

Report



Summer Holiday Programme July-August 2012

The summer holiday programme was full of fun with enthusiastic and excited young people throughout the four week sessions. The available places for the summer coaching programmes filled fast for both funded and self funded places. Dundee Partnership partially funded 10 places per week for young people from the DD4 8 postcode area. Every week the young people had the opportunity to learn new skills on the skatepark under the supervision and expertise of the skatepark coaching staff. Many individuals excelled in their chosen sport and were keen to demonstrate their achievements

to the *youth* workers and parents each day.

The youth activities undertaken every afternoon encouraged the young people to bond in different settings, participating in a variety of activities that aimed to develop new skills, confidence and raise self-esteem and interpersonal skills of the group. Over the week long programmes the youth workers set up many different activities to ensure the young people could enjoy their time away from school, using the resources in and around the skatepark facility.

Many of the young people excelled during weeks on the

programme. They built up strong friendships and seemed confident in the group setting. Many individuals also volunteered to be a leader and worked well with the youth workers, helping other young people out in all different ways and took responsibility for tidying up the youth room and also helped set up some of the activities. This demonstrated the maturity of particular individuals and how young people can conduct themselves positively. They contributed all week on the skatepark in the morning and during all youth activities, opting to help out the staff at every opportunity whilst enjoying the fun and games of each activity.

Overall the summer coaching programmes were a success. Many parents expressed their appreciation through the parental evaluation sheets and to the staff. The workers had great fun running the activities themselves and watching each young person enjoy their holidays away from school in a setting that strives to build positive, confident and skilled individuals through informal youth work techniques. It has been a pleasure to be part of the summer programme and everyone cannot wait until the next school holidays, with requests already flying in for the next coaching programmes.

