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Report to: Inner North East Community Committee (Chapel Allerton, Moortown, Roundhay)

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Inner North East – YAF Summer Activities 2017/18

Purpose of report

1. This report provides members with feedback and information regarding the Summer Activities that were funded by the Inner North East Community Committee using Youth Activity Funding (YAF) in 2017/18.

The report also provides feedback and information from the Inner North East Youth Summit which took place on 17th January 2018. The Youth Summit was held in order to consult local young people on what activities they would like to see in the area. This information will be used to inform spend of the 2018/19 Inner North East Youth Activity Fund allocation.

Background

2. In May 2013 the delivery of the Youth Activity Fund (YAF) for children and young people was delegated to Area Committees (now Community Committees). The task was to promote, commission and evaluate local opportunities for children and young people aged 8-17 years in line with the needs and priorities of the area. “Activity” is defined as play, sports, arts and cultural opportunities.
3. For the 2017/18 municipal year the total Youth Activity Fund budget for the 10 Community Committees was reduced by approximately 10% and was then distributed based on the latest population figures for 8-17 year olds. Due to a drop in the number of young people aged 8-17 residing in the Inner North East area, the reduction on the previous year’s figure was 14.17%.

4. The Inner North East allocation for the 2017/18 Youth Activity Fund was £39,790 which together with an underspend of £3,398 from 2016/17 gave a total of £43,188 to spend in 2017/18 on activities for children and young people. The bulk of this funding (£40,840) was allocated towards projects that delivered activities for young people in the summer school holiday.

Recommendations

5. That members note the contents of the report and make comment where appropriate

YAF Funded Summer Activities 2017/18

6. 11 summer activities were funded by the Inner North East Community Committee in 2017/18 and it is those projects that are the focus of this report. Across the 11 projects, approximately 2,350 places were funded for young people and activities included sports, cycling, dance, circus skills, and music. 1 additional project was funded from Wellbeing.
7. The 11 YAF funded summer activities offered provision across all three Inner North East Wards (Chapel Allerton, Moortown, Roundhay). In addition, whilst the bulk of the activities took place in the four week period between 31st July and 27th August, there was at least 1 activity in each of the 6 weeks of the school break.
8. A summary of the activities and key information including amount of funding allocated, sessions provided and number of young people that accessed the provision is contained in Appendix 1. More detailed monitoring can be provided for individual projects on request.

Peer Inspections

9. During the summer of 2017 a group of young people were supported by the Communities Team Voice and Influence officers to carry out peer inspections of Youth Activity Fund (YAF) projects across the city. The young people met on a monthly basis and planned the delivery of the inspections. The summer peer inspections included a mystery shopper and future activity questionnaire to aid in future activity needed and gain the views of children attending the activities.
10. Throughout summer 2017, 10 young people undertook peer inspections across the city. They were aged 8-17 years and representative of young people in Leeds. Thirteen days were spent carrying out peer inspections, visiting a total of 36 activities across the city.
11. The peer inspection team experienced the range and diversity of projects taking place across the city. The consultation provided the foundations for a more commissioned approach to the Youth Activity Funding, ensuring we are putting the right activities in

the right place at the right time. This process enabled young people to experience the activities they inspected; the benefits to young people and the enthusiasm that the staff brought. Young people completed their Leeds Youth Award level 1 and level 2 leading the inspections and increasing their learning in the community.

12. Information regarding the peer inspections that took place in the Inner North East area is contained in Appendix 2 of this report. 8 activities were inspected with 248 young people taking part, 36 staff and more than 20 volunteers supporting.
13. For the activities in the Inner North East area, 21 children and young people took part in the mystery shopping questionnaires and were able to express how they felt about the activity anonymously. Children's experiences overall were very positive and suggestions for improvement were fed back to the providers.
14. ENE Communities Team Area Officers were informed of visits and invited to attend along with elected members. Updates of progress or any delivery issues were fed back and providers were signposted to the relevant colleagues for support or changes to their delivery. All but 1 of the YAF funded activities in the Inner North East area were inspected by Communities Team officers accompanied by elected members.

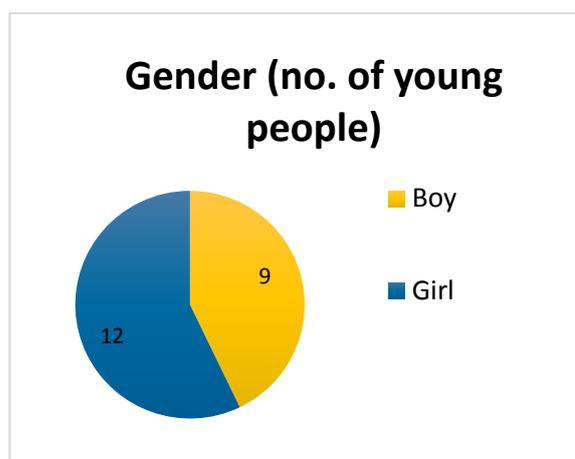
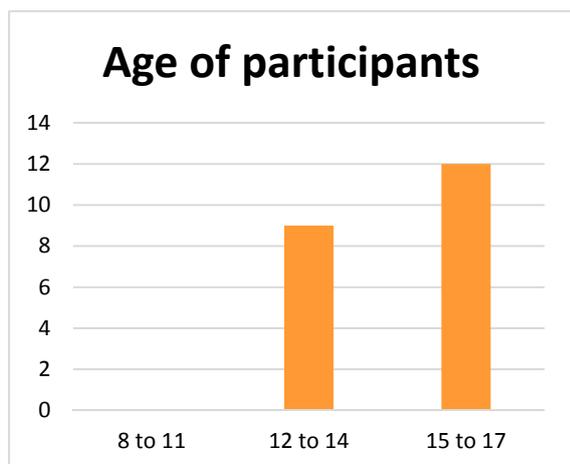
Inner North East Youth Summit

