**Anecdotal evidence from our Code Club volunteer**

Volunteering at Conwy library Code Club has been an excellent experience. It has given me the chance to share my programming knowledge with the next generation of coders in an environment that is safe and welcoming to both students and volunteers.

The projects provided by Code Club are excellent, well structured and interesting - ranging from animations involving monkeys in space, to complicated games.

They are also a perfect length for the 1 hour sessions we run, which means I am able to spend time helping out individual students while others can still make progress with the project.

I have been pleasantly surprised at how receptive and excited the children are to be doing the projects. It is wonderful to see them have a chance to express their creativity in tools like Scratch while learning quite complex programming concepts.

The children have returned term over term to learn new and more advanced things - it has been great to see them talk to each other, help each other out and make new friends while playing each other’s games.

On a personal level, the experience has improved my confidence in teaching and working with children, which has inspired me to further pursue opportunities in teaching in the future.

Seeing how children work with and understand code has also helped professionally, as I am able to take some of the ideas I’ve used to explain code and apply them when explaining ideas to clients.

Volunteering for a program like Code Club is something I would highly recommend, and I would love to see it rolled out to more libraries across the county.