



**CAFÉ K AND THE JACK KANE
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Background:

Café K, in partnership with the Jack Kane Community Centre, and with support from Community Education, put together a range of leisure and recreational activities for young people to access during school holidays. The need for such activities, which were identified by young people from the Greater Craigmillar area, through a range of mechanisms i.e. previous evaluations of summer programmes and through detached youth work, stated that many young people became bored during school holidays due to the lack of affordable activities and opportunities available to them and their peers. Thus it was deemed that new and exciting opportunities for young people to access free of charge, provided diversionary activities for young people to participate in during these times. In addition, through evaluations from previous years it was felt that it would be more beneficial to divvy an allocation of granted funds between various groups within the centre in order for the young people and children to decide how best to spend the money on activities and resources that they would like to participate within. In addition, monies were also allocated to the delivery of diversionary activities within the Community Centre. Therefore this year's programme also included 2 additional drop-in services, one specifically for 8-12year olds and also a spray painting project in the redecoration of the G8 group.



Funding:

Through the success of last year's programmes Café K and the Jack Kane Community Centre applied for funding from Community Education through the GO 4 IT Programme to put together a range of diversionary activities for young people to access during the holidays. As a result of this, Café K and the Jack Kane Community Centre were awarded £1200.00 from Community Education. However, through the high level of young people that Café K and the Jack Kane Community Centre have contact with on a weekly basis, the funds allocated by the GO 4 IT Programme were solely not enough to provide a comprehensive programme that would ensure that at least half of those young people would

benefit. Therefore, additional funds were also sought and in particular, funds were allocated from the Robertson Trust, Community Safety and Café K Core Funds.

Programme:

With funding now in place it was felt that for as many young people as possible to benefit it would be more beneficial to advertise and promote the activities on offer to all young people who used the Jack Kane Community Centre. As the centre already has a high level of young people attending per week, money was divided between specific groups in order for the children and young people to best decide where this should be spent. In relation to the centre based activities, these were organized by staff to suit varying age groups with the spray painting project being made available to any one who wanted to attend. Through adapting this approach to the allocation of spaces, this ensured that the majority of spaces were taken and resulted in every excursion being full.

Participants:

The following is a gender breakdown of the young people who participated in the Café K/ Jack Kane Centre Summer Programme 2007:

Gender:

MALES	FEMALES
75	49

All young people who took part in the summer programme were between the ages of 8 – 16 years of age.



Evaluation:

Throughout all activities on offer young people were asked to complete an evaluation. The following details some young people's thoughts and feelings regarding a selection of the programme and highlights any changes that they would like to see implemented. Additionally the evaluation also shows what the young people would be doing if they were not participating in the programme. This question is of vital importance as it reinforces the need for such provision during school holidays.

- What young people liked most about the activity:
'Being out with my friends and having fun'
'Going somewhere that I have never been before'
'Getting wet'
'Getting something to eat'
'Having a laugh'
- What young people liked least about the activity:
'Wish it was longer'
'The traveling...wee bit too far away'
'Nothing'
,
- What young people would like to change about the activity:
'Nothing'
'Longer shot'
'More time'
- What would young people be doing if they were not participating in this activity:
'Hanging about the streets'
'Still in my bed'
'In the hoose on my computer'

Although the above only offers a selection of the evaluation carried out it highlights that most young people, if they were not involved in these types of programmes, would be suffering from boredom during these times. Additionally young people's health is high on a variety of agendas these activities and programmes offer young people an opportunity to take part in fun, physical activities that they would otherwise not have the chance to access.

Staff Evaluation:

Cafe K and the Jack Kane Centre staff team were also encouraged to evaluate their experience of the summer programme. All of the staff reported upon how much they had enjoyed taking part in the activities, as they had been unable to do on previous years due to funding constraints. In particular the staff team also commented upon the organization of the programme and the communication of this to the children and young people who took part.

Through the staff evaluations, all staff members felt that they received clear guidelines and support throughout the summer programme. In addition, all staff involved felt that the programme was a success.

Conclusion/Recommendations:

Overall the monies available from CEC Go 4 IT programme to put these types of programmes on offer are of enormous benefit to young people. However, without the additional funding obtained through Café K and the Jack Kane Centre's other funding streams, it is unlikely that the programme would have been able to offer a wide range of activities to a diverse range of young people.

As we were in a fortunate position whereby we were able to allocate additional funds to the programme, this meant that sessional staff could also play an active role in the implementation of the programme. Therefore, the responsibility of the programme was shared within a staff team, although the organizational element remained within the core team.

In conclusion, Café K and the Jack Kane Community Centre strongly feel that funding should continue in order to provide diversionary activity programmes during ALL school holidays. However, such funding should also reflect the staffing requirements of the delivery organizations in order to ensure that these programmes are developed to a high standard to meet as many young people's needs as possible within the Greater Craigmillar area.