

Report



Graffiti Workshop August - September 2011

The graffiti club was a five week project aimed at youths who attend the Skatepark who were requesting a graffiti club. The club had a similar set up as previous ones. The youths design what they would like to see sprayed then practice using the paints to get a good technique before they graffiti wall with their designs. So the first two weeks of the club were getting to know each other and to hone their artistic skills and see what they were capable of.

One member struggled a bit with the club as he didn't like putting on the masks and has an issue with some of the motor skills required so I think he was put off and didn't want to take part. It was quite difficult to get him

involved, although he was happy to take photos of the other young people in the club. He was using camera skills he was taught in a previous club so it was good to see those skills being put to use. He was good at designing the art work for the wall it was just too much for him actually putting his designs into action. I'm sure he'll get to do it in future clubs though. Other than that he did bond extremely well with the group members. They encouraged him to take part but when they knew he didn't want to. They still tried to keep him actively involved and he did make a bunch of new friends out of this club.

Overall this is a great club that could essentially last for the whole year and I'm sure the youths would never get bored of it. It's a pity we couldn't have more as we drew quite a few crowds from the skaters on the Skatepark. They were all begging to take part and would try to sneak into the youth area and get involved. The youths that we had were happy to show off their art and tell the others about what they were doing and encouraging them to sign up for future clubs. The parents and carers of the young people were all very impressed with the graffiti club. This club is very much a winner with staff, young people and parents alike.