



2007-2008

Annual Report

JACK KANE COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE

'Never doubt that a small, group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has'. (Margaret Mead)

Introduction

This is the Annual report for the Jack Kane Community Education Centre and Café K youth and children's project for 2007-08.

The Centre aims to advance Community Learning and Development and to provide, or assist in providing facilities for learning opportunities to be delivered whereby environments encourage and motivate learners in a safe and comfortable setting.



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Chairpersons Report

The last year started with some uncertainty. New brooms in charge of the Scottish Government and City Council were naturally rethinking policies and for a while the very existence of Community Centres was under threat. However good sense prevailed and all our elected representatives support the community work that has been so successfully achieved at the Jack Kane Centre. Our Cafe K youth project has secured Fairer Scotland funding until March 2010 and the Renewable Energy project I mentioned last year has successfully received funding from the Edinburgh Partnership and European Union.

No cause for complacency though as there is always a struggle to hold on to what we've got. The position of our Manager, Scott Fraser, has thankfully now been made permanent and better still, we now also have a full time cracking janitor (sorry, Service Support Officer) in Radoslaw Sianowski. A special thanks to the Bank of Scotland staff and Willie McEwan of McEwan Decor who brilliantly redecorated.

All of this year's highly successful achievements could only have been made possible by the marvellous leadership of Scott Fraser and our staff team. On behalf of all Centre users I'd would like to say "A Million Thanks". **Paul Nolan**

Community Learning and Development Workers Report

Where has the time gone, it was only a few years ago that I sat here with drive and commitment looking forward to this new job within the community centre. Well that commitment has not wavered and in fact it has grown stronger through the times of working alongside individuals within and out with this community centre. Many new challenges have surfaced in the past year, issues which have at times made us look more closely at the community centre and its work. However through the more stormy times staff, volunteers and community members have sweated buckets to ensure that this centre has a programme which is aimed at increasing peoples enjoyment and potential.

During the year, I have watched many individuals grow and develop and it is with great satisfaction that I have been able to view this growth. In fact without the drive and motivation that many people bring to this centre, people like Eilleen, Owen, Emma Gill, Lilian and others but to name a few, this centre would not be the warm place that it is just now. In looking back it is also good to look ahead and at this time the centre has many stokes in the fire and if the same level of enjoyment and commitment is implemented in the forthcoming year then even though the centre may face more turbulent times it has the people in place to steer the ship in to calmer waters.



Who we are and What we do?

Here in the Jack Kane Community Education Centre we want to incorporate informal education of the highest quality – an education service that offers every one who attends this venue, opportunities to have fun, to meet people and more importantly to learn.

The Jack Kane Community Education Centre has a very highly regarded informal educational element. Arguably, within the previous year the Jack Kane Centre and its associated projects have been pro active in identifying, implementing and evaluating alongside groups and individuals stimulating educational activities. Indeed, these informal activities alongside social gatherings have enabled people to take part in and reflect on opportunities, which may not have been available to them previously.

In addition to the informal educational opportunities that we offer, the centre hopes to further Community Learning and Development processes as a key contributor to life long learning, active citizenship and social inclusion. Utilising these themes as significant elements in combating social exclusion, there is an unstinting commitment to employ learning as an agent for social change.

Against this backdrop, the Jack Kane Community Centre supports people in exposing, reflecting then acting on improving personal, community, social and economical well being.

Celebrations

One of the major achievements that have happened last year within the centre, was the outstanding report the centre and the services it provides for the Greater Craigmillar Community, received from the City of Edinburgh Quality Development Community Learning Review, published in October 2007. This report highlighted aspects of the centre's work as models of excellent practice, in particular the youth and children's work and acknowledges the impact that the Jack Kane Community Centre has upon community learning.

The centre was also successful in acquiring funds from Youth Link Scotland in order to refurbish the Jean Edwards and G8 Rooms, transforming them into state of the art community learning facilities, with up to date technology including internet access and Smart Board facilities.





Volunteering

Without the hard work that volunteers bring to the centre many of the activities would suffer. From this, the centre encourages local people to get involved in their community centre. Indeed, our management committee is served by volunteers and the newest member thought it would be of benefit to describe her experiences whilst serving on this board.

