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Dumfries & Galloway

Report on Dumfries & Galloway

Summer Activities 2021

FOREWORD



It gives me great pleasure to introduce the Get into Summer 2021 Report. The report will provide readers with a key insight into some of the programmes and activities that have been on offer to Children and Young People across our region over the 2021 Summer holidays, and will also detail the significant and crucial impacts that the programme has made on the lives of young people and communities.

The plan of activities, experiences and events not only provided the chance to celebrate our young people but also to help develop their skills and capabilities, following an extremely difficult period of isolation, and gave them the opportunity to get out and explore all our Region has to offer with their friends and families.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on children and young people, leaving them feeling isolated, and unable to meet up with their friends, as would have been the norm in previous Summer holiday periods. As our Councils Young People's Champion, I was delighted to see the co-production with children and young people in identifying the key priorities of the funding stream and also having an active role in the scoring panels meant that the Summer holidays were designed for young people and by young people.

Councillor Adam Wilson

Dumfries & Galloway Council - Young People's Champion

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BACKGROUND

On 24 March 2021 the Scottish Government announced the £20 million Summer Offer for Children and Young People (Get into Summer) which would focus on the well being of children and young people during the 2021 summer holidays which would support existing provision of activities for children and young people and their families over the summer, ensuring they are provided with opportunities to socialise, play and reconnect within their local communities and environments.

Of this £20 million, £15 million was made available to local authorities to deliver enhanced holiday activities and experiences, integrating food and wider family support where needed, and targeted at low income families, children and young people particularly adversely affected by the impacts of the pandemic.

The Summer Offer sought to specifically target those children and young people most impacted by COVID-19, including:

- children from low income households;
- children from those priority family groups identified in the Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan: larger families; families with a disabled child or adult; young mothers; families with children under one; and minority ethnic families;
- children from families who have been shielding during the pandemic and whose ability to engage in activities and socialise will have been very limited;
- children with a disability or additional support need;
- care experienced children and young people;
- young carers;
- children in need of protection;
- children supported by a child's plan and
- children who have undergone significant transitions during lock down or will experience them this year, including starting in ELC, starting primary school, moving to secondary school and leaving school.

LOCAL OFFER

Through this offer, Dumfries and Galloway Council was allocated £529,000 to deliver activities and programmes for children and young people within our region.

This allocation was utilised to create a funding opportunity to allow both Council services, and Third Sector organisations to apply for funding to deliver activities under the 'Get into Summer' banner over the summer holiday period.

CO-PRODUCTION & PRIORITIES

As the offer was aimed specifically at children and young people, it was important that they were involved from the very beginning of the planning process for the funding. As such, 2 co-production groups were created (Primary 1 to Primary 5 & S1 to S6) in early May to ensure their views were heard. The children and young people from the co design groups identified the following key priorities that planned activities would need meet, and applicants to the funding were required to demonstrate how their activity met one or more of these priorities within their application.

PRIORITY 1 - ACCESSIBILITY

- This priority covers transport (bus or train passes, and taxi costs if the young person's home, or the venue is unreachable by public transport) and physical accessibility (where possible) to ensure there are a wide range of activities for young people with health conditions or impairments to participate in.

PRIORITY 2 - SPORTS

- Lessons or Classes i.e. Horse Riding, Boxing, Yoga, Dance, Skating, Water Sports etc.
- Access i.e. Gym, Swimming, Ice Skating or Hockey, Curling, Golf, Rock Climbing, Football/Rugby Pitches, Go Karting, Paint Balling, Water Sports, Trampolining, Outdoor Activity Centres etc.
- Spectator/Entry Tickets i.e. Football Matches, Competitions, Ice Hockey etc.

PRIORITY 3 - CULTURE, ARTS & PERFORMANCE

- Clubs, Workshops, Camps i.e. Dance, Theatre, Drama, Acting, Production, Stage Make-Up, Costume Design, Photography etc.
- Skills Classes i.e. Pottery, Paper Craft, Jewellery or Silver Smithing, Drawing etc.
- Access i.e. Cinema (Indoor or Outdoor), Museums, Galleries, Shows, Performances etc.

PRIORITY 4 - RECREATION, SOCIAL & LEARNING

- Events i.e. Discos, Dances, Proms, Band Nights, Fairgrounds, Comedy Nights etc.
- Workshops or Lessons i.e. Survival Skills, Wild Camping Sessions, Driving Lessons etc.
- Access i.e. Gaming, Arcades, Virtual Reality (VR), Escape Rooms, Soft Play, Laser Quest, Zoo or Safari Parks, Self-Care or Beauty Treatments, Amusement or Theme Parks, Campsites, Residential Centres, etc.
- Equipment i.e. Camping and Hill Walking

PRIORITY 5 - FOOD

- Workshops or Lessons i.e. Cooking, Baking or Sugar Craft, Chocolate or Ice Cream Making, etc.
- Access or Events i.e. Food Festivals or Markets, Cooking Schools etc.

PRIORITY 6 - NATURE & OUTDOOR

- Outdoor sessions i.e. Den building, pond dipping, treasure hunts
- Trips i.e. Beach days, forest walks
- Educational sessions i.e. travelling zoo, building bug hotel, science experiments.

FUNDING CRITERIA

The children and young people from the co design groups also identified the following funding criteria that applicants were required to adhere to:

All activities funded must:

- Be free for all children and young people up to the age of 18 (up to 21 for care experienced young people)
- Be developed alongside children and young people - should involve children & young people in co-designing the project.
- Be targeted at children and young people who meet one of the following criteria;

1. Children from low-income households
2. Children from those priority family groups identified in the Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan: larger families; families with a disabled child or adult; young mothers; families with children under one; and minority ethnic families
3. Children from families who have been shielding during the pandemic and whose ability to engage in activities and socialise will have been very limited
4. Children with a disability or additional support need
5. Care experienced children and young people
6. Young carers
7. Children in need of protection
8. Children supported by a child's plan
9. Children who have undergone significant transitions during lock down or will experience them this year, starting primary school, moving to secondary school and leaving school
10. Any other young person that is deemed to benefit from taking part in programmes.

- Take place between Saturday 26th June – Wednesday 18th August 2021
- Include substantial food element if planned activity lasts longer than 4 or more hours (food must be provided free of charge)
- Cannot be used to fund activity that would have already taken place without this funding (even pre-COVID-19), but can be used to fund additional activities, extensions or increase to existing activities.

THIRD SECTOR FUNDED ORGANISATIONS

Applications for funding were open between 14th May and 28th May, with assessment panels consisting of young people from the co-production groups alongside Council Officers and Third Sector partners taking place on 2nd June.

In total, over £1,000,000 worth of applications were received from across our Region.

The below table lists the Third Sector organisations who were successful in their application for funding. This shows the broad spread of funding across our Region, ensuring all young people from across Dumfries and Galloway were able to access activities and programmes in their own communities.

