



BUILD A CITY SUMMER 2015

Our first club back after the Easter Holidays was Build-A-City. Aimed at primary school age young people, the idea was for those attending to gain an understanding of the cities around them through books, slideshows, videos, and practical arts and crafts based activities.

A variety of entertaining and educational slideshows and videos were shown to the young people. Initially they were focused on helping them learn about how cities were made and where they came from, exploring themes around what you find in a typical city such as train stations and airports, sports teams and stadiums, parks and outdoor spaces, entertainment services like cinemas and theatres, etc. There was material discussed about why people choose to live in cities versus the countryside and looking at ancient cities around the world through many centuries.

Finally we explored what happens to cities when things go wrong such as natural disasters occurring, crime, wars, etc.

Once the young people had looked at all these themes we focused back in on the skatepark where we are based. As a group the young people worked to make a model of the skatepark arena out of cardboard. First they made the

ramps and glued them all together, then they were stuck down onto a wooden base before it was all painted. With the resulting model they were able to use mini-skateboards and scooters to play about with what they had created.

Attendance throughout the club was at a consistent level slightly below the numbers we were aiming for. However, every young person who attended returned to the club which shows that the content was enjoyable and educational for those participating.

We will run this club again in 2016 with some more advertising pre-course to ensure attendances are at a good level.