'I have been a member of the Jack Kane Community Education Centre for around a year now and during this time I have enjoyed my time serving on this committee. Being part of the centres committee has been quite a steep learning curve and there has been many new learning points which I can now draw on. As well as learning I have also got my hands dirty by helping out at many activities which have took place in the centre. I have helped organise the centre tea dances for older people and have also been invited to the lunch clubs Christmas parties as well as attending many other functions as well. During this time I have not only learned new things but more importantly I have made lots of new friends.

It has been good to see the centre go from strength to strength, however, I would like to see more people get involved in the management of the centre because it is our community centre and if we don't do it who will. I am sure if more people became involved they too would also benefit from the experiences and I am sure that it would be much appreciated by the dedicated staff and other members of the management committee'. **Isabell Trowell**

Recycled Teenagers

Yes that's right this is the report for the Older peoples lunch club, however, we probably get up to more things than teenagers of today. We wont let age become a barrier for the things that we do and bearing this in mind the lunch club have been very busy this year. With the financial assistance from the Craigmillar Partnership the older peoples tea dances have went from strength to strength with over 80 recycled teenagers now attending the dances which are held every couple of months. The lunch club has also offered opportunities to older people within the Craigmillar community with the group meeting every Tuesday and Thursday with this activity being complimented with outings and Christmas lunches. As you can see we are quite busy and have little time for other things, however, none of this could be done without the assistance for our 'TOY BOY' Owen Thomas. Owen has assisted and encouraged us to participate in many things and is also on hand to help us out in our moments of need. In fact this person is always happy and smiling, he would also do anything for us. So a big thanks to Owen for all his help it is much appreciated.



Inspirational feedback

The centre continues to strive to ensure that this venue is a comfortable setting in which to learn and enjoy within. Indeed, many different and diverse groups utilise the centre and from this groups and individuals have differing viewpoints as to what needs to happen in the centre to improve the physicality of the building. From evaluations gained from groups, we were successful in carrying out work within the ladies toilets within the main lounge area much to the pleasure of many members of the Lunch club. The Bingham 50+ group who use the centre wished to express their thoughts.

'We have used the lounge at the Jack Kane Centre for some time now to hold our weekly Gentle Exercise Class. The lounge suits the needs of our members perfectly - it's large, bright and airy which means both tutor and class members can move about freely. We find the staff extremely helpful - they put our chairs out and we can make tea if we like! Oh, and the toilet is as handy as you can get! We've also used this space for events such as socials and a health fair - the kitchen area is great and easy to use as it's clean, safe and very roomy which is what you need when you're catering for lots of people.

We always manage to have happy times when we're in the Centre and hope to continue to do so!
Members, Volunteers & Staff at Bingham & District 50+ Project

Capacity building

The centre alongside its staff and volunteers aim to improve the service which we provide for the community. Staff within the centre alongside volunteers and interested parties have benefited from a comprehensive training package which hope to enable the team to continually develop as people and professionals. From this, and in partnership with external agencies Café K and the centre has implemented and training package which has had 12 training sessions implemented this year. Alongside this staff have also benefited from the close relationship which the centre has with the City of Edinburgh Councils continuing professional development department with all staff carrying out mandatory training in child protection and first aid. In partnership with external agencies the centre strives to develop the practice of local people and through his there will be a benefit to the wider community.

Lastly, there needs to be a mention for the many students both from Moray House School of Education and Jewel and Esk Valley who have provided many new learning experiences on which to reflect upon. Many thanks to all the individuals who have added value to this service.



Youth and Children's Worker Report

There has been a variety of positive developments within the services provided to children and young people in the Greater Craigmillar area. This organisation continues to strive in order to ensure that young people and children's voices are heard. The children's services provided by Café K in partnership with the Jack Kane Community Centre, have continued to grow, with a brand new service starting in 2007, FU12, which provides weekly sessions, 52 weeks a year, for children aged 8-12years. This year has also seen the expansion and growth of partnership work, in particular with local and city wide organisations such as the Health Opportunities Team, Crew, Edinburgh Leisure, CEC Services for Communities and maintaining our European connections between the centre and youth work services in Germany, where the centre carried out a successful hosting exchange with 15 young people from Germany visiting the centre and Edinburgh in the Summer of 2007. There have also been certain staff changes within our team and it is with great pleasure and thanks that the staff team have all pulled together in the one direction. All in all the year has been a fast paced, exhilarating burst of activity for all young people and everyone involved in the youth work team and a big thanks is given to all the children, young people, volunteers and staff who have contributed to it's success. **Emma Kyles**