NAME OF ORGANISATION	FUNDING RECIEVED	LOCALITY
A&E YOUTH GROUP	£9,990.00	ANNANDALE AND ESKDALE
ANNAN HARBOUR ACTION GROUP	£4,613.00	ANNANDALE AND ESKDALE
ANNAN SEAFORTH TENNIS CLUB	£1,408.00	ANNANDALE AND ESKDALE
CREETOWN INITIATIVE	£1,829.97	WIGTOWNSHIRE
DUMFRIES YMCA	£9,585.00	NITHSDALE
DUMFRIES YOUNG CARERS	£5,835.00	REGIONWIDE
ELECTRIC THEARTE WORKSHOP LTD	£18,000.00	REGIONWIDE
GATEHOUSE BUNKER	£6,630.00	STEWARTRY
GRETNA TENNIS CLUB	£480.00	ANNANDALE AND ESKDALE
GUILD OF PLAYERS	£9,710.00	NITHSDALE
HAPPY HOOVES	£3,000.00	MID & UPPER NITHSDALE
INCLUDE US	£5,540.00	NITHSDALE
KIRKCONNEL & KELLOHOLM DEVELOPMENT TRUST	£15,000.00	MID & UPPER NITHSDALE
LETS GET SPORTY	£13,930.00	REGIONWIDE
LINCLUDEN AFTER SCHOOL GROUP	£18,900.00	NITHSDALE
MID & UPPER NITHSDALE YOUTH FORUM	£7,056.65	MID & UPPER NITHSDALE
OASIS YOUTH CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	£15,900.00	NITHSDALE
PARENTS INCLUSION NETWORK	£3,570.00	NITHSDALE
PORT WILLIAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	£1,450.00	WIGTOWNSHIRE
RH YOUTH ORGANISATION	£4,840.00	ANNANDALE AND ESKDALE
SPORTS DRIVING	£2,784.00	ANNANDALE AND ESKDALE
STEWARTRY YOUTH WORK STEERING GROUP	£2,050.00	STEWARTRY
STRANRAER SCOTTISH WEEK	£3,000.00	WIGTOWNSHIRE
STRANRAER YMCA	£8,615.00	WIGTOWNSHIRE
SUMMERHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE	£17,663.00	NITHSDALE
THREAVE ROVERS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT	£8,525.00	STEWARTRY
WIGTOWN YOUTH FORUM	£11,795.67	WIGTOWNSHIRE
WIGTOWN & BLADNOCH GOLF CLUB	£4,560.00	WIGTOWNSHIRE
WISE OWLS NURSERY	£13,717.00	ANNANDALE AND ESKDALE
YES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	£2,500.00	NITHSDALE

ANNANDALE & ESKDALE

A&E YOUTH GROUP

What was the offer to children and young people?

A&E Youth Group provides free youth work activities for 12 –25 year olds in Annandale and Eskdale.

Through Get into Summer, they created a programme of activities and visits to a number of local and national activity providers.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

By offering free activities and food to young people across the area, they aimed to reduce the barriers faced for young people over the last 18 months. Young people raised isolation has the biggest issue and want to socialise with their peers in a safe environment. This programme not only allowed them to support young people to bring them together and build relationships but also give new experiences to activities they have missed out on either due to parental income or COVID-19 restrictions.

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 97 young people took part in their activities, with 10 different activities on offer

ANNAN HARBOUR ACTION GROUP - £4,613

What was the offer to children and young people?

Annan Harbour Action Group were able to offer 17 days over the 7 weeks to 64 young people from across the area who gave extremely positive feedback.

The children and young people have enjoyed sailing, rowing, kayaking and rib craft driving, the latter of which has received the overwhelming majority of the positive feedback. A huge effort from volunteers allowed these sessions to happen and much thanks and gratitude should be given to them as they have been the face of AHAG for the children and young people taking part in the activities.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

These events have not only resulted in young people expressing interest in joining the rowing club, learning to drive the rib craft and take part in the 'Young Placemakers' Programme, but in further community recognition. During one of the last sessions, a member of the public approached the building as they saw the harbour being used and we began to speak about the redevelopment project and the benefits it would have to both Port Street and Annan itself, and agree to undertake a sponsored run to support the project.

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 64 young people took part in the project, with 4 different activities on offer

ANNAN SEAFORTH TENNIS CLUB - £1,408

What was the offer to children and young people?

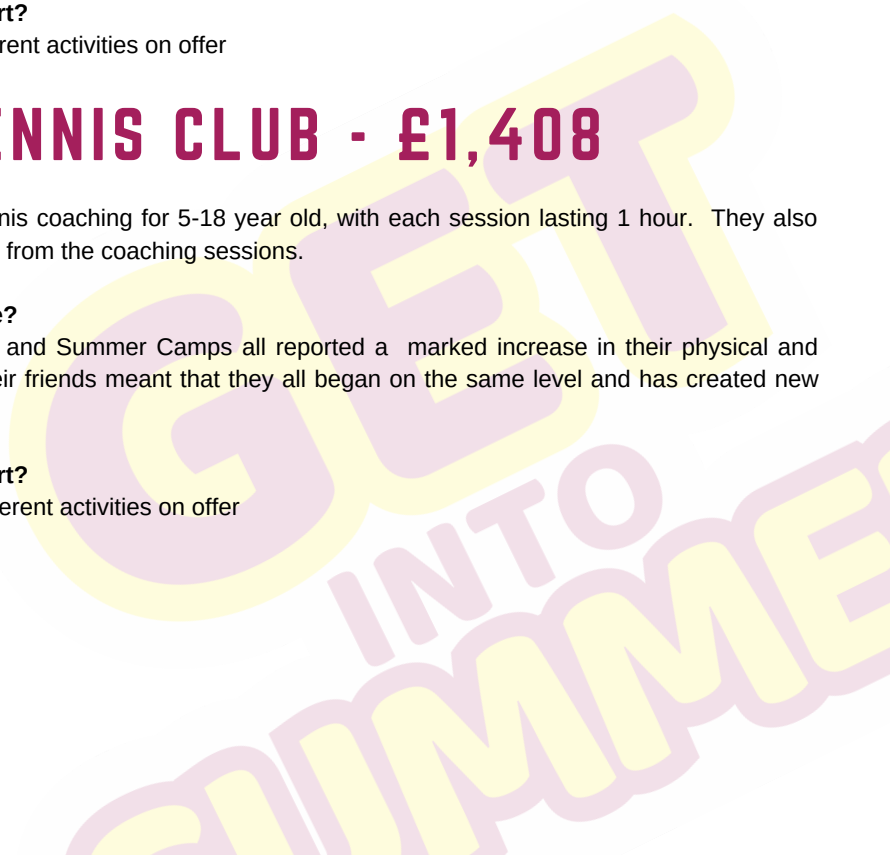
Annan Seaforth Tennis Club provided 6 weeks of free tennis coaching for 5-18 year old, with each session lasting 1 hour. They also facilitated Summer Camps, which were stand alone events from the coaching sessions.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

Young people participating in both the coaching sessions and Summer Camps all reported a marked increase in their physical and mental wellbeing - Being able to learn a new sport with their friends meant that they all began on the same level and has created new friendships.

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 110 young people took part in the project, with 2 different activities on offer



ANNANDALE & ESKDALE

GRETNA TENNIS CLUB - £480

What was the offer to children and young people?

