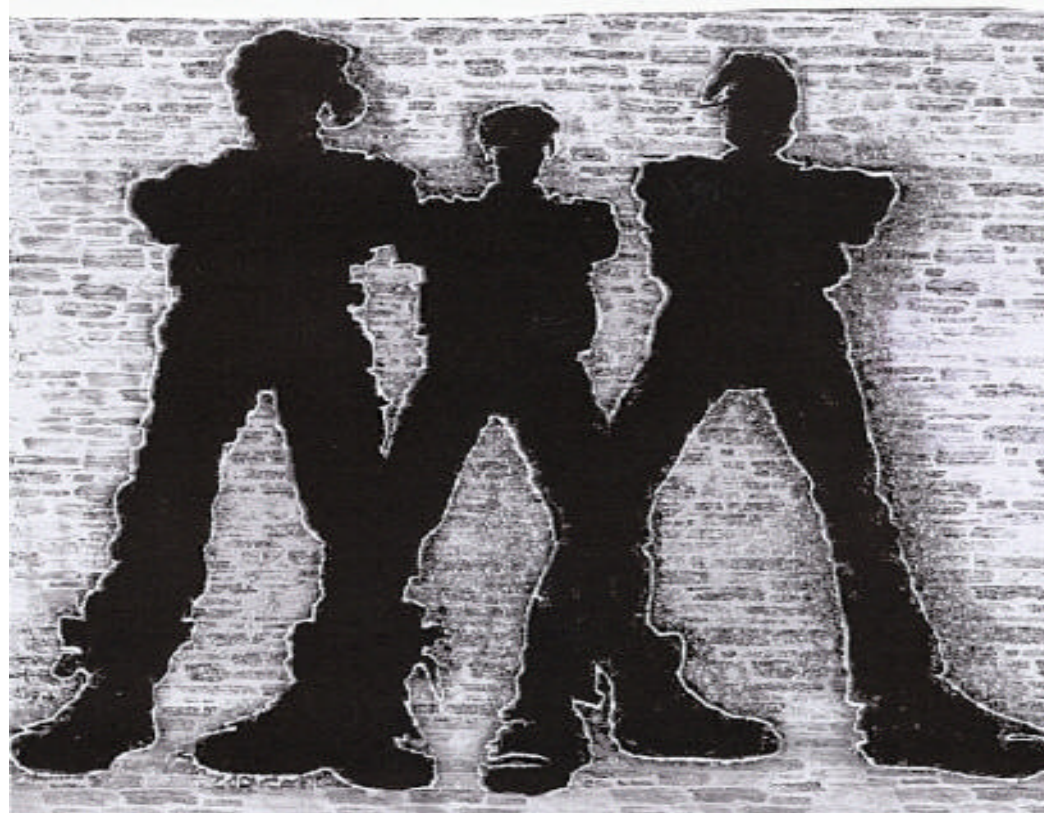


REVOLTING YOUTH



WE DID 'REVOLTING YOUTH' AND THIS IS WHAT WE THOUGHT OF IT....

Revolting youth was an eight week course held at the Jack Kane Centre by Café K and the capacity building project, we talked about issues that affect us and our rights as young people.

The introduction night was good, the invitations made it look interesting... we got a breakdown of what was going to be happening during the course.

We got free pizza and had a laugh as well. we were told we might be going to Alton towers for the residential...but it never happened cos Alton Towers was closed. We were not impressed!!!

"I thought the course sounded interesting"

"I liked being able to correct one of the workers about 'rights of the child' - I felt clever!"
it was going to be just the workers talking all the time"



*"I expected the course to be sh*t if it was going to be just the workers talking all the time"*

WHAT WE ENJOYED ABOUT THE COURSE...

The workers used lots of different ways for us to learn about stuff...we really enjoyed doing art work for the different exercises. Most of it was done in a way that made it easy for us to understand what we had to do, and we learnt things without it being like school.

☠ *"We had a good laugh doing the art in groups and plus we found some things out about each other"*

☠ *"I expected the course to be more schoolish ~ I think it was better that I expected it to be"*



☠ *"It was good making a poster about how we felt as young people"*

☠ *“The best bits of the course were sessions 2 & 3, where we talked about issues that affect us as young people and did art work about it”*

☠ *“I loved doing the arts and crafts work, it was interesting and we learnt a lot by doing things instead of just listening”*

☠ *“I found sessions 2 & 3 very good, I found out loads about the thoughts n’ views of young people”*



☠ *“It was good being asked what we think, and listened to, it makes a change”*

☠ *“I never get the chance to talk about things like this, it’s good doing this course”*

We liked the DVD ‘Made in Britain’ it was interesting to see how life was for Trevor (the main character) and why he behaved like ‘a *radge*’