Oot N About: has continued to provide a street based service to young people and the wider community to bring about positive change. Over 2007-2008, the project supported a group of young females from the Hays area to become peer researchers in their area, to gather the views of local residents as well as identify action points to bring about change. The project also developed links with the Health Opportunities Team and as a result delivered a 8 week pilot project with a remit upon health out on the streets. The project also provided a new centre based service on Sunday evenings, on demand from young people, where young people can hang about in a safe and warm environment over the winter months and receive advice and support from workers.



Jack Kane Drama: on the triumph of last years successful AGM performance the drama group have continued to grow and develop with new members joining throughout the year. The group has also grown closer to the other youth and children's services and as a result regularly participate within the summer programme and larger centre events as well as two young people representing the drama group within the centre's youth forum throughout 2007.



This group is run in partnership with the Children's and families department and targets young males from 12-18 years. The group mix learning with new leisure and recreational activities. In order to implement a participatory curriculum the boys decide their own programme and from this they have pool, snooker, table tennis, play stations, as well as these recreational opportunities the young people also take part in educational interventions whereby they can discuss and explore relevant topics in a safe environment. The boys group were also perfect hosts in the summer of 2007, to the young people from Germany whom they had visited the previous year.



The girls group runs every Wednesday evening for young females 12+ and is delivered in partnership with the CEC Services for Communities Youth Inclusion Worker. The group currently has 20 members (there is a waiting list in place) with the majority of those attending being over the age of 16. The group focuses upon the young females identified issues and as a result have provided group work sessions in relation to a variety of topics including personal safety, health and fitness, anti social behaviour and much more. The young females are encouraged to take ownership of the group and have decision making powers in relation to the programme, budget and structure of the group. Last year also saw two new additions to the Girls group with 2 long standing members giving birth to a beautiful baby girl and boy.

girls group

U12 Tuesday and Thursday

From their establishment in 2006, the U12 Tuesday and Thursday club have continued to grow from strength to strength. Operating at maximum capacity, the groups also attracted local volunteers to assist within their development. The groups have continued to have a strong focus upon informal learning alongside fun. The groups operate free of charge and also provide all children with a healthy snack in every session. Highlights throughout the year have included, partnership working with CEC Community Safety team, introduction and development of health and fitness project and development of the children's involvement and ownership of their club, not to mention the infamous parties thrown by the groups to celebrate events such as Christmas and Halloween.

FU12

From the successes of the U12 clubs, a new service was born in 2007, FU12, providing an afternoon club for children aged 8-12 years every Friday afternoon. With a larger staff team, the FU12 club attracts a high level of children (average of 32) on a weekly basis. There is a strong emphasis upon positive play and learning whereby children's achievements and learning are celebrated throughout the club, using the famous 'Wall of Learning'. Highlights within FU12's first year have included an excursion to the Kings Christmas Pantomime, project work in relation to the environment and recycling and also project work in relation to animals followed up with an excursion to Edinburgh Zoo.



FCUK/Open All Hours—a partnership with Edinburgh Leisure, runs every Friday evening, 52 weeks a year to young people S1 upwards. Throughout 2007-2008, the service attracted an average of 40 young people per week. The emphasis upon the nights is involving young people in sport and recreational activities as well as providing informal learning opportunities in relation to young people's identified needs. FCUK also participated in city centre based Open All Hours events throughout the year, including visiting other Open All Hours venues and making use of the range of services available.

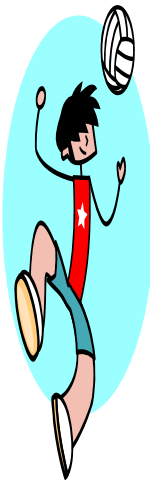
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FRIDAY

Happy Hibby

The Jack Kane Community Centre has once more benefited from the community involvement of Willie McEwen. From this many children have sampled Hibernian Football Clubs home games many for the first time. Over this period of time, many young people and children have benefited from new and exciting experiences that this partnership brings. From the hugely successful visits that have been completed over the last year, the partnership has grown and developed. None of this could be possible if the dynamic staff did not give up their free time to ensure that many young people and children can participate in sporting events.



