

Report of: South East Area Leader

Report to: Outer East Community Committee (Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Garforth & Swillington, Kippax & Methley, Temple Newsam)

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For decision

Children & Young People Engagement Event 25th October 2016: Temple Newsam Ward

Purpose of report

1. This report provides members with information and outcomes of a pilot children & young people's engagement event, which took place at Temple Moor High School on Tuesday 25th October 2016, and recommends further consideration of engagement of young people in the outer east by the children & families sub group.

Background

2. At an Outer East Community Committee children & families themed workshop young people said that they would like to engage with councillors to get their voices heard and their views recognised.
3. Members requested that a young person event be delivered in Temple Newsam ward which would seek to give young people a say about what activities they would like to take part in whilst providing an opportunity for local ward members to engage with young people.
4. At the 6th September 2016 Community Committee Members approved £1,000 of Wellbeing funding to support the delivery of the event during the October 2016 half term.
5. Communities Team South East worked closely with the Outer East Community Committee Children's Champion and ward members to agree the final format of the event.

Main issues

6. Outer East Community Committee approved £1,000 Wellbeing funding to support delivery of the event.
7. To keep costs to a minimum an innovative approach was developed and a notice inviting activity providers to take part in delivering a fun day for children & young people in the Temple Newsam ward of Leeds was placed on Breeze Culture Network.
8. Activity providers were informed that the event would provide an opportunity for children & young people to have a say on what activities they would like to take part in, with feedback being used to inform the 2017/18 Youth Activities Fund spend.
9. The request was met positively and the following organisations provided staff, activities and equipment on the day free of charge:

Activity Provider	Summary of Activity
Barca Leeds	<p>Providing an arts & crafts activity using “scrap”/recycled material to make various items to decorate the home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jars for vases - Bunting - Planters - Wall-art - Phone holders <p>Encouraging young people to think of creative ways to use waste, bettering their home environment as well as that of their community and wider city.</p>
Cycle Leeds	<p>Provided a fun balance bike session for younger children, with progression to Learn to Ride for those who wanted to start riding their bike without stabilisers.</p> <p>Learn to Ride sessions and fun skills with children and young people being taught how to safety check their bikes and taught some cycling skills basics progressing onto the circuit and obstacle course and playing a variety of bike games.</p>
DJ School UK	<p>Delivered a drop in style DJ workshop giving young people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an overview of the DJ equipment and shown how to mix the music • access to a large collection of music • Depending on how quickly participants grasped the skill they were shown more advanced techniques including beat-matching and scratching • Participants will be given information about what else is on offer in Leeds and the other projects and programmes available to children and young people.
Leeds City Council: Breeze team and Youth Service	<p>Providing an inflatable with slide, sumo suits and inflatable eliminator games. Providing fun and games for all ages.</p>

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The Works Skatepark Charity	Children and young people had an opportunity to try out scooters and skateboarding or practice their skills. The team taught young people how to skate safely and have fun.
Yorkshire Life Aquatics	<p>Delivered dryland synchronised swimming workshops which are fun movement and dance workshops creating patterns and formations together and making up routines as a group based on synchronised swimming moves.</p> <p>The workshops help encourage creativity and exercise using the theme of swimming, the sea, water, sea creatures, mermaids and pirates to create a movement piece to music.</p> <p>Using creativity to engage young people in physical exercise and working together as a team to create original performance helping to build confidence and promoting good physical and mental health.</p>

10. In addition to support from the above organisations, Leeds City Council Parks & Countryside, Leeds Play Network and Keepmoat attended on the day and facilitated a discussion with parents/carers about local green space, new developments in the area and how to close streets to facilitate street play.
11. The day started at 10.00 am with children & young people engaging in the activities for an hour before being asked to take part in the consultation with local ward members.
12. Lunch was provided followed by a short ward member Q&A session and prize draw before young people took part in activities on offer and making a vote for their favourite activity before they left.
13. The event was ultimately delivered at a cost of £420.16. This was achieved by securing the venue and activities free of charge. The ultimate cost of catering was reduced by 50% due to an error made by the catering company, resulting in a reduction of £250.
14. **Appendix 1** provides an analysis of the consultation. This will be presented to the Children & Families sub group and will help ensure that activities funded through the Outer East Youth Activities Fund 2017/18 are what children & young people have said they would like to take part in.

