



## SATURDAY DROP-IN CLUB WINTER 2015

The Saturday Drop-In club has been running at The Factory Skatepark since May 2015. The idea behind the club was to create something for young people aged 10+ to attend on a Saturday afternoon between 12pm and 4pm. Running it as a drop-in club allows young people to skate on the park but attend the club at different times throughout the afternoon.

The club focuses on running activities that allow young people to interact with each other. Some of these are competitive, such as games of football, video game competitions, and games of pool. Others are co-operative in nature, such as arts and crafts projects where everyone must contribute a part of the final design or piece of artwork.

The club has had a positive effect on the young people attend with the majority reporting increased social skills and increased self-worth. The general mood on Saturdays is very relaxed and positive and it is clear that those attending these sessions enjoy them a lot.

This club has helped to bridge a gap in our programmes where young people aged 10+ did not have a club to attend where they could be involved in these sorts of activities and find the support that they need. There has been a strengthening of the friendship

between the stewards and those younger than them who one day aim to be Stewards due to those range of young people attending on Saturdays.

Attendances have been very good with the Drop-In club meeting its target of 10 attendances every week. We will be looking to keep meeting this target on a weekly basis in 2016.