Gretna Tennis Club provided fun starter courses for children and young people who had never played tennis, or had very little experience in tennis sessions were led by qualified LTA coaches on 13th and 26th July to two age groups, (5-9 years and 10-17 years)

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

Children and young people were able to develop their tennis skills, helping them to further develop co-ordination, balance and speed, as well as learning tactic and problem solving skills.

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 45 young people participated in the programme.

RH YOUTH ORGANISATION - £4,840

What was the offer to children and young people?

Through Get into Summer funding - They delivered a family fun activity day on Saturday 24th July which was open to all children and young people including outdoor games and activities including obstacle courses, circus skills, painting, and outdoor skills such as cooking, axe and saw work and fire lighting. This was delivered in partnership with Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

Children and young people were able to access the event free of charge, reducing any barriers to participation, children and young people also saw an improvement in both their confidence in socialising with one another and also in some of the physical skills and activities that we offer

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 169 children, young people and their families attended the event.

SPORTS DRIVING - £2,784

What was the offer to children and young people?

Based in Lockerbie, sports driving provided facilities for pony carriage driving and riding for young people who have additional support needs and disabilities.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

Each driver learned some driving techniques and played simple pony games that we set up which improve hand/eye coordination. There was opportunities for "hands on" involvement with grooming the ponies and a quiz about the things learned during the morning. The format was flexible and tailored to suit each individual young person.

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 32 children and young people took part in the 3 different activities

WISE OWLS NURSERY - £13,717

What was the offer to children and young people?

They delivered a broad range of workshops to young people including wildlife photography, singing in nature, cooking on a campfire, making perfume from wildflowers, making herbal medicine from nature, plant/bird/insect/tree ID, paddle-boarding, wild swimming, overnight camping, wild critters experience.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

Workshops were aimed at connecting the children and young people to nature in their own communities, as well as having a positive impact on both their mental and physical health. In particular, children who were transitioning from nursery to Primary or Primary to Secondary had missed out on school trips/transition visits this year. This programme provided the opportunity for them to come together in the Summer before starting their new school.

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 173 young people took part in the 15 different activities on offer.

NITHSDALE

DUMFRIES YMCA - £9,585

What was the offer to children and young people?

Based in North West Dumfries, Dumfries YMCA provided a full Monday to Friday throughout the Summer holiday period, a programme of activities for young people aged between 9 and 18. The type of activities provided, included sports coaching, camping skills, cycle workshops, urban arts, and various trips and visits to local activity providers within Dumfries and Galloway.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

The programme was designed to offer a range of activities, mostly using the outdoors, to include a range of ages of young people with some days being offered to families. They worked with a number of partners most of whom are based and work in North West Dumfries who identified that many of the young people we work with in North West Dumfries have struggled with their mental health, as well as their physical fitness, through the COVID-19 Pandemic. The programme was designed to get the young people active and out in the fresh air. They had the opportunity to get active, learn new skills, engage with their peers and the youth work staff and increase their socialisation by joining together to eat every day. Opportunities were also provided for the young people to invite family members to some of the activities. All this had been designed to build the resilience, self-confidence, social skills and general well-being in the young people.

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 109 young people took part in the 18 different activities

GUILD OF PLAYERS - £9,710

What was the offer to children and young people?

After a long closure due to the Coronavirus Pandemic the Theatre Royal Dumfries reopened with a renewed focus on community building and youth engagement. They are committed to providing and supporting children and young people of all backgrounds across Dumfries with the opportunity to experience and engage in the theatrical arts. We believe that theatre and the wider arts are hugely beneficial, developing confidence and self-expression and improving both communication and creative skills. Moving forward into a post-pandemic world, the Theatre Royal Dumfries is dedicated to putting high quality arts provision for young people at the centre of its' remit.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

A summer programme of events took place, designed to re-engage young people with theatre space. Running from 7th July to 13th August. Activities were provided for children and young people aged between 8-18 years old, with each activity targeted towards a specific age range. Activities included workshops on positive art work, manifesto building, performance workshops and intensive drama courses.

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 112 young people took part in the 8 different programmes and workshops.

INCLUDE US - £5,540

What was the offer to children and young people?

Based at Catherinefield Inclusive Playpark, Include Us delivered 'Plantasia in the Park'

Delivered over 2 weeks (12th-16th July & 19th - 23rd July) Over the course of 2 weeks in the holidays children and young people worked to create plant exhibits on themes such as "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory", "Myths and Legends" and "Sensory Explosion"

Together, young people created exhibits, designing and creating concepts and upcycling props, allowing them to explore all aspects of nature, creating and imagination. Once the exhibits were finished the resulting exhibits were put on public display in their playpark.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 79 children and young people took part in the programme

NITHSDALE

LINCLUDEN AFTER SCHOOL GROUP - £18,900

What was the offer to children and young people?

Lincluden After School Group delivered a 7 day a week programme, running from 28th June to 18th August. The weekly themed programme of activities to cater to children and young people between the ages of 4½ - 18yrs 9mths. The programme included activities such as imaginative play, drama, puppet making, STEM activities, arts & crafts, gaming, music and dance, cooking and baking, 3D printing, outdoor activities, messy sensory play, den building and much more. Sessions were offered to vulnerable children and children with ASN/Disabilities and their siblings.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

The children and young people were able to develop their social skills and create and establish new friendships. Playing freely with others helped the children learn how to see things from differing points of view through cooperating, sharing, helping and solving problems.

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 33 children and young people took part in the 12 different activities programme

OASIS YOUTH CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - £15,900

What was the offer to children and young people?

Through Get into Summer Funding, the Oasis Youth Centre Management Committee ran 6 weeks of skills/activity based camps as including Urban Arts (DJ'ing, Beat boxing, Graffiti, Parkour, trash drumming etc) School of Rock (Singing, Drums, Guitar, Uke etc) STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Arts (Art, Photography etc) Beauty (Nails, Hair, Make Up, Wellbeing etc) As well as trips and visits both within and outwith our Region.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

By bringing in external tutors, young people had access to quality tutors and learnt real skills over a week and build good relationships with staff.

Weekend activities included excursions to provide an opportunity to develop relationships with staff and peers, build trust, independence, and confidence in individuals. Most importantly, it provided young people an opportunity to enjoy new experiences that they may otherwise not have had the opportunity to be involved in.

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 200 young people took part in the 12 different programmes and opportunities

PARENTS INCLUSION NETWORK - £3,570

What was the offer to children and young people?

Parents Inclusion Network is a charitable organisation operating in Dumfries and Galloway. They provide support to families caring for a son or daughter with a disability or long term health need.

In July, they delivered 2 days at Abernethy, Barcaple to children aged between 5 and 18 years old in Dumfries and Galloway that have a disability and their siblings. Children and young people had to opportunity to take part in kayaking, archery, abseiling and wall climbing at the centre.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

The days encouraged the young people to work as a team during the activities, this gave the children opportunities to create friendships. Every activity was led by a fully qualified instructors who helped the children and young people achieve their goals and overcome any fears they may have had.

How many different children and young people took part?

In total, 66 children and young people took part in the activities

NITHSDALE

SUMMERHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE - £17,663

What was the offer to children and young people?

