



YOUTH CLUBS - WINTER 2017

Winter term of 2017 was a busy time for The Factory Skatepark (FSP) youth team with a whole range of activities being run under the Youth Club banner.

Both age groups (5 to 9 and 10 to 14) engaged in Halloween activities in the run up to and on the 31st October. This involved decorating the youth room in a Halloween themed manner, making spooky arts and crafts, completing scary colouring pages, etc. As young people had the opportunity to take part in the skatepark activities in fancy dress, great fun for all involved. There were similar special activities run for Bonfire Night with young people once again making themed arts and crafts projects and completing colouring sheets.

After these special events the younger age group focused on Science Club. Run for 4 weeks this programme focused on young people's understanding of how science shapes the world around them. This club therefore involved looking at the solar system, the animal kingdom, the human body, etc. Arts and crafts in this club then furthered their understanding, such as making origami space rockets. As expected young people reported at the end of the programme that they understood a lot more about science than they had at the start.

Meanwhile the older group took part

in Design Workshop. As with Science Club this was all about broadening young people's horizons by helping them understand more about the world around them. As such activities focused on using materials they could find, such as cardboard boxes, scrap paper, etc. and fashioning objects out of them, such as buildings, model cars, and even model skatepark ramps. Everyone was able to display their initiative and have some fun, ideal for this time of year.

As we moved into December thoughts turned towards Christmas. Both age groups took part in a whole range of activities themed around nativity and winter, from colouring pages, word-searches, and puzzles to bigger arts and crafts projects. Once again the young people had the experience of decorating the room, this time in a Christmas manner.

As you can see the winter term was a busy time for the youth programme, but this is the way we want it to be. 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 and successful 2018!

