



TRICK TUITION - SUMMER 2016

Every Thursday evening The Factory Skatepark is the place to be for skateboarders in the Dundee and Tayside area. It is the opportunity for young people to mix with experienced and advanced riders from the local skateboarding community and learn from them.

Resident coach Owen Stewart facilitates the sessions by providing 1-to-1 and group coaching as and when required. Alongside him there are a number of regular adolescent and adult participants who are happy to offer advice to young members of the group.

A fantastic element of this session is the amount of peer-to-peer learning that takes place. Games of skate regularly break out between riders of similar ability across the park and impromptu mass coaching takes place frequently. Often you will see a younger skateboarder managing to land a trick before one of the older guys does, a point of pride that is hugely important for the young person involved and builds massive amounts of self-worth. Equally by riding alongside the more advance guys the young people are able to develop their social skills in a unique way, and the co-operative nature of these sessions has helped improve attitudes towards

learning of those involved.

Since it began in 2015 Trick Tuition has fostered the skateboarding community here and we regularly see a dozen or more riders at these sessions, well above the target we set for attendance rates.

Word of mouth has created a real buzz around Trick Tuition and it is an important part of our weekly schedule here at The Factory Skatepark.