Our activities were focused on Mental Health & Wellbeing. Our Thursday Night activities included mental health awareness, team building activities, healthy food, healthy snacks, overcoming any difficult caused from COVID-19 and sports. Young people learned how to make/cook quick snacks/meals which would help them at home, having a club for the young people to attend will help their family life by being out the house. We also took young people on trips and visits including Blackpool and Carlisle

Friday night sports we played football, touch rugby, handball, netball, basketball, rounders, kickball, dodgeball, sports day, tig, multi sports and cool down games.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

Our activities provide opportunities to develop confidence which helps with health and psychological wellbeing and increased self worth. Developing the confidence to try new activities, meet others and develop friendships are all positive influences that help to develop positive identity. Encouraging more young people to be involved will reduce isolation and motivate young people to progress on their future path to reach their full potential and love life. We recognise the need for everyone to feel equal and included, where they have a sense of belonging, reduced isolation and included with all that is going on, that may interest them. Developing social skills at youth activities will help to meet new friends and have fun. Having respect for others and being non judgemental is so encouraged throughout the process and very important to help develop new friendships. Young leaders develop their skills and new responsibility has a huge positive impact.

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 168 young people took part in the activities with 21 different activities offered

YOUTH ENQUIRY SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - £2,500

What was the offer to children and young people?

The Youth Enquiry Service, Dumfries provides information and support to young people through a range of targeted issue-based groups & projects as well as low-level mental health support through one-to-one sessions. The YES management committee supports the work delivered at the YES through volunteers and contributions to creating informative programmes for and with young people.

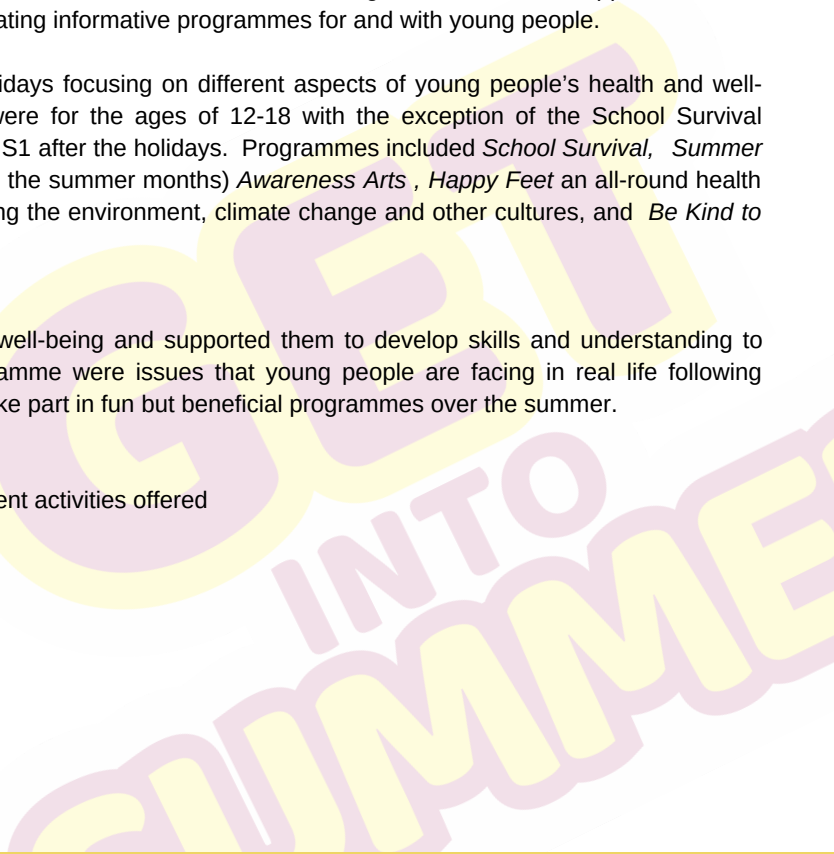
A range of programmes ran over the whole of the summer holidays focusing on different aspects of young people's health and well-being using different methods and outputs. All programmes were for the ages of 12-18 with the exception of the School Survival Programme which was solely for young people transitioning into S1 after the holidays. Programmes included *School Survival*, *Summer Survival* (workshops & activities around how to keep safe during the summer months) *Awareness Arts*, *Happy Feet* an all-round health and well-being group, *Worldwide* looked at global topics including the environment, climate change and other cultures, and *Be Kind to your Mind* - a programme looking at mental health and self-care.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

The programme supported young people's overall health and well-being and supported them to develop skills and understanding to manage life. The issues that were covered through the programme were issues that young people are facing in real life following COVID-19 and these programmes supported young people to take part in fun but beneficial programmes over the summer.

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 47 young people took part in the programme with 6 different activities offered



MID & UPPER NITHSDALE

HAPPY HOOVES - £3,000

What was the offer to children and young people?

Happy Hooves is based in Sanquhar and provides horse riding for all, giving lessons for those that may not otherwise be able due to financial or health reasons be physical or mental reasons. Over the summer holidays they provided riding lessons, picnic rides and hacks.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

Children and young people built self-esteem, confidence, it also helped build up core strength and improves balance for participants.

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 76 children and young people took part in the programme

KIRKCONNEL & KELLOHOLM DEVELOPMENT TRUST - £15,000

What was the offer to children and young people?

KKDT worked alongside A'the Airts to enable children and young people to attend Film Club on a Monday morning and Tuesday Afternoon at A'the Airts, Sanquhar, over the Summer Holidays. Additionally, children and young people were also supported to travel from Kelloholm and Kirkconnel to attend Dancercise with Heather on a Friday Afternoon at Sanquhar Townhall.

In addition to this KKDT facilitated a Midweek Mixture every Wednesday Morning and Afternoon where we encouraged the children and young people to help design and deliver aspects the programme delivery e.g., Outdoor Activities/Adventures/Games, getting creative with art or storytelling etc. and linking in with the land at our feet by exploring the natural environment and learning about the heritage and culture of the local area.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

Children and young people were able to better connect to their local communities by exploring their doorstep, meeting local community representatives and building on relationships within the community - this project has enabled the children and young people to feel more a part of their local community and they have also built strong interpersonal relationships with their peers

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 120 children and young people took part in the programme with 17 different activities on offer

MID & UPPER NITHSDALE YOUTH FORUM - £7,056.65

What was the offer to children and young people?

As a committee, Mid and Upper Nithsdale Youth Forum wanted to provide fun free activities for young people that they wouldn't normally get the opportunity to do. They consulted with young people within their community about what they want to see over the summer and their interests.

They ran a number of trips and visits outwith the region, some of which young people had never had the means or opportunity to visit in the past. As a group of young people something they really enjoy and miss is music and live music which is why provided a Neon Party/DJ night with a local DJ to bring young people in the community together. They also ran a silent disco as it is something young people in the area have never experienced before.

The most popular activity during summer, which really brought the community together was the 'It's a Knockout' Event where they had 9 teams of young people competing in different challenges. The day brought together different groups of young people some even coming from Closeburn and Dumfries. Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Development trust also worked in partnership with us and put on a free burger van for the community and various free activities for all ages.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

The difference the summer has made to the wellbeing of the young people that were involved in different activities has been a great journey to watch them build confidence, skills and knowledge and pushing themselves out of their comfort zone to take part in activities. Young people, partners and families all commented on the It's a Knockout event and how it was a great way to bring the community together and there was real buzz about Kelloholm from the word go and a real sense of community spirit.

