



BUILD-A-CITY CLUB MAY 2014

At the start of Build-A-City the aims and objectives we set out were;

- Complete a competitive activity where the winner has made the tallest free-standing structure made out of the materials provided.
- Go on a trip to Dundee University to see their virtual city made out of Lego.
- Make a scale model of the skatepark.

All three of these objectives were achieved and within the time scales given. The activity in week one where the young people competed to make the tallest free-standing structure was wonderful. All the young people engaged with the activity and wanted to have their say, however they learnt a valuable lesson that to achieve the best results you have to work as a team and let everyone be involved. The trip to the University of Dundee was another good team experience. The visit was to see the Lego exhibit there which was set up as a city, complete with trains, football stadium, airport, cars, etc. In each session the young people had to look at the city and find answers like, for example, what dangers were present to those in the city. The young people had to spend five minutes in pairs finding

them and from there the group came together and made a list up on the board. The young people thoroughly enjoyed exploring the exhibit stories, so much so that two weeks later they were still talking about it and asking questions.

The other activity we did during the club was build a model of the skatepark. We had sourced a board the size we needed and had been saving boxes since the previous club so we had the bits to make the ramps and place them on, once completed we got them to mix up paint so that the colours were as near as the actual skatepark, this was a really good task for them as they had to think about all the different colours and how they are made then they went ahead and painted it. The young people can be proud of the model they created and painted, as it looks fantastic. Once again they had to think about teamwork when doing this activity. The final result is a testament to how well they worked. Finishing the club with a fully completed project was really good for the young people as, the last time we tried to do this we did not finish our completed project due to holidays and other things happening.

I believe this club was a great success. Every activity we did went to plan and was completed in the intended time frame. While this club required a lot of preparation for each activity and therefore was a challenge to run I feel this

should not deter us from running the club again in the future. It was very worthwhile for the young people and therefore the hard work was definitely worth it.

This is a club that we would look forward to run again.

