

Flash Facts

Welcome – to Community Learning and Development Summer Programme Flash Facts.

Welcome to the second edition of Flash Facts, this copy highlights some of the many summer activities that were provided by CLD over the holidays. As you can see a wide range of activities for children, young people, families and adults were offered, including Summer schools, outdoor pursuits, arts, drama, and music. Over 15,000 young people and their families took part in activities over the summer.

The aims of this newsletter are to share to practice and importantly to promote CLD, so please copy this and send to community members and local Councillors.

Thanks to the Marketing group and those of you who made a contribution to this edition.

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Hot Town Summer in The City

90 adults and children from across the city took part in a two day learning programme based at South Bridge Resource Centre. Sessions included local history, writers workshop, pottery, computing, visit to dance base and the central library.

The purpose of the event was to provide informal learning opportunities for adults and families and to show that learning can be fun!

Anne McCulloch, SCLD Worker

Celebrating Achievement

Congratulations to Sarah Burgess, who has graduated this year with a First Class Honours Degree in Health Studies from Napier University! Sarah, a busy mum, came to Platform Adult Learning Centre a few years ago with little secondary schooling and no qualifications. She improved her basic skills and did some SQA Units and the Platform/ Napier Learning Strategies course before moving on to this inspirational achievement!

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Drama at Gilmerton Community Centre

The centre has been running a Drama Project aimed at 11–14 years old young people over the last term and through the Summer. The Project is funded by 'Awards for All'. Each week the group work on confidence building exercises, songs, dances and improvised dialogue. Over the Summer they took advantage of the Festival to see some shows and made a trip to 'Armstrongs' to choose costumes. The young people took part in a workshop with a makeup artist as well as researching material for their upcoming show. The Project will run until November when they will be performing a review comprised of numbers from Hair, Grease and Hairspray at Liberton High School.



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Diana Sanderson,
Singing Tutor and
Director of the project
said.

"It is fantastic to see the enthusiasm and talent from these young people and very heartening to see their confidence build over the course of the project"

High School Students Cool Down at Liberton Fire Station

Eight young people in S3 at Liberton High School swapped their school uniforms for specially designed Fire Fighter outfits, including boots, gloves and helmets, when they took part in a week long Cool Down Crew programme.

The Cool Down Crew programme, delivered by experienced fire fighters, brings young people in contact with the positive role model that the Fire and Rescue Service can provide.

The course is also aimed at assisting young people to work towards realising their full potential and promoting good citizenship by encouraging effort, teamwork and good behaviour throughout these activities.

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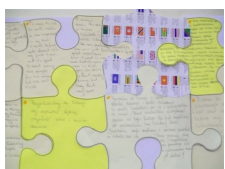
Valley Park Community Centre, new centre for Burdiehouse/Southouse area.

The new Centre has a state of the art dance studio, sports hall, art room, chill room, meeting/IT/training room, training room with smart board, healthcare space, an interview room, and a crèche to support adult classes.

The new community centre represents years of discussions between residents, Councillors, officials and planners to provide up to date facilities for local residents from Southouse and Burdiehouse.

The community centre has already had an open day for local residents with over 500 people dropping in to see the new facilities. Helen McNeill local resident and chair of the Centre stated, "it is a vast improvement on what people have been used to, already ideas are flowing in for new developments for the centres programme."

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Jigsaw Journey

ESOL Summer School brought 35 students from round the globe to South Bridge Centre for intensive summer English as a Second Language provision. As part of learning every one contributed to an end of course celebration.

Students received certificates, shared food from their countries and experiences of settling in Edinburgh— before winding up the evening with a Ceilidh.

**Douglas Bishop, CLD Worker
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Comment

"I can't believe I have just done that!

Young Person, Fetlor

East Summer Bash

We are Danielle, Kellyanne and Tiffany, and on July 3rd we attended the 'Summer Bash' at the Jack Kane Centre.

The "Summer Bash" was an open day to let everyone know about what activities were on offer for families during the summer holidays. Over 300 people from the community attended.

We spoke to Kenny McAskill, who is the MSP for Edinburgh East and Musselburgh who said on the day: "Folk seem to be enjoying themselves, we're fortunate with the weather and I think it's a fantastic project and hopefully it will be enjoyed by everyone."

The activity that we enjoyed the most was the Acti-Fit dance mats. The mats were controlled by one machine and you competed against other people at the summer bash. Everyone plays at the same time as the moves are projected onto the wall for everyone to see. At the end you find out whose 1st, 2nd and 3rd and so on!

There were also trampolines were very good for amusing children young and old. Everyone also had the chance to win a Nintendo Di in a prize draw.

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Over 1500 young people attended open days to celebrate the launch of the Summer Programmes

Shutterbug

During the summer Outlook and City Literacy and Numeracy (CLAN) worked together to provide digital photography workshops at Southbridge Resource Centre. The workshops, which were for people who access both mental health services and literacy support services, ran daily for the first week of August. This successful project helped participants to explore photographic and camera techniques and the language of photography through the use of symbols.