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 311 young people took part in the activities, with 11 different activities on offer

STEWARTRY

GATEHOUSE BUNKER - £6,630

What was the offer to children and young people?

The Gatehouse Bunker delivered a sporting and drama camp for young people between the ages of 5-18 years. The camp included a range of fun sporting activities and drama based activities improving both physical and mental well-being in those who attended. The camp sessions were fun and energetic and allowed for friendships to form in a safe and healthy environment.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

Using fun team sports promoted physical well-being, and helped with social connections. There were also be healthy body healthy minds information where coaches educated the participants on healthy foods and also to address the dangers of smoking, drugs and alcohol. The drama sessions used improvisation to discuss things that have effected them during the pandemic, focusing on situations that the young people perhaps witnessed or have been involved in. Through group feedback they looked at how outcomes could be improved and how our actions can change our thoughts and feelings.

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 360 children and young people took part in the programme with 5 different activities offered

STEWARTRY YOUTH WORK STEERING GROUP - £2,050

What was the offer to children and young people?

Stewartry Youth Work Steering Group delivered a summer programme of activities during school holidays based at the region's skate parks.

The programme was aimed at attracting young people from different parts of Stewartry to take part in a range of Urban sport/arts activities that culminated in a showcase of all learning at end of the programme. For four weeks at end of July and beginning of August they brought in expert tutors to work with young people and share their skills in skateboarding/bmx/rollerblades, street art and DJing.

They designed and installed new graffiti style murals at the skateparks that reflect the interests and style of current users and cleared up some of surrounding scrub areas around skate park. There was one full day per week of professional tutoring in each discipline and a final showcase event including a competition attracting some of the best skateboarders in the area.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

Young people were able to build their confidence and resilience, benefit from strengthened support networks and reduce risk taking behaviour. They were also able to develop their physical and personal skills. Young people's health and well-being was also improved.

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 133 young people took part in the programme with 4 different activities offered

THREAVE ROVERS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT - £8,525

What was the offer to children and young people?

The funding was used to run weekly football camps for 7 weeks of the summer holidays on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Birkland Football Pitch. They also held football festivals on the 7 Saturdays throughout the summer holidays.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

The camps focused on providing a fun, safe environment for children and young people to develop new skills, make new friends and enjoy being back playing sport after missing out on so much due to the pandemic. Improvements of confidence in all participants was highlighted by many of the parents and carers.

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 190 children and young people took part in the programme

WIGTOWNSHIRE

CREETOWN INITIATIVE - £1,829.97

What was the offer to children and young people?

Creetown Initiative Youth Work ran a summer camp based on Health and Wellbeing. Each week they delivered two sessions a week split into two groups, first group being for primary school, Primary 1 to Primary 7 and the second for secondary, S1 – S6.

Each week they provided tuition on different sports, suited to the young people's needs. The summer camp was more than just playing sports, it was also be a Health & Wellbeing Summer Camp.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

We encouraged socialising, self-esteem, discipline, time keeping, resilience and team building. Some components of fitness that were improved on were coordination, balance, agility, flexibility, reaction time, power, speed, muscular strength and cardiorespiratory endurance. All these key points are important to everyone's day to day lives which will make them feel good about themselves. Youth Workers also promoted healthy food options for the young people that they could make at home by themselves or with parents i.e. fruit kebabs and fruit smoothies.

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 43 young people took part in the programme with 14 different activities offered

PORT WILLIAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - £1,450

What was the offer to children and young people?

The Get into Summer funding enables Portwilliam Community Association to deliver a summer activity programme aimed at children and young people, with a focus on sporting activities. The activities ranged from sporting, to fun activities such as sandcastle building, kayaking and bike riding through the local area.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

The programme provided an opportunity for children and young people to learn about the history of their local community, as well as experiencing the benefits of exercise.

The programme also benefitted children and young people by bringing them together after a long period of social isolation, improving their mental health, rebuilding confidence and improving their self awareness.

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 40 young people took part in the programme, with 7 different activities on offer.

STRANRAER SCOTTISH WEEK - £3,000

What was the offer to children and young people?

Stranraer Scottish Week utilised their funding to provide additional activities and programmes to their existing events programme.

The additions included and alternative lowland games (providing activities such as inflatable assault courses), children's treasure hunt, primary school football tournaments, as well as 2 live children's entertainment events.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

The funding enabled them to ensure that all the events were free of charge to children and young people from all social and economical backgrounds. The activities allowed the children and young people to connect with their local community and history, ensuring that there is a lasting legacy from the Summer activities

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 1,000 children and young people took part in the activities with 8 different activities offered

WIGTOWNSHIRE

STRANRAER YMCA - £8,615

What was the offer to children and young people?

Throughout the summer holidays they delivered free play/sport sessions in Agnew Park on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am-12.30pm, a free lunch was also provided. Activities included sports, games, beach days and fun in the swing park.

Every Friday they also had a session in the Ryan Centre 10am-2.30pm. This session included sports and games or swimming for 8+ followed by lunch then a visit to the cinema.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

As 80% of the children and young people we work with come from low income households, we are able to offer them these free summer activities that they may not otherwise have been able to take part in. Children and young people have felt able to fully enjoy their summer holidays without any financial burden on them and their families, resulting in a high increase in self confidence, and self worth.

All activities were also fully inclusive meaning any barriers that had been in place in previous holiday period were removed to ensure all young people were able to take part

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 95 children and young people took part in the activities, with 4 different activities on offer

WIGTOWN YOUTH FORUM - £11,795.67

What was the offer to children and young people?

The funding was used to provide free activities for young people aged 12 – 17 years (S1-S6) during the summer holidays within the Whithorn, Wigtown, Newton Stewart and the Machars and, Stranraer & The Rhins areas. There was a combination of activities within communities and day trips to local outdoor centres, self-directed activities in the countryside and visits to popular attractions. This included day trips to outdoor centres, trampoline park, theme parks, activities in local community centres including – pamper nights, movie nights, quiz nights and art projects. Late night football tournament running from 7pm – 11pm every Sunday for 6 weeks. Packed lunches and food were provided at all sessions, along with any equipment that young people will need to take part, ensuring the opportunities are fully accessible and inclusive for all.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

The programme we have delivered this year has contributed to significantly improving young people's overall wellbeing and happiness. Being active during the holidays has helped young people to re-focus and re-connect with people and communities, and just have fun again. We also believe that we will now see an increase in participation in our term time programmes as a result of positive engagement with young people over the summer, ensuring that the relationships we have built with young people can be developed further and we are able to continue offering opportunities and experiences for young people to learn and develop.

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 274 young people took part in the activities with 17 different activities on offer

WIGTOWN & BLADNOCH GOLF CLUB - £4,560

What was the offer to children and young people?

