



HOMWORK CLUBS SPRING 2017

2017 has begun with a very positive start for the Homework Club. With our continuing regular programme of 4 clubs run over 3 days accommodating for 2 age groups, it has been a case of building on what we already have achieved.

The homework club is split into two categories. We have 3 sessions per week, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, for Primary School age. They spend 45 minutes in the youth room with assistance provided by staff and volunteers for them to complete their homework.

We cater for core subjects such as English and Maths, but also provide resources to learn about modern languages, art, science, etc. The young people then spend 45 minutes in the skatepark arena learning different skills on scooter, skateboard, and inline skates.

The content is the same for Secondary School age on a Tuesday evening, but the format is slightly different, with one hour devoted to homework followed by one hour for riding in the skatepark arena.

The majority of young people attending live close to The Factory Skatepark (FSP) and therefore face

challenges beyond the usual growing up pains as these are areas of multiple deprivation. The staff, and the

volunteers who are known as stewards, are there to spend time with the young people and assist in any way they can.

In the skatepark arena this can mean teaching them how to ride a skateboard or inline skates for the first time, or going down the biggest ramps on scooters. We are able to accommodate for all levels of ability.

In evaluation we ask young people whether they are enjoying the club and getting the level of support they need. Especially with those at secondary school we ask them if they are becoming more confident in their learning academically, and feel more able to ask the questions they need answered in school.

I am pleased to report that feedback across the board is positive, with young people reporting that they are more confident in school and at this club and subsequently have developed their self-worth, have developed their social skills, and have an improved attitude to learning.

We are extremely grateful to Dundee Partnership for support with funding for

resources and staff. Without their continued backing we would not be able to run these clubs. We look forward to a prosperous summer term and beyond.

