

## Youth Activities Fund Update

This update provides the Inner West Community Committee with a summary of the 15 Youth Activity Fund projects that have been funded during the 2014/15 financial, some of which were also supported by the Bramley Cluster. Overall the majority of projects have been a great success, however a couple had very low attendance, one has not provided an update, and three are facing issues which have affecting their delivery.

### Projects funded

Activity & Organisation	Ward	Council	B Cluster	No's YP*
Herd Farm mini residential + 3 on site activity days	A&B	3136		
EQ Music summer holiday music making programme	A&B	1000	1000	
Mini Breeze Armley and Bramley	A&B	1875	1875	915
#Breeze games outdoor sessions in the Wythers	A	1400	1400	
AIM Education summer holiday rugby camps	B	2014	2014	40
Barca 'Get Outdoors' sessions for 8-11 yrs	B	1850	1850	36
Barca summer holiday trips for 11-17 yrs	B	2538		38
Sk8 Safe learn to skate	B	568	568	15**
Fairfield Community centre weekly craft sessions for 8-11	B	525	525	44
Leeds Play Network outdoor play session	A&B	1050	1050	8
New Wortley Community Centre performing arts club	A	1557		24**
Christ Church Youth Project summer trips & activities	A	3623		69
Armley Saturday Night Project	A	4107		95
YMCA holiday activities	K	2505		42
Burley Chatterbooks with Burley Lodge Centre	K	895		8

\* Number of young people attending project

\*\* Estimated attendance based on informal update, full monitoring not yet received

### Delivery

#### 1) Herd Farm mini residential & on site activity sessions

This has not been progressed as Herd Farm advised that they need support from a youth service provider to support the residential and on site activity days (not specified in the application form). As partners were unable to support the residential due to other commitments, it is recommended that this project be decommissioned.

#### 2) EQ Media summer holiday music making sessions

The company did not progress this project and offered no reason for this. Recommend decommissioning.

#### 3) Mini Breeze Bramley Park & Armley Park

Two Mini Breeze events were held on Bramley Park on 26<sup>th</sup> July and Armley Park on 26<sup>th</sup> August. Activities included fun inflatables, arts & crafts, circus skills, beauty, sports and multi-media. Attendance for Bramley was 484 and Armley 431

#### 4) #Breeze Games at the Wythers

Breeze only had capacity during the holidays to deliver on Friday afternoons which clashed with the Youth Service mobile holiday programme in the same location. It was agreed to wait and start the

sessions on Saturday mornings in September, but an issue with the Breeze van meant this was delayed.

#### **5) Aim Education Summer Holiday Camps**

AIM ran five week long activity camps, two at Stanningley Rugby Club and three at Hollybush Primary school. Not all monitoring has been submitted, but the overall attendance for the whole project was 50.

#### **6) Barca 'Get Outdoors' sessions for 8-11 yrs**

The project ran for three days a week for the first four weeks of the summer holidays at either Hunter Greve or Bramley Fall Park. The overall attendance over the four weeks was 202 with 36 individual children participating. They enjoyed a range of outdoor activities including den building, outdoor cooking, scavenger hunts and a pirate party. Funding for this project also supported the seaside themed family fun day at the end of August.

#### **7) Barca summer holiday trips for 11-17yrs**

Over the summer holidays Barca ran five trips to water ski-ing, ice skating, aerial extreme, Alhambra theatre and Flamingo Land. Overall 70 places were filled by 38 individual young people. The feedback from the trips has been extremely positive and it was agreed that an underspend could be used to hire a mobile ice skating rink for the Broadleas last December.

#### **8) Sk8 Safe learn to skate**

Sessions ran for the first six weeks of the term with 24 young people aged between 11 and 15 attending overall.

#### **9) Fairfield Community centre weekly craft sessions for 8-11**

The community centre entertained 44 children over six afternoon sessions with workers from SCRAP helping them to create arts and crafts to take home.

#### **10) Leeds Play Network outdoor play sessions**

The Bramley sessions were held on Broadlea Road, Raynville Road, Bramley Park and Stanningley Park. Unfortunately attendance was very low, with five on Broadlea Road, one on Raynville Road and nobody at Bramley or Stanningley parks. The venues were confirmed too late to publicise through the schools, but were chosen as places where numbers of young people live or gather. Whilst there were children around, they were unwilling to engage and a bit suspicious. The organisation delivered as contracted but it seems that young people need a bit more information, and wouldn't voluntarily attend unannounced pop up and play provision.

#### **11) New Wortley Community Centre performing arts club**

Final monitoring not received but we have fantastic written feedback from the participants who highlighted how their confidence has grown and how much they enjoyed the sessions.

#### **12) Christ Church Youth Group summer trips and in house activities**

The organisation ran trips to Chester Zoo, Kayaking and York plus in house activities at their base in Armley including tournaments, a movie / quiz and a drop in play session. Overall 68 young people attended, although across the activities attendance was patchy with those aimed at the younger end much better attended than those for the older age group where individuals signed up for activities but did not attend.

### **13) Saturday Night Project continuation**

This project was to keep the popular sports and arts activity at Armley Leisure Centre going until the end of the summer term rather than ending in April. Monitoring received showed, attendance for the juniors continued at a high rate, up to 80 a week however the seniors dropped to an average of 15 during July from 23.

### **14) YMCA Holiday activities**

The project funded two Sports Spectacular days, one at Easter and one during the summer where children could try a range of sports, encouraging those who don't usually practice sports to join in. Nine young people attended at Easter and fourteen came to the summer event. The project also ran a playscheme for one week at Easter and three weeks in the summer. The average attendance per day for was ten for Easter and nine for summer.

### **15) Burley Chatterbooks**

This project held seven activity sessions at Burley Library on alternate Wednesdays after school from March to June. Participants tried book related art, crafts and writing activities. Overall eight children aged 9 and 10 participated in the sessions including on one week four non-English speakers. Attendance was patchy, perhaps because it was held on alternate weeks. Feedback from participants was excellent with some now using the library regularly.