Early Intervention Work



Growing from last years pilot project within St Francis Primary School, 'Going Beyond Challenging Behaviour', an 8 week project delivered by Café K, Jack Kane Community Centre and CEC Services for Communities, throughout 2007-2008, delivered the project within Castle View Primary School, Niddrie Mill Primary School. The project was that successful that we were asked to go back to St Francis Primary to deliver the project once again to a new class of children. With positive feedback from those involved in the project including feedback from head Teachers, such as *'There is a strong curriculum of Personal Social and Emotional Education happening in Primary school but the support of agencies such as Café K brings an added dimension to the development of emotional literacy'*. (Head Teacher: Castlevie Primary School) the project remains a priority for those involved and is hoped that the new year of 2008-2009 will see additional expansion throughout the east of the city.





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Intercultural Exchange

In the summer of 2007, Café K in partnership with the Jack Kane Community Centre, alongside a group of 10 young males whom attend the Jack Kane Boys Club on a regular basis, hosted the 2nd leg of an intercultural youth exchange with a group of young people from Rummelsberg, Germany. In order to prepare for the exchange, the group met to explore possible venues which could accommodate all the diverse needs that group members had. From this learning experience the boys identified relevant trip and activities which would reflect their home and culture.

During this time both groups of young people participated in a range of educational and leisure activities whilst building relationships with one another. These activities included a tour of the Greater Craigmillar area and local services available to young people, participation in theme days/nights where both groups of young people sampled each others traditional foods and also an outdoor education residential to the Highlands of Scotland, which was also supported by the Management Committee,



And There's More.....

Alongside the core youth and children's work, there has also been a variety of sub projects throughout the year involving children, young people and the wider community. These have included; the Anti Social 'Social' Event, which was attended by a range of local people, Lothian and Borders Police and CEC Services for Communities which provided local people with the opportunity to seek clarity on anti social behaviour legislation. The centre has just been made aware that it will receive the funds to develop an Anti Social Behaviour booklet so watch this space in the next few months.

There was also an initiative in partnership with CLD in relation to providing a youth literacy course to a group of young people 16+ who were not in either education or employment. This project targeted some of the more dynamic young people who reside within the Craigmillar community. Additionally, stronger links were established with city wide organisations with the centre entering in to a collaborative piece of work with Crew 2000(drugs project) around young people's experiences of drug taking and In order to maintain a positive youth culture there was also an establishment of a youth forum during this year whereby 2 members of each of the centre groups represented that group and met upon a weekly basis, in relation to bringing about positive change and ensuring that children and young people's voices and opinions were represented at all levels within the centre.



FEEDBACK



The Christmas card was very well done and most gratefully received. Interesting themes! Please keep up the good work that your project is doing within the community.' (Mike Bridgeman, SNP Councillor)



'The drama group is really good, you learn about being more confident through doing drama and have a good laugh' (16 year old group member)



'Boys club is minted, you have a laugh wi your pals and also have some where to go when its freezing outside' (13 year old group member)



I like being involved in the decision making. It makes a big difference when you are not told like in school(16 year old female)



'The U12 club is cool, the workers are really nice and I like the things we do like playing games and arts and crafts and also the snack' (9 year old group member)



'Its good as you can play football and also go to the pulse centre, like going to the other clubs as you can get some ideas for things to do like going on the trampoline' (14 year old group member)



'Happy Hibby is minted, I would never get to go to the football if they didn't take me and I now support Hibs' (11 year old participant)



'The workers are good fun and we get to learn about things like the community and how to keep safe on the internet' (10 year old participant)