15. The delegated youth activity fund also requires the engagement and participation of children and young people in the decision making and evaluation of the fund. The Inner North East Community Committee approved the funding of a Youth Summit from the Youth Activity Fund to consult local children and young people with the support of local partner organisations.
16. The first INE Youth Summit was held in January 2017 at RJC Dance's studios at the Mandela Centre. The event was a big success and led to the model being approved for 2018 in order to capture the views of young people
17. The East North East Communities Team coordinated the event to engage local partners supporting their children and young people to attend the event. Partners were invited to provide activities in the market place space at the event for young people to see and experience the range of activities available to them in the Inner North East area.
18. The Youth Summit was held at the Egan Suite of the Sheepscar Club on 17th January 2018. Approximately 34 young people and 25 adults attended from 14 community partner organisations. Partners included; Meanwood Amateur Boxing Club, RJC dance, First Base, Getaways Girls, ACES, North Leeds Music Centre, Cyclops Pedal Power, Gipsil, Feel Food Factor, LCC Youth Service, Leeds Street Doctors, Playhouse Youth and PHAB.

19. The schedule of the event included inspiring young people telling their stories and a performance from young people coming together through music and dance, doing an improvised version of 'Cha Cha slide'. The event was hosted by Richard Cracknell from Children's Services and a local young person, Sharanpreet, who also DJed at the event. All young people who attended were entered in a free prize draw and three lucky winners walked away with a £20 Trinity Shopping Voucher.
20. The focal point for the event was the consultation exercise carried out in groups with young people. The exercise included having a budget of £35,000 in monopoly money and a range of real activities with costings available across the city as examples. The young people had to spend their £35,000 and prioritise the activities. This gave an indication of the types of activities young people would like in the Inner North East area.
21. In addition, young people were given the option of designing their own activity and one group suggested a Hair & Beauty activity. Communities Team officers have already started to explore options and contact has been made with Leeds City College to see if they could work in partnership to facilitate a project. Another suggestion from young people at the event was Coding and this information has been included in the 2018 INE YAF funding round advert.

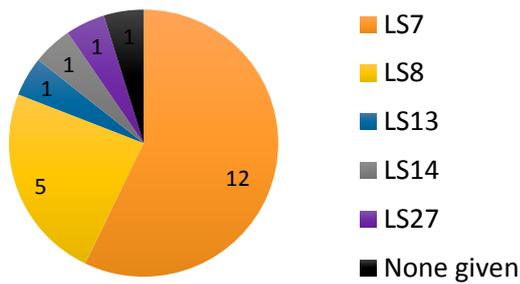
Findings

22. Young people mapped where they live (red dots) and where they hang out (blue dots). The majority of young people hang out in parks, playing fields, schools and recreation grounds in their community.
23. Young people were asked to feedback when and where they would like activities to take place and 21 young people completed the feedback forms. The following data was compiled from the feedback:

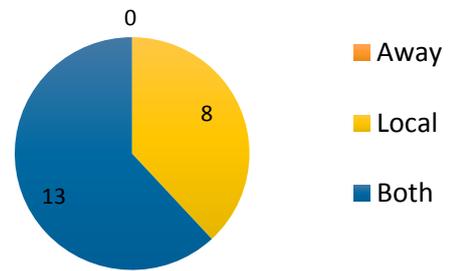


0% of the young people were age 7-11 years, 43% of young people were age 12-14 years old and 57% were age 15-17. 43% boys attended the event and 57% girls.

Postcodes of participants (no.)

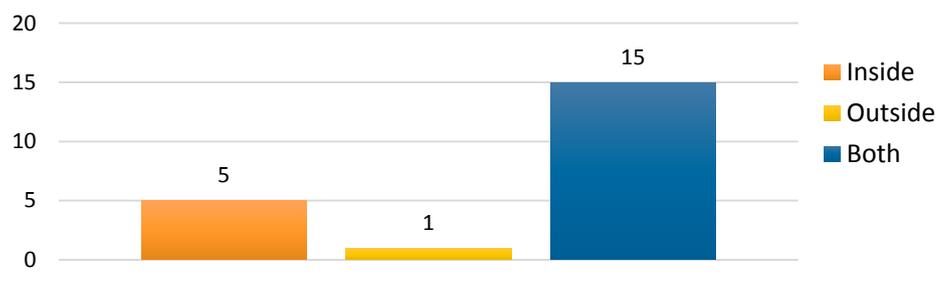


Would you like activities in your local are or away from where you live? (no)