4 weeks of Golf coaching sessions were delivered at Wigtown and Bladnoch Golf Club. These sessions included various different games, activities including putting and chipping games where expert advice and tuition were given over the 4 weeks. At each session the club provided water and snacks to each young person. On the final day, they had a grand finale and individual and team prizes up for grabs. They had putting, competitions, chipping competitions, longest drive competitions and closest to the pin competitions.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

The games and activities were developed as the weeks went on and as the young people's golf skills improved as they gained more confidence. On the last week each golfer played some holes on the golf course which showed great progression that they were able to take all skills and knowledge learnt from the previous weeks on to the course itself.

Each individual received golf balls, tees, a water bottle, and a trophy for taking part in the 4 week programme and everyone also received membership at Wigtown and Bladnoch Golf Club for 1 year to try and encourage the young people to continue playing.

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 36 young people took part in the training camps and competition

REGIONWIDE

COVERING ALL 4 AREAS OF DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY

DUMFRIES YOUNG CARERS - £5,835

What was the offer to children and young people?

Every young carer registered with the project was provided with the opportunity to receive a voucher to a range of local activity providers including; Mabie Farm Park, Cream o' Galloway, Coco Bean Factory, Galloway Activity Centre amongst others. They also hosted a family day at Mabie Farm Park where they invited young carers and their siblings to come with their parents/guardian, with each child provided with a picnic box at the event. Transport was also provided if required for the family to attend.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

Young carers were able to enjoy the Summer by having the choice of activities they would like to take part in. All activities being free of charge meant that there was no barrier to participation. The family days gave young carers to interact with each other and created a common understanding amongst their peers. Another additional benefit was the opportunity for staff to meet some of the young people face to face for the first time, following on from the lockdown period.

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 102 young carers received vouchers for 13 different activities and 51 young carers attended the family day.

ELECTRIC THEATRE WORKSHOP LTD - £18,000

What was the offer to children and young people?

Electric Theatre Workshop's Summer Youth Theatre was a free programme that ran in three different locations in Dumfries & Galloway (Annan, Lochside, Dumfries Town Centre) with a range of week-long courses for children and young people teaching different performing arts over a five-week period.

Workshops were delivered in singing, musical theatre, acting, dance, performance design, stand-up comedy and LGBTQ performance.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

The project was based on bringing lots of children and young people together from different backgrounds to learn new skills, create something incredible together throughout the week and help them use their creativity as means for their individual and collective recovery from the effects of the pandemic. Each workshop was delivered by exceptional artistic leaders who gave young people a range of incredible experiences that boosted their self-esteem and made them feel good about themselves.

This project also gave 12 trainee producers the chance to get out into the community and make a difference. They are young people from Dumfries & Galloway who have graduated or have left school and are working on a yearlong traineeship.

How many different children and young people took part?

In total 74 children and young people took part in the programme with 6 different workshops on offer.

LETS GET SPORTY - £13,930

What was the offer to children and young people?

Lets Get Sporty delivered a regionwide sports coaching Roadshow throughout the Summer Holidays of 2021. They delivered this Roadshow 3 days per week, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, delivering two sessions per day in various communities around Dumfries and Galloway.

This meant that they delivered in communities that normally would struggle with regular weekly activity during school holidays.

Alongside this, Lets Get Sporty also attended a number of the Active Schools and Lifelong Learning Roadshows held across the region throughout the Summer, further details of which can be found in the next section.

What were the outcomes for children and young people?

Some of the benefits that we feel the roadshow has had on the children and participants would be things such as making new friends, develop new skills and most importantly become fit and healthy. Benefits seen can include things such as creating a positive attitude towards others, developing team work, communication and confidence.

How many different children and young people took part?

In total, 1,250 children and young people took part in the programme

COUNCIL SERVICES

In addition to Third Sector organisations being able to apply for funding, internal Council services were also invited to apply for funding.

Council services were required to follow the application procedures and criteria as set out by the co-production group as with Third Sector organisations, and were assessed and awarded at a scoring panel along with Third Sector organisations.

The below table lists the Council Services that were successful in their application for funding.

COUNCIL SERVICE	FUNDING RECEIVED	LOCALITY
ARTS AND MUSEUMS	£2,592	NITHSDALE
LEISURE AND SPORT	£50,000	REGIONWIDE
ACTIVE SCHOOLS & LIFELONG LEARNING	£64,297.40	REGIONWIDE
YOUTH WORK SERVICE	£50,000	REGIONWIDE
DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY YOUTH COUNCIL	£10,950	REGIONWIDE
SOCIAL WORK	£50,000	REGIONWIDE
FAMILY LEARNING	£11,218	REGIONWIDE



ARTS & MUSEUMS

ART WORKSHOPS AT GRACEFIELD ARTS CENTRE

Secondary Senior school pupils were given the opportunity to take part in workshops delivered by professional artists at Gracefield Arts Centre in Dumfries during the Summer holidays, aimed at enhancing and complimenting the curriculum offer in schools and targeted at children and young people with a particular interest in art and craft, either as a personal hobby or to develop their skills for school or further educational qualification.

Workshops took place in July and August and looked at life drawing, sketchbook development, printmaking jewellery and illustrative ceramics.

The activities were targeted at the older age group which we have not always been successful at attracting to activities – we generally run classes for kid from as young as 18 months up to 12 years and these are busy, often over-subscribed, even though there is a cost to participate. Over the years we've had limited success with our teen-ager classes – once our attendees reach age 12 they often move off to do other activities.

These free workshop classes aimed to engage with kids who are keen on art and craft to the degree of taking qualifications or are keen hobbyists. A small targeted group, but we hoped that the opportunity to work in the art centre environment with professional artists and makers alongside like-minded kids was worthwhile – anecdotal feedback and the evaluation forms return certainly say this to be the case. The fact that class was free and supported meant no barriers to participation and an equal opportunity to join in and get the most from the workshops.



**IN TOTAL 26 YOUNG PEOPLE TOOK
PART IN THE 66 WORKSHOP
SESSIONS**

**“I LIKE THE RELAXED SET UP
AND PAMELA WAS A GREAT
PRINTMAKING TUTOR – I HAD
FUN AT IT WAS NICE TO MEET
KIDS FROM OTHER AREAS.”**

**“WORKSHOPS WERE FRIENDLY
AND ENGAGING”
“REALLY ENJOYED THEM”**

LEISURE AND SPORT

FREE ACCESS TO LEISURE AND SPORT FACILITIES ACROSS DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY

Dumfries and Galloway Leisure Facilities offered free leisure memberships which allowed any person aged between 5 – 18 years (up to 21 care experienced) free access to public swimming sessions, public skating sessions and people aged 14 years and over access to fitness suites for free. This ran throughout the entire summer period and there was no limit to how many times the memberships could be used over the summer period. All sessions included in the membership were public, recreational leisure sessions. Adults could also accompany children to sessions (normal fee applied) so children and adults could take part in physical activity together.

The funding gave every young person the opportunity to use their local leisure centres as any potential cost barrier was removed. Without this funding, only those who could afford to pay memberships/admission fees could attend. Extended the reach of our programme to every young person and allowed centres to provide for a wider range of customers.

As per the guidance on target groups – any child or young person will benefit from a free leisure membership, not just physically but socially too, as they can take part inactivity with friends/family.

For children who have undergone significant transitions either moving from ELC to primary, primary to secondary or leaving secondary the following numbers have benefitted: 156 children who started primary, 171 children who started secondary and 140 young people who have finished secondary school.

