

Bridie Squires (Editor of Leftlion magazine, Creative Writing Young Creative Awards winner 2104 and Mouthy Poet) wrote a poem to support our Active Lives pilot expression of Interest.

You say you want a revolution?  
It's time to let us deliver.  
You see, our city's built  
on rebel hearts and winners.

There's an issue we should face  
Enough of the frivolity  
Some suburbs in this town  
Reek of stubborn inequality

A quarter of people's lives,  
In this place, our city,  
are spent in poor health.  
Our statistics don't look pretty.

A seventeen year life gap?  
Between the rich and poor?  
A generation lost to folk.  
We need to do much more.

So now we are defiant  
the armchair felt wears thin.  
We crave the movement stashed  
in the riot dance within.

Yes, some of us are frightened,  
locked into boxes of 'no';  
waiting for actors to transform,  
to light the way and show.

We are bold in our hearts,  
We are bold in our art,  
Ready to show you how,  
as One Nottingham change will start.

To hear this poem in an authentic Nottingham voice, click this link now  
<https://vimeo.com/210758937> (and turn up the volume on your PC)