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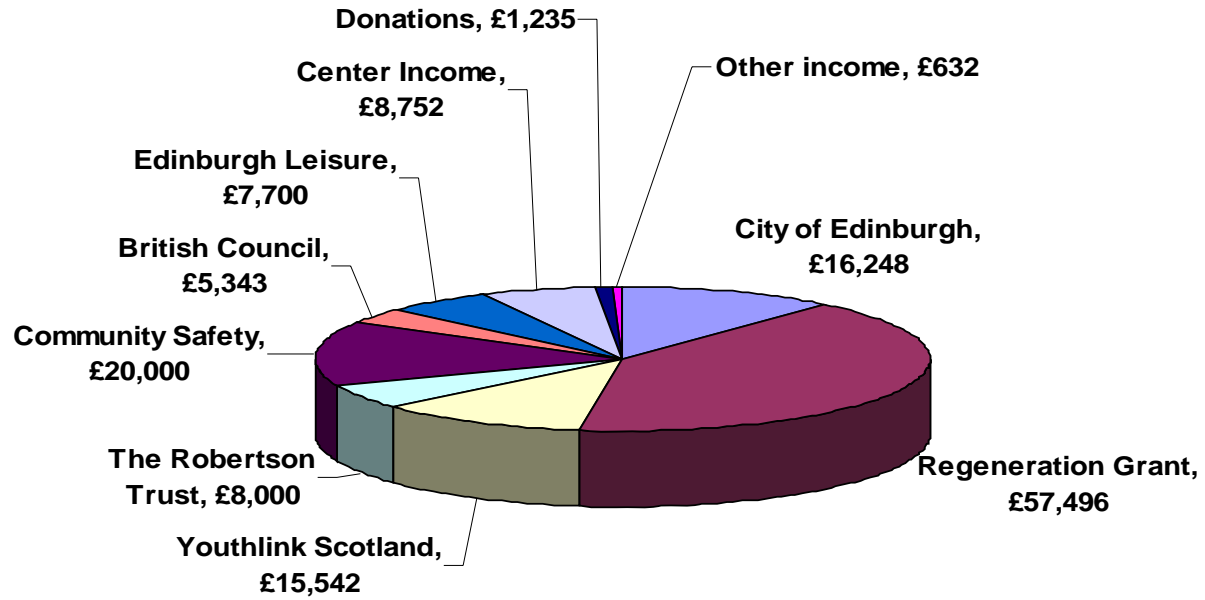
As the Jack Kane Centre has charitable status ourselves and Café K rely on funding to enable us to provide not only our basic service but also to continue to develop other new and innovative pieces of work through out the year.

All the work which is carried out could never have been achieved without the help, support and financial aid from our partners. Lastly, whilst these funders provide finance and expertise, the Jack Kane Centre and Cafe K benefits from in kind knowledge, expertise and experience from a host of projects, organisations and more importantly local people within and out with the Greater Craigmillar area.

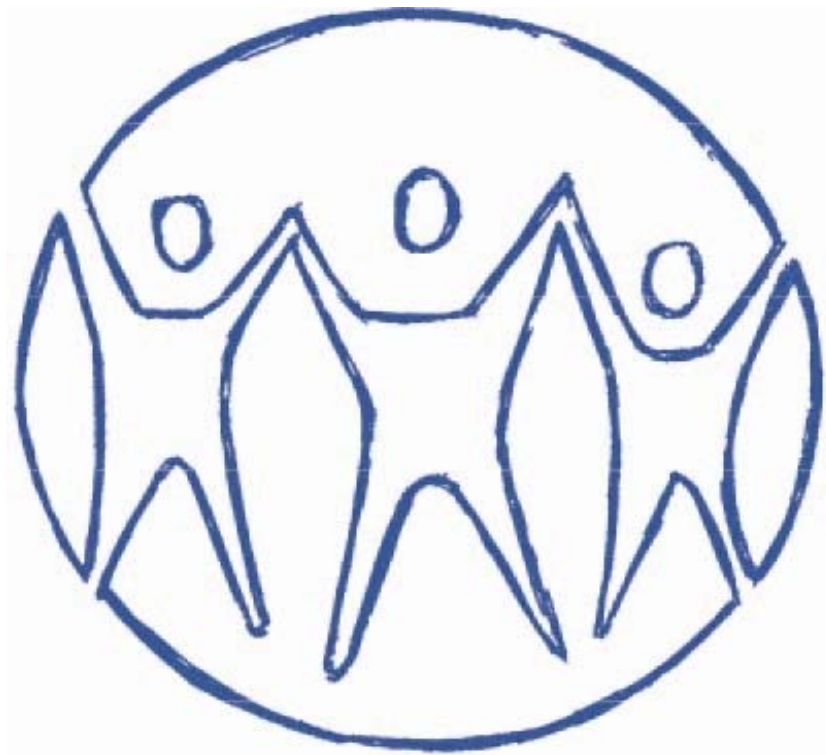
So a big thanks to you all



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