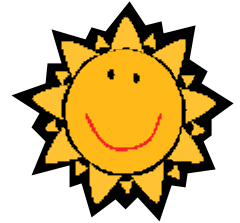


Early interventions report

August 2006



Back ground to work

It had been recognised that there was a small group of young people who were accessing services, mainly the tea time cub, within the Jack Kane Centre who's behaviour at times was deemed as very erratic and had given cause for concern as identified by youth workers . It was therefore proposed to run a group specifically for these young people through out the summer. Which is a time traditionally within Greater Craigmillar are where there is a lack of provision for this age group.

Purpose of work

The underlying purpose of the work was to target these young people who were on the periphery of offending or who would benefit from the support of a small group work setting. Whilst also giving rise to the opportunity for one to one support when required. The work was designed around cooperation, team building and acceptable behaviour as well as the chance to learn new skills and have new experiences. Each young person was given a folder to decorate and to keep their work in and also a 'photo diary' was taken to record the activities the young people took part in. The conclusion of this being that they young people will get their folders with their work in them and also a photo book of the groups activities.

Funding and partnership working

Funding to enable this group to run came from the Youth Inclusion budget with support from the Jack Kane centre in relation to staffing costs and room rental. There was also contact made with the East Working Together Team to get ideas and information on games and successfully targeting the sessions to match the young people and their abilities.

How work was carried out

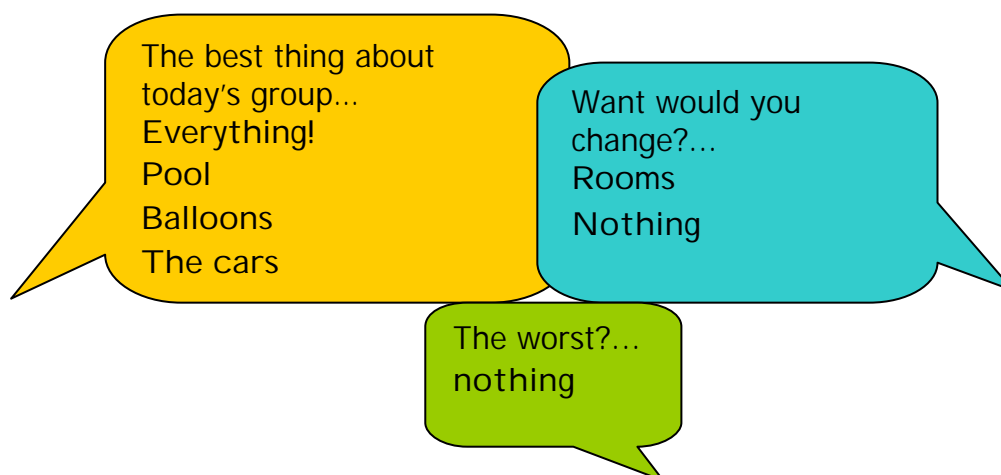
The group ran over 6 weeks from the 12th July to 15th August with two workers running the group one of whom was already known to the young people through another group. Initially 7 young people were contacted to join and 4 young people attended every week. The sessions were designed around having fun whilst doing tasks towards their diary.

Week 1	Ground rules and expectations
Week 2	Past, present and future. Personal qualities
Week 3	Trip horse riding
Week 4	Roles models
Week 5	Acceptable behaviour
Week 6	Trip go karting

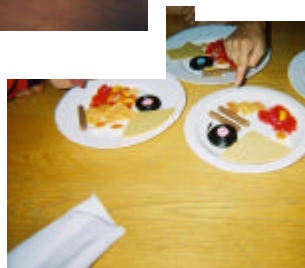
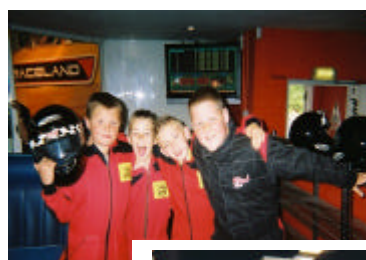
During the sessions games the young people gave some surprising answers to some of the questions and these were challenged by the workers. Due to the nature of the group the young people were happy to discuss these further with the workers and many good discussions developed. Mainly around housing, school, spare time and other behaviours such as stealing and anti social behaviour. At the end of the six week sessions the group were then taken go karting for attending regularly.

Evaluation

The young people after each session completed an evaluation for on their thoughts on how the session went and these were taken into consideration for the next weeks session. Staff also completed a separate evaluation for each session.



How would you rate this session?... 12/10 extra good!



Conclusion and recommendations

It is apparent that the young people benefited from the group through the group work games and exercises. They were keen to be involved in the programme and most of the activities they had never done before. There were no behavioural issues within the group and this may have been for the reason that the young people all knew each other from having been in groups together before and therefore there was already a group dynamic in place. It should therefore be recommended that this group could continue with either the same young people or a new group who also could benefit from this type of work in a similar setting or environment.

The young people who were involved this time were keen to continue the group but it is not known at present if this is a viable option. But the young people, due to their age now have the opportunity to become involved in other projects within the centre such as FCUK on Fridays and Boys Club. This could be made a smooth transition for the young people due to the same workers being involved in these clubs.