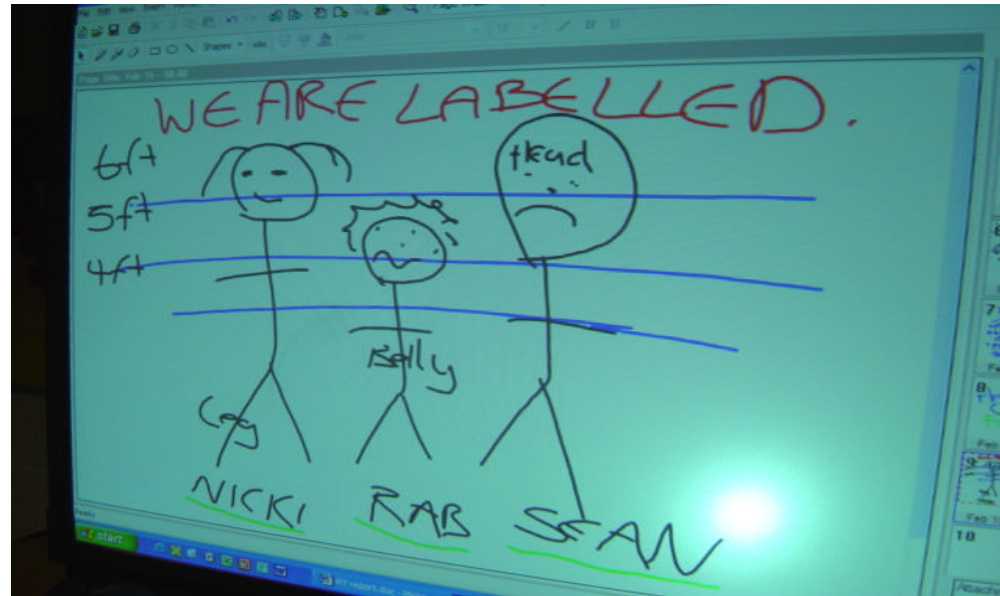
☠ *“I started to realise that maybe he wouldn’t have all these problems if someone would listen to him”*

☠ *“We talked about our thoughts and feelings about the film, it was a laff”*

☠ *“It didn’t feel like learning, but it made me think about things more”*

☠ *“Sometimes we used the smart board...it was good and kept it more interesting...but one of the workers wiped all our work by accident!”*

☠ *“The workers spoke in the same type of language as*



us...words we understand!”

☠ *“The residential was brilliant, we were treated with respect and given responsibility...we were trusted”*

☠ *“it was easy to get to know the workers, and I felt comfortable talking to them”*

☠ *“The house where we stayed for the residential was barry,”*

☠ *"I liked doing the art work, it makes you think without you meaning to"*

Some of us really enjoyed going to the community council ~ a local group that meets every six weeks to make decisions about the local community ~ and others found it really REALLY boring!! It was interesting watching adults behave like children... this is what we thought:



WHAT WE WOULD CHANGE...

We didn't really enjoy the bits where it was just a worker talking, it was boring and we don't really learn anything cos we switch off...

☠ *"The talking part was sh*t/boring...it is better when we do stuff for ourselves in groups"*

Hmm what are we talking about now??

☠ *"The sheet and talk about the decision-making bodies in Craigmillar was boring"*

☠ *"The evaluation sheets at the end of the sessions didn't work very well, it would be better to use something like a spider diagram and group discussion"*

☠ *"The split sessions for the DVD was difficult, we'd forgotten most of what the film was about"*



WHAT WE LEARNT FROM THE COURSE...



☠ *"it felt good being involved and I have started to realise that we are your future and how you treat us now affects that"*



☠ *"Before, I wasn't very aware of the problems young people face, I was only aware of my own issues... I think more now about issues that face other young people in our community and understand our rights as young people"*



☠ "I realise now that we've got rights just as much as adults have, and that they often exploit us with sh*tte wages and jobs. We get labelled as hooligans in the media. They exploit us at school by making examples of us...but we've got a right to stand up for ourselves and be heard"



☠ *"it has been good to learn that other young people feel the same as I do"*



☠ *"I have learnt about young people's issues and that things can be questioned and we do have the right to question things"*



☠ *"I never understood about young people's rights and that you can stand up for them I have learnt that now"*



☠ *"I've learnt how to put my views across to adults"*



☠ *"At the start I was a bit confused and only really came cause I wanted something else to do...now I have done the course I have thought a lot more about how we are treated as young people"*



☠ *"it made me stop and think before I answer a question, because I know now that young people have different problems and not all the same ones as me n my mates"*



☠ *"I learnt from doing this (RY) what the different issues are, and I think we respect and listen to each other more because we have talked a lot about how young people are treated and labelled by people who don't bother to get to know us"*



☠ *"I've learnt more about Craigmillar and the politics that go on in our community and I wouldn't really want be a part of that...it's far too intimidating and scary...plus the youngest people on it are over 18"*



☠ *"I have learnt more about how I get so Pi**ed off with the world, and how other young people can act out of frustration at being ignored"*



**WHAT ELSE WE WOULD LIKE TO LEARN
ABOUT...**

☠ *"I would like to know more about politics and young
people"*



☠ *"it would be good find out what other young people think about how their lives
are"*



☠ *"I would like to learn more about young people all over the country, not just in
Craigmillar"*



☠ *"I want to learn more about greater craigmillar and how
young people might be able to run it for themselves
instead of adults making all the decisions...I know a few of
the others thought the community council was boring, but
you have to find out about it if you want to change it"*

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WHEN THE COURSE IS RUN AGAIN

- ✖ It would be good to do some theatre for the group work...the next group could make a short film
- ✖ We learn more when we are doing...not just listening...keep up the art stuff
- ✖ Both workers should be funny, have energy, not take



themselves too seriously & be able to have a laugh, it makes it much more fun and stops it feeling like school...that means we learn a lot more!!

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