Our free offering also targeted those from low-income households, although it is not known how many of these children and young people were reached. The same applies with care experienced children and young people, young carers and also children and young people with a disability of additional support need.

**IN TOTAL 1,470
CHILDREN AND YOUNG
PEOPLE REGISTERED
FOR LEISURE PASSES**

**AMAZING SUMMER PROGRAMME WAS AN
ASSET TO THE REGION AND LEISURE
FACILITIES WERE GLAD TO BE A PART OF
IT.**

**HAVING EXPERIENCED BOTH COUNCIL
RUN ACTIVITIES WITH CHILDREN AS
WELL AS WAS PARTNER ORGANISATIONS
DELIVERED, THE PROGRAMME WAS
FANTASTIC**



YOUTH WORK

SUMMER CAMPS

The 'Amazing Summer Camps' were delivered over 5 weeks, providing opportunities for young people to take part in a range of activities within their own community for 2 days followed by a 2-day camping trip to St Ann's Campsite at Moffat.

The summer camps were held in 25 different locations (5 communities per week over 5 weeks), reaching out to young people in every ward area in Dumfries and Galloway.

Camp Days 1 & 2:

Days 1 and 2 of the camp were community based and the programme consisted of:

- **Teambuilding Activities** – designed to encourage creativity, improve communication and problem solving skills, increase motivation and get the group working together effectively
- **Bar Evolution** – an interactive alcohol and drug awareness training for teenagers that explores effects and impacts, the law, peer pressure and where you can find help and support if you need it.
- **Saltire Team Challenge** – each group took part in a 'random act of kindness' or 'community volunteer event' as part of a Saltire Challenge. This was different in each community, some examples of they types of challenges delivered are – community litter picks, beach cleans, making donations to the local foodbanks, volunteering at community events.
- **Camp Craft** – part of the community days involved young people learning basic first aid skills and camp craft including how to erect a tent properly!

Days 3 & 4 of the amazing summer camps were held at St Ann's Scout Campsite at Moffat. Each week, young people from the 5 areas came together to take part in a programme packed full of different activities.

Days 3 and 4 of the camp consisted of:

- African Drumming and Dance sessions
- Archery
- Laser Tag
- Water Safety & Emergency CPR inputs from Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
- Chip Shot Golf
- Den Building
- The Highland Games
- Quizzes
- Outdoor Movies
- Crafts
- Glow in the Dark Dodgeball
- A range of sports and games including football, rounders and human pinball

Alongside the activities listed above, young people enjoyed having time out to relax with friends, and every young person who took part in the camps completed a dynamic youth award and a Satire award.

All meals were provided free over the 4 days.

**IN TOTAL 285
YOUNG
PEOPLE TOOK
PART IN THE
AMAZING
SUMMER
CAMPS**



YOUTH WORK

YOUTH CAFES

'Youth cafés' were delivered across the region in community facilities and youth centres that ran daily from 5pm – 9pm. The youth café provided young people with a place to meet up with friends, have something to eat and participate in a variety of activities, that included pool, gaming, sports, dj'ing and cooking.

In total, we delivered 175 Youth Cafes in:

- Stranraer
- Whithorn
- Newton Stewart
- Castle Douglas
- Kirkcudbright
- Dalbeattie
- Dumfries
- North West Dumfries
- Kirkconnel
- Kelloholm
- Annan
- Gretna
- Ecclefechan
- Lockerbie



The provision of Youth Cafes in communities across the region was a fundamental element of our programme, ensuring Youth Work Staff retained the opportunity to 'keep in touch' with young people at a local level throughout the holidays.

As much as our vision was to re-connect with young people and provide amazing experiences for them in the form of the summer camps, we are aware that many young people continued to require an enhanced level of support from our staff in managing their own mental health and wellbeing, and the youth cafes created a space to continue offering this support over the holidays.

It was also important to us to ensure there was enhanced level of provision for young people to access free meals and food during the holidays, particularly for young people who are from families who we know struggle more financially over the holidays, and we were able to provide this as part of the youth café sessions.

1,371 YOUNG PEOPLE ATTENDED YOUTH CAFES ACROSS DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY



YOUTH WORK

YOUNG LEADERS FESTIVAL 2021

43 of young volunteers from across the region came together at High Barbuchany Campsite at Newton Stewart, to celebrate the role of young leaders in our region, and to be motivated and inspired through sharing stories and experiences of volunteering.

The festival was held over 3 days, and the beautiful summer weather contributed to an enjoyable and memorable residential experience for young people.

The programme included:

- 'Exploring Leadership' workshops
- Outdoor activities – badminton, archery, golf,
- A Day at the Beach
- Movie Night
- Guest Speakers sharing their Volunteer Experiences
- A range of teambuilding activities and challenges
- Care & Share project – learning about the role of foodbanks and how to support them

YOUTH WORK

LGBT GATHERING 2021

The 2021 LGBT Youth Gathering was held at 'The Roundhouse' in Whithorn, where we were hosted by our partners at The Whithorn Trust.

36 LGBT Young People and their Allies enjoyed 3 action packed days, that included lots of fun activities, combined with more focussed workshops exploring challenges and developing solutions to issues faced by young people in Dumfries and Galloway.

By the end of this residential, an action plan that highlights priorities for young people was developed, and this will be taken forward and implemented by a group of young people who took part in the camp over the next 12 months.

This is a really exciting development for our region, and will demonstrate the power of youth voice, while making small changes that will significantly improve the life experiences for young people in Dumfries and Galloway.



DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY YOUTH COUNCIL

DG YOUTH COUNCIL RESIDENTIAL

The Youth Council were elected in April 2019 and have been a committed group of volunteers since their election. There has been limited opportunities to bring young people together, to acknowledge their commitment or celebrate their contribution to volunteering over the last 15 months. These helped young people build better relationships with one another as many have not seen each other in person since March 2020, and a small number have only been elected in the last year and have only been able to meet through a screen.

The young people have given up their time on a voluntary basis for the last 15 months during COVID to support other young people and services and the application was about giving them something back and be able to enjoy being young people as their terms are due to end in November-

The young people took part in a 2 day residential weekend, taking part a number of team building activities aimed at building their confidence, and relationships with each other, to enable them to improve on their team working abilities.

The young people also enjoyed a fun day out of activities to let them relax and enjoy themselves after a long and often challenging 15 months.



LIFELONG LEARNING

FAMILY ACTIVITY BAGS

Family Learning received funding to create and deliver Family Activity bags to all of their targeted families across Dumfries and Galloway.

The bags provided educational & fun play. Different bags were developed and each had different benefits to the children who were receiving them

Play Bags - improves the cognitive, physical, social, and emotional well-being of children and young people

Top Tots Bags - encourage active play which is critical for children's physical development and well-being. It helps children to enhance their coordination, balance, gross motor skills and fine motor skills.

STEM Bags/Outdoor Explorer Kits - help develop a love of science and the natural world. · The Explorer bags will encourage children to explore the world around them, boosting curiosity and increasing vocabulary.