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Pulse of the Place

Youth Samba Drumming

Pulse of the Place shook this year's Mela Festival. The band performed four times at the Festival this year. They were opening act at the Gala Dinner when they played a short samba/ rock fusion set with Off The Rails. On the Friday afternoon they played at the Mela Cricket Match adding a bit carnival to the proceedings. Saturday saw the band in their full gear including new face paint. 40 drummers aged from 8 to 19yrs played a storming first set. The second set was played by the older part of the band. Their half hour set showed the level of their playing having picked up tempo from the first set. This Pulse is turning into a heart beat!

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Health and Wellbeing in Pentland

The Pentland Area adult summer programme culminated in a family barbeque at Ratho Community Centre for over 140 people. This fabulous family event brought together people from across the Pentland Partnership area from Clovenstone, Oxcgangs and Ratho. We were also joined and expertly entertained by the LS dance troop based at Clovenstone and young people from Score Scotland based at Whale Arts who sang and danced beautifully.



The adult summer programme a joint venture between CLD and Napier Uni Complementary Health Care, featuring some of Edinburgh's finest tutors in complementary medicine, dance, fitness, creative writing, careers guidance and computing to over 250 local people. At the request of those who participated many of the 'taster sessions' will be delivered as part of the South West Community Learning and Developments Autumn provision in the Pentland partnership area.

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West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre Summer Programme

West Pilton children and young people enjoyed weekly arts & crafts, sports, dance and trips. The order children were engaged in more adventurous activities such as mountain biking and climbing. Ours summer programme also involved family photography, rhyme time/story telling, soft play sessions, a family fund day with a magician and day trips to Ratho Retreat and Dunfermline.

Here is what some folk said:

"Photography was fab, loved the postcards we made". **Heather, Adult**

"Ratho was great fun for adults and kids. A fantastic opportunity to have quality time together". **Caroline, Parent**

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Comment

"Fantastic to see the kids having so much fun!"

Carer, West Pilton

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Summer Programme Success

Royston Wardieburn Centre ran a family programme in addition to its usual fare. With over 20 P1-P3 children in the morning and over 30 P4-P7 every afternoon the staff barely had time to draw breath! The family trips exceeded all expectations with up to 60 people attending trips to Aberdour, Edinburgh Castle, Yellowcraigs, Dunfermline and more, the follow up family sessions also attracted up to 30 people. The programme included the usual activities such as sports, computing, rocket science, digital photography, arts and crafts and white water rafting. It also included new activities, rock climbing and bouldering and BMX.

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Beat the Drum

'Beat the Drum' – a multicultural event for families – was an afternoon of workshops, stalls, health information and taster sessions held at Duncan Place Resource Centre and the Hindu Mandir Cultural Centre in Leith in July. The Leith CL&D team worked in partnership with the Hindu Mandir to coordinate, plan and deliver the event, with crèche supported by Stevenson College at Duncan Place.

Approx 300 people attended, the majority from the BME community. Feedback showed an increased awareness about the 2 cultural centres, and interaction between different groups.

Families appreciated

“ a lovely friendly atmosphere good fun feeling safe gaining new friends ... and meeting old ones ...” as well as “ the variety of activities, workshops and new experiences”.

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Glasgow to Edinburgh Sponsored Bike Ride July

Seven intrepid young people from Drylaw aged between 12-15. Mitchell, Scott, Jamie, Shaun, Marcus, Connal and Max all took part in this biking challenge.

The trip was planned to form part of the Inverleith Summer Programme. This programme was run by a partnership of organisations consisting of Community Learning and Development, Fetlor Youth Centre, Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre and the Police. The purpose was to provide a challenging but manageable event for young people and to raise some money towards the planned refurbishment of Fetlor Youth Centre.

The end of the trip was also going to form part of a cycling celebration event and the official opening of the Rodney Street Tunnel.

This was the first time we had run this trip and it provided a challenge for the young people, who had never cycled this distance before, but was achievable for a reasonably fit bunch. They all got on really well and worked as a team throughout and deserved all the praise they received for having taken part and completed this demanding trip. One young person at the end said “I can't believe I have just done that” and that kind of boost in self esteem is what it is all about.

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West Summer Programme

In Western Edinburgh, the CLD team took the new and exciting 'Summer Youth Work' branding and developed it to produce a range of localised promotional materials that we used to generate anticipation and excitement about our summer provision.

We worked closely with local secondary schools in the lead-up to summer, setting up promotional stands during lunchtimes in busy areas and talking directly with young people to 'sell' our activities.

All of this work helped us to increase the level of uptake and attendance throughout the programme: Of the 134 sessions offered to young people, 115 of these were taken up and attended – an 86% attendance rate. Whilst we were very pleased with this, it also gives us a benchmark to build upon next year. Bring on the summer holidays!

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Thanks to all who contributed to this edition. If you would like to see a story in a future edition please contact your Marketing Group representative.