



## TRICK TUITION SPRING TERM 2017

Each Thursday evening we run our skateboard tuition class sessions - Trick Tuition which gives young people the chance to interact and skate with experienced and advanced boarders from in and around Dundee.

Young people are given the chance to ride the park with experienced and advanced riders from around Dundee with the effect being that they quickly progress in their sport in an enjoyable and relaxed way.

Owen Stewart is our resident skateboard coach here at The Factory Skatepark (FSP) and these sessions take place under his watchful eye.

Throughout the two hours every Thursday he provides 1-to-1 and group coaching as the situation dictates. Alongside Owen we have a number of regular adolescent and adult riders who are on hand to give advice and support to young members of the group.

Trick Tuition has been running for nearly two years and has grown organically over this time. It is hosted by Owen, our resident skateboard coach. With the session lasting two hours he has the chance to provide 1-to-1 and group coaching as required in this session. There are several

regular riders of adolescent and adult age who support Owen in coaching the young people on a volunteer basis.

This session was originally intended to be dedicated coaching from Owen, but alongside that continuing element we have seen high levels of peer-to-peer learning.

In the spring term this has been a regular theme, continuing on from previous terms where there have been ad hoc games of skate and coaching amongst the young people taking place. Therefore Owen acts as a skateboard coach, inspirational figure, and youth worker, all within one session.

Through evaluation we are seeing higher levels of self-worth and developed social skills amongst the young people attending, and an increase in the skateboarding community attending FSP in general.

As they now have a session that is their own, in 2016 we saw people coming back to FSP that hadn't attended for years, and that has continued throughout spring 2017. Attendances are consistently high showing that Trick Tuition is a priority in the week for those attending.

We look forward to next term and

building on a positive start to 2017.

