



STREET DANCE JAN 2014

At the start of the group the aims and objectives that were set were:

- To increase self-esteem through performing their learned dance routines in front of their parents or invited guests
- To increase their own confidence skill by encouraging them throughout learning the routine
- To increase interpersonal skills between the children
- For some, they are learning a new skill that they might not have had access to before

This group was very well attended throughout the 6 weeks it was running. A representative from Showcase the Street came in to teach the young people and did a fantastic job, they responded very well to her and generally showed her a lot of respect. Initially there were some issues with some of the boys in the group but once they settled down there was a harmonious atmosphere.

They group had to learn a dance routine over the 6 weeks, performing it on the last week in front of their family and friends. They struggled with some moves but excelled at others, and put on a wonderful show for the people there to watch them. It was great to see the young people learning over the long term and putting it all together as a team on the night.

They also did a smaller 'finale' dance after the group routine. This consisted of running out in small groups and doing a small dance they made up themselves. Everyone went out and did something, none of them were overly shy or embarrassed, and it was lovely to see all the young people have a go. We had one boy, who was upset because his parents were late and he didn't think they would see him dance, but he still got up and did both routines, and they got there in time to watch. I was glad to see that despite him being a little upset he still performed the routines.

Overall we can definitely say we achieved the aims and objectives set at the start of the course. There were definitely some members of the group who had never tried dancing like this before, but on the night they were all smiles, all focused on what they were doing and all gave a great performance.

There was an obvious rise in confidence levels across the group and I feel a lot of the young people have developed a closer bond with others in the group over these 6 weeks. On the whole Street Dance has been a very successful club.