Considerations

15. Whilst there have been similar events held across the city, this event was the first in this format which incorporated:
- a. a range of activities for children & young people to try;
 - b. consultation with children and young people;
 - c. consultation with parents/carers;
 - d. prize draw; and
 - e. delivered during a school holiday.
16. To attract children & young people into school premises during a school holiday was a challenge and it is recognised that the event would not have been as successful had activity providers not given their time and equipment free of charge.
17. Particular thanks go to Temple Newsam Learning Partnership and activity providers for providing the venue and activities free of charge resulting in a low-cost event. A good range of prizes were also secured free of charge, such as Leeds United and Leeds Rhinos family tickets to home games, Meet the Keeper at Temple Newsam, Sainsbury's hamper and £20 Asda gift voucher. Other prizes included £15 high street vouchers and Vue cinema tickets.
18. It is estimated that the total real cost would have been in excess of £5,000.

Recommendations

19. Members are asked to:
- a. Note the content of the report; and
 - b. Request the Outer East Children and Families Sub Group consider further means of engagement of children and young people in the outer east.

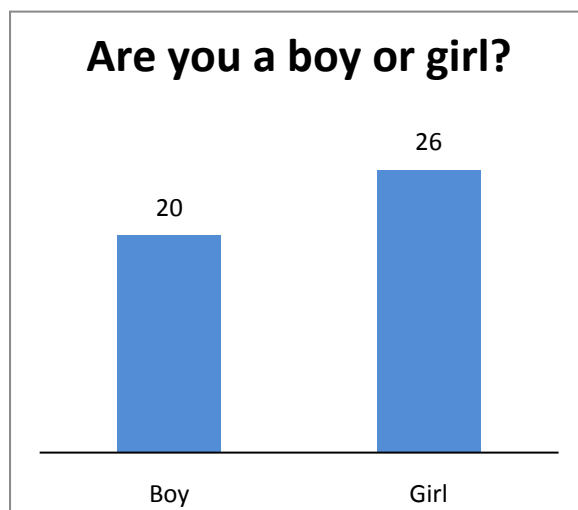
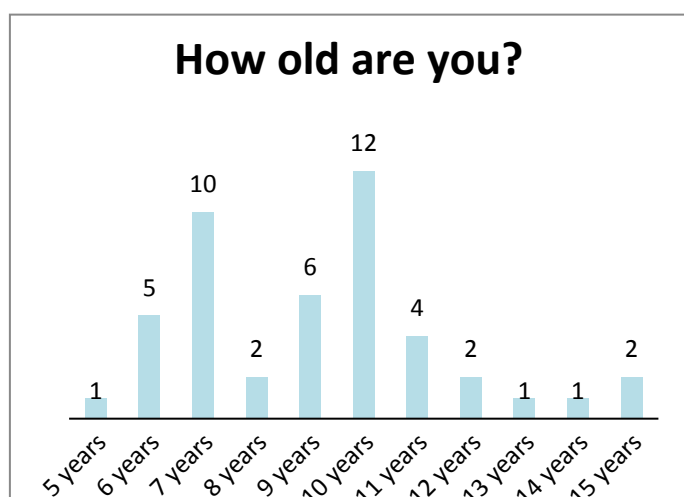
Background information