They were able to meet with families in local parks and school playgrounds to provide Family activity bags (outdoor STEM play– Explorer Bags, transition play, literacy play, Top tot Play – Physical Health and Well-being Bags). They met not only to distribute the bags for families but also had play sessions to support what was in the bags to enable parents to extend the learning play at home.

The whole family was able to meet, and they used the play bags to involve everyone, older children got involved helping with the peer learning of their younger siblings.

283 children were gifted a bag however from family visits in the park/playground consisting of the whole family 669 children benefitted.

“THANK YOU SO MUCH, I CAN'T BELIEVE WE HAVE THIS TO KEEP HELPING US PLAY AT HOME, WE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO AFFORD THIS, IT IS A REAL BONUS”

“WOW, THANKS SO MUCH, LEWIS HAS LOVED EVERY MINUTE OF THIS”

“THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HAVE SEEN JESSICA AND HER OLDER BROTHER INTERACT IN A LONG TIME; THEY ARE NORMALLY FIGHTING”

ACTIVE SCHOOLS, LIFELONG LEARNING & YOUTH WORK

THE AMAZING SUMMER ROADSHOW!

The Amazing Summer Roadshows seen 120 events delivered across 72 communities between July 13th – August 15th 2021. A total of 4,035 children and young people participated.

Irrespective of where they were being delivered, the Roadshows all followed the same format with afternoon sessions taking place between 1pm – 4pm and evening sessions running 6pm – 9pm.

The activities delivered included:

- Sports coaching and activities
- T-shirt designing
- Story telling
- Arts and crafts activities (bracelet and earring making)
- Community murals
- Virtual reality and retro gaming
- Circus skills including poi, juggling, and hoops
- Giant outdoor games
- Sumo suits
- Bungee Run

4,035

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
TOOK PART IN THE AMAZING
SUMMER ROADSHOW

Across all sessions refreshments and snacks (including fruit and crisps) were provided for all children and young people.

The Amazing Summer Roadshows would not have been possible without funding. In previous years, Youth Work Services have delivered a similar type of programme, on a significantly reduced scale, using the Mobile Youth Centre, however the scale, resourcing and staffing required to deliver the Roadshows would not have been possible without additional funding.

The funding has improved our partnership approach as it has enabled us to have a wider range of activities and provision for children and young people.

Practically, the funding also enabled us to visit communities that do not often have Council or Third Sector provision in their local area due to the demographics of the region, services tend to be delivered in neighbouring towns rather than smaller, more rural communities.

- COMMUNITIES VISITED WERE -

Ae - Amisfield - Annan - Auchencairn - Auldgirth - Beattock - Boreland - Calside - Canonbie - Cargenbridge - Castle Douglas - Closeburn - Collin - Creetown - Crocketford - Crossmichael - Dalbeattie - Dock Park, Dumfries - Dunscore - Eaglesfield - Eastriggs - Ecclefechan - Garlieston - Gatehouse of Fleet - Gelston - Georgetown - Glenluce - Gretna - Haugh of Urr - Heathhall - Hightae - Holywood - Johnstonebridge - Kelloholm - Kingholm Quay - Kirkbean - Kirkcolm - Kirkcowan - Kirkcudbright - Kirkinner - Kirkpatrick Fleming - Kirkton - Langholm - Lincluden - Locharbriggs - Lochfoot - Lochmaben - Lochside - Lockerbie - Moffat - Moniaive - New Abbey - New Galloway - New Luce - Newton Stewart - Palnackie - Parkgate - Penpont - Port William - Portpatrick - Sandhead - Sandside - Sanquhar - Springholm - St Johns Town of Dalry - Stranraer - Summerhill - Thornhill - Twynholm - Wanlockhead - Whithorn - Wigtown



CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SOCIAL WORK

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Our target groups were those children and families known to us in Social Work Services across the Region, including children in foster care, children with disabilities, leaving care, young people in residential, family support and our youth justice.

The number of young people that have had the opportunity to participate in the activities has been immense, with over 700 children and young people participating including their siblings and family network.

A range of activities have been delivered, structured around the age group of our children, and responding to what our children and young people asked for. These took the form of individual, groups and with siblings.

We integrated food into most activities in different forms, dependent on the activity – this was in the form of picnics and BBQs on the beach or on bus journeys, we also ensured children had an opportunity to eat out and in some cases we provided cash for the families to select where they wanted to eat out on a day trip or being able to enjoy a family meal at a local restaurant.

Examples of our activities are as follows –

- Purchase of equipment to support hobbies – gardening; painting; sports including golf, football, fishing
- Family tickets /passes to local attractions and days out
- Experiences - Horse riding, City day trips – Edinburgh Zoo, Bristol, Train and bus journey experiences, hair and beauty experience, dance lessons, cake decorating, animal therapy, driving, golden experience – Alpacas, Castle Cary Swim
- Beach day trips
- Cinema outings
- Railcards to enjoy time with friends
- Shopping trip

It has removed isolation, built family relations/bonds, allowed families to celebrate birthdays in a way that they never could have, quality time with siblings and the wider family network, allowed grandparents and carers some free quality time.

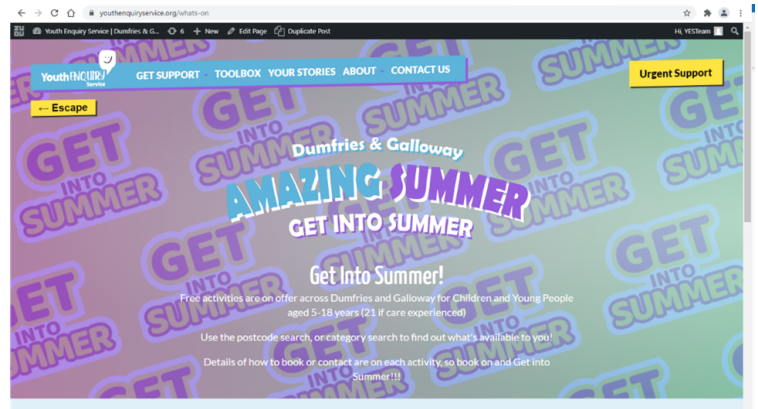
**OVER
700**

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATING
INCLUDING THEIR SIBLINGS AND FAMILY
NETWORK.**

MARKETING & PROMOTION

With a vast array of programmes and activities on offer across our region, a co-ordinated marketing and promotional campaign was created and delivered.

In terms of young people accessing all the information on what was on offer to them, a dedicated webpage was set up as the main access point to list all opportunities, and gave children and young people the option of listing information in relation to their home postcode (telling them how far away activities were from them) as well as allowing them to filter activities to suit their own interests, such as sports, arts, nature, outdoors.



From here, young people were able to get information on all the Get into Summer activities on offer and see information on how to book spaces on to activities.

As well as this Parent Club Scotland also provided links and information to this webpage.

As the Summer activities were aimed at children and young people, social media played a key role in promotion of activities. In order to have a co-ordinated approach to marketing and promotion, funded organisations were provided with social media copy and images that they used to market the programme. This ensured that messaging was consistent and in line with set branding guidelines provided by Scottish Government.

As well as this, local radio adverts were produced and delivered on West Sound radio throughout the Summer.







GET INTO SUMMER

Report on Dumfries & Galloway Summer Activities 2021

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