



EASTER CLUB - SUMMER 16

The 2016 Easter School Holidays saw us run our first holiday programme of the year. We ran two weeks of the programme from 10am to 3pm every weekday with the first week catering for young people aged 10-14 years old and the second week for young people aged 5-9.

These holiday programmes follow the format of morning sessions being for skatepark activities and afternoon sessions dedicated to various youth activities. In the morning young people spend time in the skatepark arena at The Factory Skatepark (FSP) with assistance provided by staff and stewards. Coaching takes the form of 1-to-1 and group depending on levels of ability, confidence, number of young people, and number of coaches available. Also, coaching can be as simple as a coach and young person riding a particular ramp together to build confidence or as advanced as a coach intensively demonstrating and encouraging a young person from base level to completion of a trick. Especially amongst the older age group there are high levels of peer-to-peer learning taking place also as young people practice tricks together or encourage their friends to try something new.

The afternoon sessions are made up of a number of staple activities. First we have competitive and co-operative

games, both in the youth room such as board and video games and outside when the weather allows. Both groups were able to spend some time outside, a rarity for this time of year but a contributing factor to a successful and enjoyable week. Arts and Crafts are another go to activity with both groups creating artwork that they could take home or display in the youth room. This often means a co-operative activity as friends choose to work together on their artwork and designs.

Some days were more relaxed with the groups choosing to watch a movie together, and as always we provide an end of week treat on Friday. For the older group this mean a trip to Battlefield Live for an hour of active and intense laser-based warfare whilst the younger group visited the Fun Factory for an afternoon on the play equipment.

As with every holiday programme our focus is on providing a week long "camp" for young people from the local area to attend. We worked with a large number of young people from the East End over the 2 weeks with solid attendance levels at both the 5-9 and 10-14 age groups.

Many of these young people have been attending our term time clubs so it was good to see them again, and there were some from out-with the local area who

came along too.

As always this programme would not have been possible without the funding we receive from Dundee Partnership and the hard work and dedication of our team of volunteers. We are truly grateful to both parties as they contribute greatly to the ongoing success and continuation of our holiday programmes, and to the enjoyment that the young people attend get from their holidays.