20. There are no background documents associated with this report.

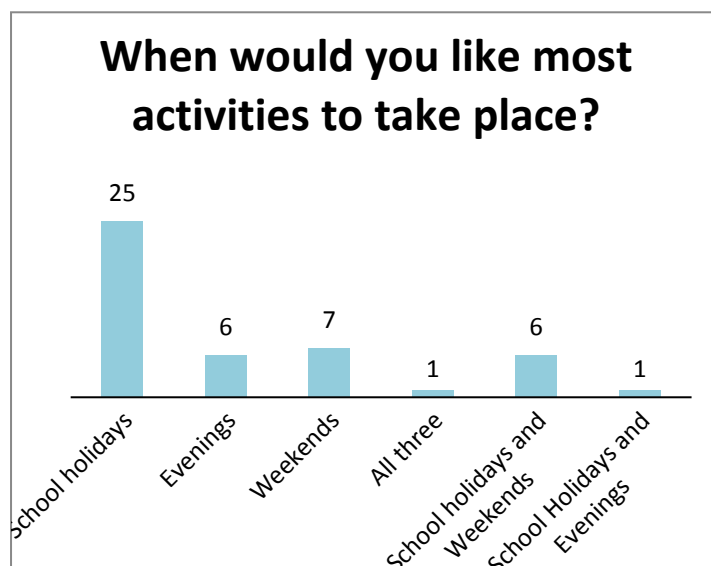
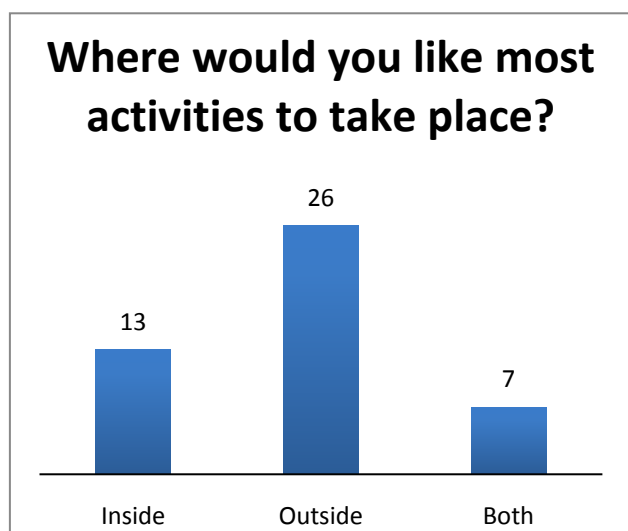
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Tuesday 25th October 2016
Consultation results**

1. 158 people attended on the day and 46 children aged 5-15 took part in the consultation element of the day. A total of 56 voting slips were also completed.

