to join talk shows, play music in the 'live lounge' and DJ and enjoy Bangra nights.

The £30k needed to do this and other projects was raised by the young people themselves, working with Groundwork to put together a bid to the Youth Opportunities Fund.

Mill FM was a great success and everyone would love the radio station to continue in some form, bringing, as it did, so many parts of the community together. Attention is now focused on the next round of projects for the young people, including playing a full part in deciding on how their estate will be regenerated for the future. Key partners in this programme are North Hertfordshire Homes, Extended Schools, Indian Cultural Society, CAYPOW (the residents association) and The Rewind Project.