



YOUTH CLUBS SPRING TERM 2017

Winter term of 2016 was a busy time for The Factory Skatepark (FSP) youth team with a whole range of activities being run under the Youth Club banner.

After the excitement of Halloween, Bonfire night, and Christmas, youth club returned for 2017 with four different clubs for two age groups.

First up for age 5 to 9 was Comic Club. This is a club we run every year to give the young people a chance to express their creative and use their imagination within a group environment. The young people are tasked with working in pairs or small groups with the assistance of youth workers to create a comic. They have to work together to create all the characters and their characteristics, the plot, writing the story out, designing the comic itself, drawing it and colouring it in.

Every group completed a 4 page comic complete with front cover and all planning sheets over the 6 weeks, which is a testament to the hard work of all those involved. They all did a fantastic job of following something through from start to finish and of creating something. The whole youth team were impressed with the results and all the young people enjoyed

themselves thoroughly, reporting this through evaluation every week at the end of every session.

After the half-term break this age group took part in travel club for 6 weeks, which involved exploring geography in terms of maps and flags, planning their dream holiday, learning about different countries and cultures, and even designing their own pirate treasure maps. As with all clubs we run we intend for there to be an element of the young people learning along with having something physical that they have created to take away with them, such as their treasure maps. Both clubs for this age group were a success in terms of work completed and also attendances, with above 10 attending every week.

For the 10 to 14 age group there have been two clubs run, Street Dance, and Skate Culture. One aim for the youth clubs is to broaden young peoples horizons and programmes like Street Dance, where we have a skilled instructor come in to run the club, are a key part of this. With a professional dancer running the programme there is a high level of tuition provided for young people to take part in this introductory course and many asked at the end of the club about how they could continue taking part in Street Dance once the course had finished.

Skate Culture was a broader programme, with a number of different activities run over seven weeks. These included designing posters advertising their own scooter companies that they had created, learning about skating culture and etiquette, taking part in riding scooters, skateboard, and inline skates in the skatepark arena, and going to the local bmx track to ride around on bikes and scooters.

Overall the response was positive from the young people, with good attendance figures across both clubs for this age group.

These clubs would not be possible without the continued support of Dundee Partnership, and we are extremely grateful to them for their contribution to FSP.

We look forward to a prosperous summer term.