Age and genders of the young people attending



Where and when children & young people want activities

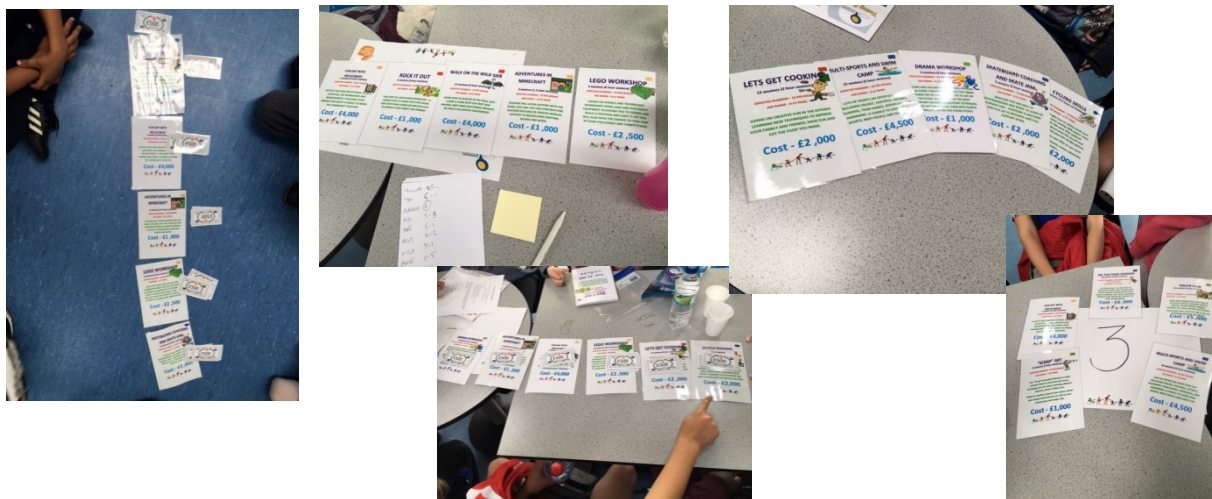


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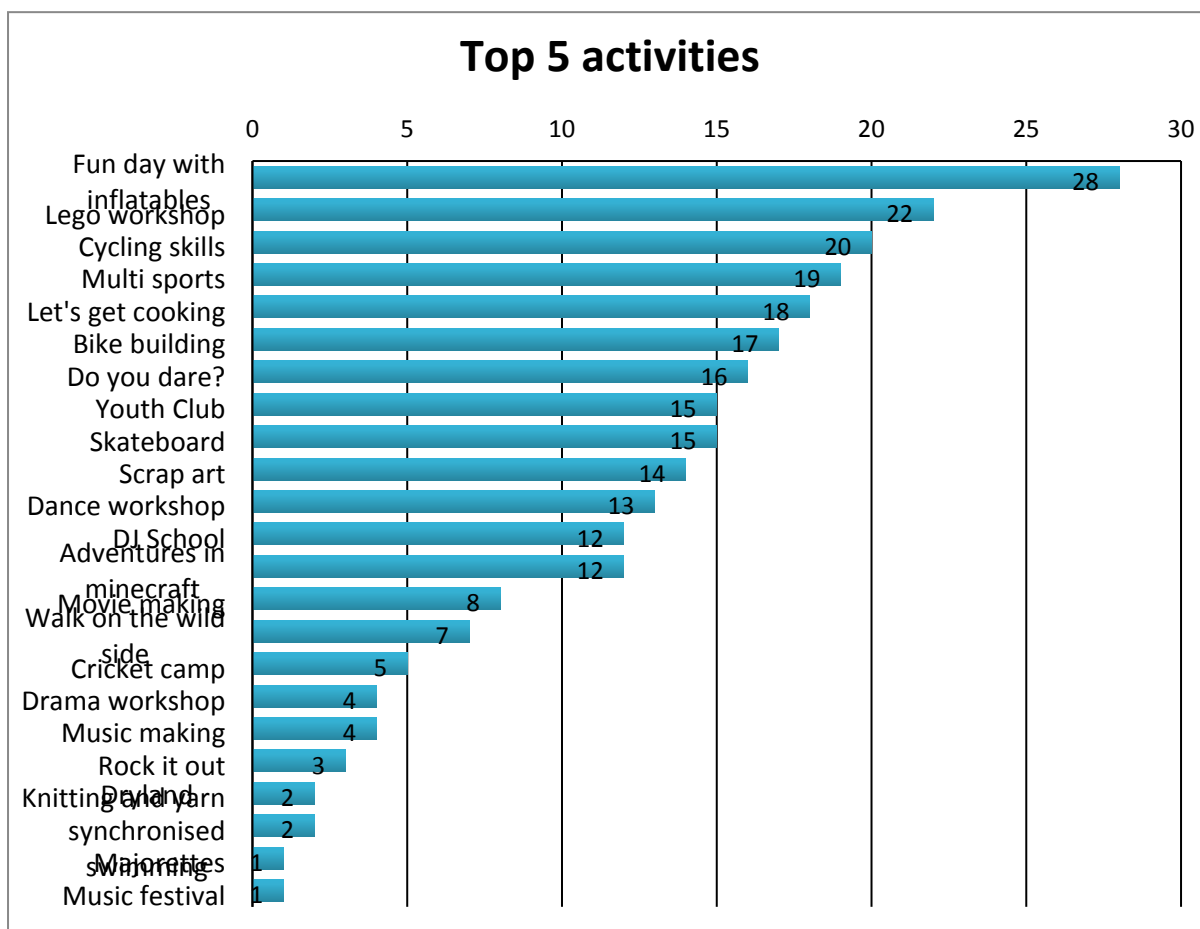
2. Attendees were asked to map out where they lived and where they play/socialise. The blue dots indicate where people live and red where they socialise. This is included at **Appendix 2**.

Activity ratings

3. During the consultation activity, children & young people were asked to consider a range of activities and associated costs and were asked to put them in their order of preference. Children & young people were also given an opportunity to vote for their top 5 activities before leaving the event and after sampling some of the activities on offer.



