

Agenda item 7e Young People

Update – Pride in Fleetwood Summer Activity Club

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Background

Further to consultation with the local community with Pride in Fleetwood, one of the recurring themes was a lack of free, consistent and meaningful activities for the children and young people to take part in during the school holidays.

Working together with Pride in Fleetwood we designed a comprehensive summer holiday club for children in the Pharos and Mount wards to access.

This was promoted via social media, Healthier Fleetwood and Westview Community Centre.

We made registration as simple as possible with a simple link to a form to register. This allowed us to capture any permissions and additional needs, medical information that the child may have as well as collect and match postcode data to ensure that participants were eligible by location.

This also allowed us to share the timetable of events with parents and communicate effectively to monitor attendances.

Engagement and Support

By the end of the programme 35 children had registered with the programme with a number of children that registered having SEND or additional needs.

Each session had an average attendance of between 10 and 15 children and young people, however toward the end of the programme the attendance could dip on days where there was adverse weather. It is recognised that even though we had moved activities indoors, children still needed to get there and back.

Overall the programme was a success with a mix of indoor activities such as arts and crafts and invasion games to trips to local attractions such as Farmer Parrs and Fleetwood Mini Links

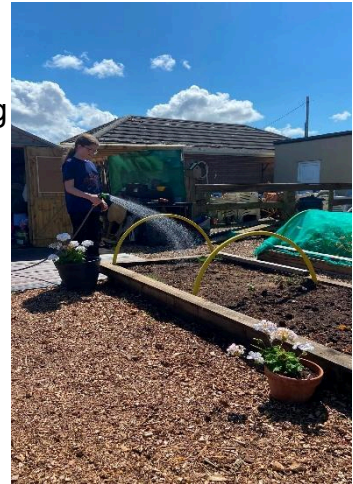


The programme itself was evolving throughout the summer following discussion and consultation with the children taking part. For instance, one of the set activities we had started with was games at Memorial Park. However the children that attended this activity

expressed that they would like a tour of the football ground and also to do more activities “along the front”, so these were replaced with activities such as stadium tours, crabbing and games at the space adjacent to the cadet base and the beach.

They have even gone on an expedition around Fleetwood making and handing out Kindness cards

The children also took part in social action projects such as litter picking and an intergenerational activity with our veterans.



Whilst there are a small core of children that attend every session, we found that the children that attended were varied each day dependant on the activity, this demonstrated that we are reaching a wide range of eligible children and young people.

All children that attend have also received a packed lunch provided by a local company and even enjoyed ice creams and chippy lunch on occasion.



Young peoples voice is integral to the project and so children and young people regularly feed back about what activities they are enjoying and what they would like to do more of and what they would like to try.

Issues

There have been no issues raised from the programme participants.

Variations to original brief

The original brief contained a trip to the Pleasure Beach. However, following consultation with the young people they felt that this trip would be a lot to try and fit in in the time the session allowed. They said they would also prefer to do more regular trips rather than one big one.

With this in mind, and with the aim of building connections to the town and fostering a sense of civic pride in their town we held weekly trips to locations such Farmer Parrs, Mini Links and also trips further afield to the Butterfly House and Moo Shack (these were both places that the children wanted to go).

Feedback



Children that have participated in the holiday club have fed back that they have enjoyed the club, particularly the trips and activities, with Farmer Parrs being the clear favourite activity. A number of them have fed back that there is more to do in Fleetwood than they realised, they didn't know there was a nature reserve and enjoyed their trip there.

They also enjoyed being team of the week at the Fleetwood V Gillingham match, getting to meet the players and being on the pitch.

It has been a successful with feedback from parents expressing that they are thankful to be given such opportunities, particularly those with additional needs.

