



## YOUTH CLUBS WINTER 2016

Winter term of 2016 was a busy time for The Factory Skatepark (FSP) youth team with a whole range of activities being run under the Youth Club banner.

Graffiti Workshop was our first project after the October Holidays for ages 10+. With assistance from Cameron Price, a local artist, the young people experimented with graffiti art techniques and created a piece of artwork stretching across several large wooden boards. The project was aimed to put young people's ideas at the forefront and therefore as a group they came up with the themes of Respect and Positive Thinking. As such the design incorporated inspirational quotes centred on these themes and they were able to create a piece of artwork that meant a lot to them.

The primary school age group meanwhile started the Winter Term with a Halloween party, as is traditional at this time of year. This was an evening filled with treats, scary costumes, games, and arts and crafts on the Halloween theme. The room was decorated with banners, posters, and drawings created by young people in both the younger and older homework club, so the children could really take pride in the environment

that they had created. The younger group then focused on Build-a-City club. Under this theme they did a variety of arts and crafts projects that revolved around nature and the urban environment. They made bird feeders and created models of animals and trees made out of recycled and naturally sourced materials, such as pine cones. It was a great project as the group were able to see the value of recycling things and making them into something new.

As we moved into December thoughts turned towards Christmas. Both age groups took part in a whole range of activities themed around nativity and winter, from colouring pages, word-searches, and puzzles to bigger arts and crafts projects. In the final week before the Christmas holidays there was a Christmas party for the younger group involving games, goodies, presents, and people dressing up as Santa and other Christmas characters. For the older age group there was a fancy dress Christmas free skate session, a celebratory event with a great atmosphere to it.

As you can see the winter term was a busy time for the youth programme, but this is the way we want it to be. These clubs would not be possible without the continued support of Dundee Partnership, and we are extremely grateful to them for their contribution to

FSP. We look forward to a prosperous and successful 2017!