4. The following chart highlights activities that children & young people said they would like to take part in.



Parent/carer discussion

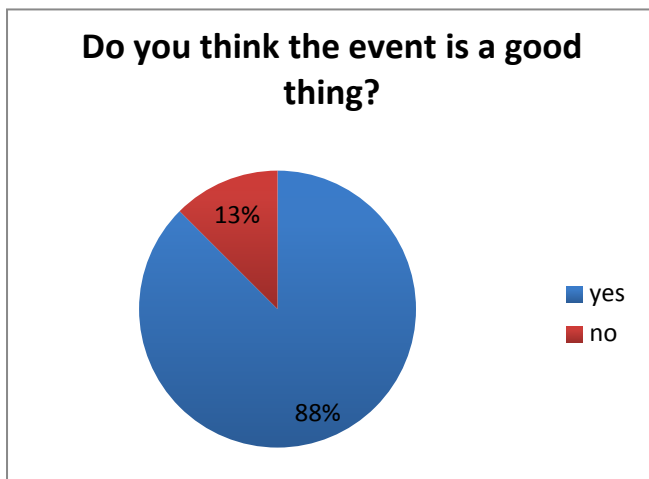
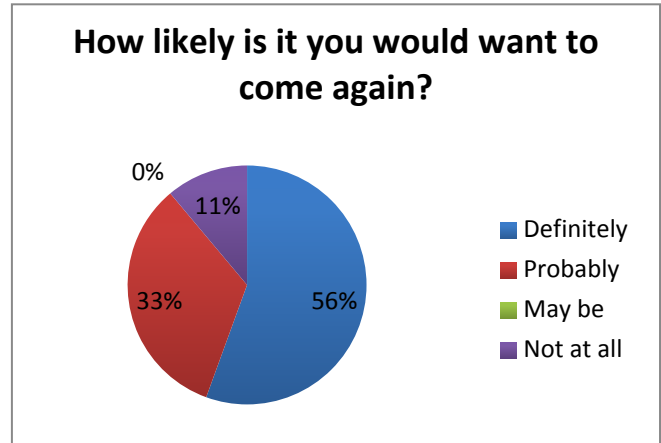
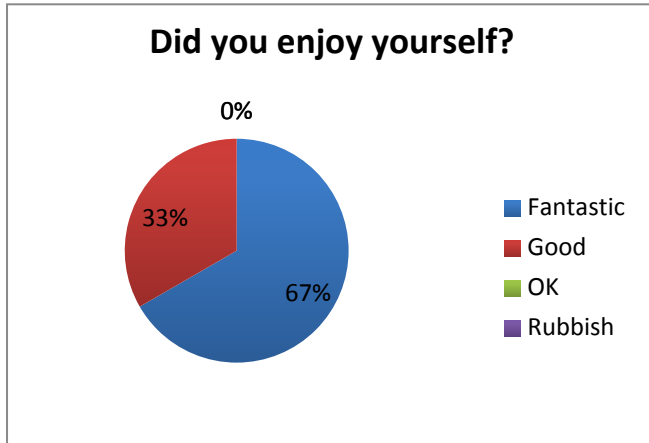
5. Whilst children & young people were taking part in the youth activity fund consultation, parents and carers had an opportunity to speak with Parks & Countryside, Leeds Play Network and Keepmoat.
6. Discussions focused on making the best use of existing green space, how to close streets to enable street play and future developments in the Temple Newsam ward. A summary of comments follows:

<p>What we don't want:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-social behaviour from young adults – swearing, drugs, drinking in parks • Dogs not being kept on lead • Dog fouling • Rubbish, litter, broken glass left in parks (particularly Grove Park) 	<p>What we do want:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benches and tables for picnics and to supervise children in park area • Fenced play areas to keep dogs out (safety issue) • Planned holiday activities • Outdoor gym equipment • Skate Park • Designated dog areas • Jogging / walking tracks • Some kind of supervision/visibility in parks – ideally Park Ranger, possibly Youth Services • Need for the sites to be staffed – site based gardener • Signage in parks detailing contact information to report damage/crime/rubbish/anti-social behaviour
<p>Ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Price tags etched on equipment so children are aware of cost and hopefully prevent vandalism • Play leaders/rangers to support 'how to encourage play' initiatives – monthly sessions that area organised and encourage community engagement • Possible community 'friends of' schemes to look after to parks • Work in schools and Children's Centres – 'Look after your Park' – encourage pride in green space • Supply of equipment to litter pick without risk of injury to members of the community 	

