

Extended Services and Summer Activities 2008

Summary

Clusters currently largely receive funding for coordination of extended services but not for activity programmes. However, all 39 clusters, across all five wedges of Leeds, were involved in assisting with the coordination and signposting of publicity for summer holiday provision by a wide range of Council agencies, other partner services, voluntary, charitable and private organisations.

Children Leeds funding to two wedges – South and North West – assisted them in providing for children, young people and families a detailed brochure of what activities were available. Successful bids for other funding, e.g. Lottery, Sure Start, supported some clusters in providing a local programme of activities. Clusters publicised all these activities in newsletters and/or on their websites and collaborated with other service providers to help ensure the messages went to as wide a range of local children and families as possible.

Altogether, Extended Services was able to promote the provision of a very diverse range of over 30 sporting activities as well as around 50 other types of opportunity for personal learning, enjoyment and achievement.

Some of the sporting activities publicised in clusters

Archery	Go-carting	Rounders
Badminton	Golf	Rugby
Basketball	Gymnastics	Sailing
BMX	Horse-riding	Self-defence
Bowling	Ice-skating	Skateboarding
Boxing	Martial arts	Snooker
Canoeing/kayaking	Multi-sports	Swimming
Climbing	Netball	Table tennis
Cricket	Orienteering	Taekwondo
Duke of Edinburgh	Outdoor pursuits	Tennis
Football – boys, girls	Roller-skating	

Some of the other activities publicised in clusters

Ancient Egypt club	Games events	Photo competitions
Art workshops	Girls groups	Poetry workshops
Bug hunts	Green safari	Railway museum visits
Careers drop-ins	Health drop-ins	Reading fun & events
Cheerleading	ICT workshops	Street play
Circus workshops	Inflatable fun	Science experiences
Colour fun workshop	Kirkstall Abbey tours	Theatre workshops
Creative arts clubs	Knowsley safari park visits	Treasure hunts
Curators club	Library visits & events	The Deep visit
Dance groups & clubs	Lights Camera Action	Tots groups
Discovery clubs	Maths summer school	Victorian workshops
DJ workshops	Mill children workshop	Video production
Drums workshops	Multi-media workshops	Wildlife Trust visits
Elven workshop	Museum visits	Young men's groups
Family fun events	Music production	Youth cafes
Film workshops	Painting workshops	Youth clubs

Some of these were available for disabled young people, including sailing and canoeing

Some of the services involved in extended provision

Provision came from many services and agencies; this list gives just a flavour of the range:

Breeze	Library Services
Children's Centres	PCT
City Learning Centres	Pre-School Learning Alliance
Early Years	Schools
Education Leeds, e.g ArtForms	Social Care
Hunslet Hawks	Sports Centres
Leeds Play Network	Study Support Centres
Leeds Rhinos	Voluntary organisations, e.g. Re'new
Leeds United	Youth Services
Leisure Services	

Age Ranges

Activities were targeted at a wide age range. Using the North West and South wedge brochures as illustrative of citywide provision:

<u>NW</u>	<u>South</u>	
2%	5%	were targeted at the under-5s
42%	26%	were targeted at children 5 to 11 years
54%	33%	were targeted at young people 11 to 16 years
4%	23%	were open to all age groups

Locations of Events

A range of locations was used. Using the North West and South wedge brochures as illustrative of citywide provision:

<u>NW</u>	<u>South</u>	
15%	16%	were school-based
8%	16%	were library-based
7%	30%	were youth centre-based
4%	n/k	were in children's centres

Overall, in each wedge four out of five (81% and 84%) activities were in community locations, including the four city learning centres.

Costs

Some events carried a charge, others were free. Using the North West and South wedge brochures as illustrative of citywide provision:

<u>NW</u>	<u>South</u>	
53%	59%	of activities had a cost, of which
41%	40%	of these were £5 or under
46%	41%	were free, or free with Breezecard

Targeting of activities or opportunities

Some of this information is difficult to obtain as it is not always widely publicised to a group that they have been specially selected. Examples of targeted groups included:

- Activities targeted at children/young people with special educational needs
- Activities targeted at disaffected or excluded children /young people
- Multi-sports activities targeted at Gifted and Talented pupils
- Motorbike sessions targeted at non-engaging young people

- Playschemes and other activities targeted at super-output areas
- Children and young people targeted to support access into universal activities
- Inactive communities or young people were targeted in several inner-city clusters

Number of places available

It is difficult to give any accurate figures for this as many of the advertised activities do not provide a target limit for numbers. When each service has reported on the actual numbers attending each activity it would be easier to assess the overall provision across the city.

We have figures that show least 1200 places were available across the East wedge. From the breadth and range of opportunities that our multi-agency partners provided it would seem reasonable to indicate at least 5000 places were available citywide.

We already know from our partners in the city learning centres and study support centres that around 650 children and young people, aged from 8 to 13 years, attended a variety of courses that used the specialist facilities they have available, involving the majority of secondary schools and many primary schools. Some students gained ICT accreditation from their work, e.g. NCFE Level 2 Certificate in Interactive Media.

Feedback

Although many services have yet to provide their analyses of how their summer provision was received, we know that at least one parent from Bramley summed up what was on offer in her child's cluster:

"The digital photography and ICT was very interesting, the Indian head massage was fantastic and relaxing, the grounds and facilities were brilliant – and to say that everything was free! The kids loved the park and the castle, seeing wildlife (squirrels, deer and a fox). A brilliant experience and I would love to come again. Thank you."

And consultation with parents from the Temple Newsam cluster told us:

"Excellent big range of activities. Never known so many activities in this area."

"Very good, I'm very impressed that there is so much on offer as the summer is a very long time to keep them occupied".

"I think it is really great and very educational. It's good that they are putting things on for families."

We have more feedback about summer activities in the Extended Services e-newsletter issue 3, to be published on Infobase and the Education Leeds website before the end of September.