



## OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUBS 2015

Our October Club 2015 at The Factory Skatepark (FSP) ran over the 2 weeks of the Dundee School Holidays.

Week 1 was for ages 5 to 9 years old, with the second week for the older group of age 10 to 14. Both weeks followed the same programme of the morning session spent in the Skatepark arena and the afternoon session taken up with various youth activities.

In the morning our team of 14+ aged volunteers worked with the staff to teach young people tricks and skills on skateboard, inline skates, and stunt scooter. Some young people aged 5 were just starting out with the basics of riding the equipment. At the other end we had 8 and 9 year olds learning advanced tricks such as clearing gaps and ramps, 360s, and even one attempting a back flip.

In the older group the level was higher as to be expected with these advanced tricks being the norm. Everyone in both age groups learnt a lot not just in terms of tricks but also in terms of skatepark etiquette

and interacting with other young people.

The afternoon sessions focused largely around arts and crafts activities, with many young people working on Halloween decorations for the various upcoming Halloween parties here at FSP. There was also a large swordfish made out of papier-mâché, decorated in autumnal coloured paper, and then covered in leaves that had fallen from the trees in our car park.

The older group went to the local park and made a den out of tree branches and dry grass. It was great to see young people interacting with nature and working together to make something they could not have made themselves.

For the end of week treat the younger group spent an afternoon in the Fun Factory playing tig and running around wild on the play equipment. The older group took a trip across the road to Battlefield Live for an hour of warfare based laser tag.

Both groups thoroughly enjoyed not just these activities, which crowned two exciting and busy weeks, but the

whole club in general. We look forward to running our holiday programmes again in 2016 with the first being during the Easter School Holidays.