Evaluation

7. Those who attended the event received a personal letter from the Children's Champion thanking them for attending the event and asking them to give their views on the day. To date 9 completed forms have been returned:

Children & young people feedback



What part of the day did you enjoy most?

- Bike riding
- Suits and bouncy castle slide
- Skateboarding
- Lunch, sumo, cycling
- Bouncy castles/bikes/scooters

What part of the day did you like least

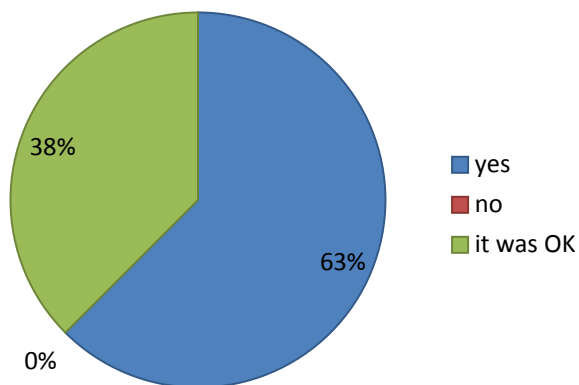
- Nothing really
- Consultation
- missing the raffle
- the consultation was boring!
- lunch
- None

How could we make it better?

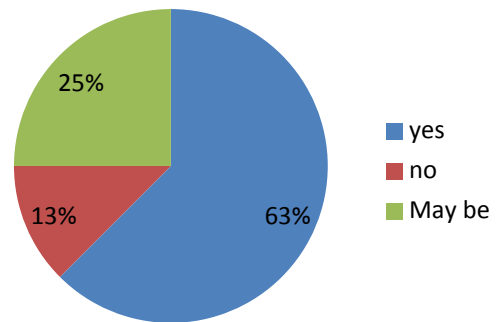
- Playing football
- I don't know
- more activities
- Having more activities on offer and a gift for us also at the end
- Don't know
- More often
- In 2 hours

Parent/carer feedback

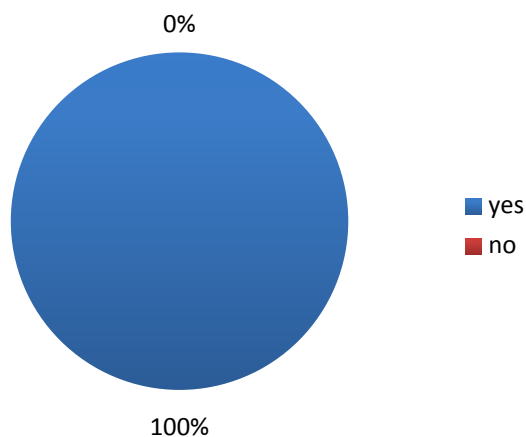
Did you/your family have a good day?



Are you likely to attend a similar event in the future?



Do you think this event was a good thing?



What part of the day did you enjoy most?

- Seeing my daughter ride a bike properly for the first time
- The whole day was great for the children
- Sports hall activities
- Seeing and hearing the kids having a good time
- Being able to leave them and hearing they'd had a good time
- My daughter learned to ride a bicycle by her self - excellent!

What part of the day did you like least?

- The raffle to be more organized
- The timing of the meeting with councillors and the raffle were not as timed and location
- Missing raffle as the time was changed without informing us
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- None
- Not made clear what the day was about - no real structure

How could we make it better?

- For raffle to put names on tickets
- Cups were very limited at lunch/more activities
- Better communication during the day
- More often
- Less hours, more organised, more things to do, less formal consultation. You could just go around chatting to parents/carers. The raffle was a mess.

8. Children & young people who attended received a certificate as a thank you for taking part:



Some photos from the day