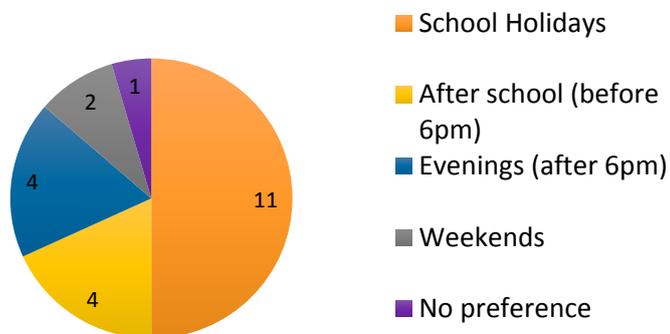
0% would like the activities only in their community, 38% would like activities away from where they live, and 62% wanted activities both in and away from their community.

Where would you like activities to take place?

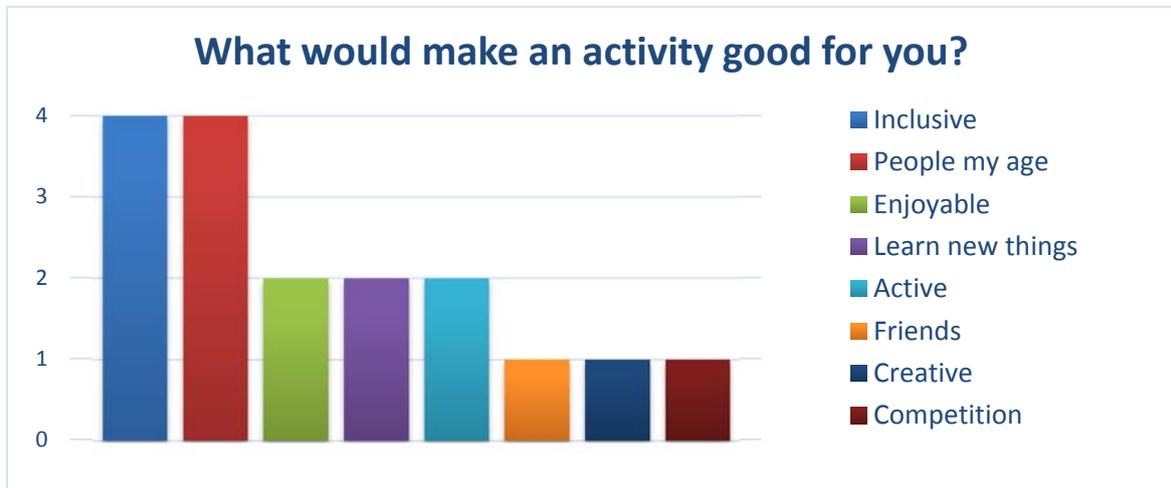


5% of young people would like activities outside, 24% would like activities indoors and 71% would like them both indoors and outdoors.

When would you like activities to take place?



50% would like activities in the school holidays, 18% would like them after school, 18% would like activities in the evening and 9% would like them on a weekend. 5% had no preference when activities took place.



The top things that would make an activity good are that they are inclusive and that everyone can join in (24%) and that people of their own age can attend (24%).

24. All 21 young people attending took part in the consultation exercise which highlighted the types of activity in order of preference that young people would like to take part in across the area.

Conclusions

25. The results of the consultation suggested a focus on the following youth activity fund priorities for 2018/19

- a. A variety of projects inside and outdoors
- b. Activities in the local area and some away from where young people live.
- c. Deliver activities in the school holidays primarily and after school and evenings, with less activity delivered during the weekend.
- d. Ensure the activities are inclusive so that everyone can attend including peers.

An emphasis on the top 10 activities which include:

1. Music
2. Dance
3. Youth Club
4. Multi Sports
5. Arts & Crafts
6. Cooking
7. Fun days with Inflatables
8. DJ/production
9. Outdoor Adventure
10. Skateboarding/Coding

26. The top 10 list of activities was used in the 2018 Summer Activities funding round advert that was sent to Inner North East partners and contacts on 31st January 2018,

advertised through the Breeze Culture Network and on the Inner North East Community Committee social media pages.

Lessons Learned

27. Following the success of the 2017 Youth Summit, the numbers of young people present at the 2018 event were much lower which was disappointing. Young people accessing the event hinges on support from the Providers and there was a notable reduction in the number of local youth activity providers supporting the event this year. Due to the good turnout in 2017 it is possible there was a hint of complacency that providers would support the event in the same way. A full debrief of the event has taken place and further comments will be collected from youth providers, young people and elected members to identify any areas for improvement or reasons why the event did not see the engagement level of the previous year.
28. Discussions have already taken place with Members of the Wellbeing Advisory Group around options to address the reduced numbers of young people at the Summit. Clearly more sustained work must be done with providers, convincing them of the benefits of the event and their vital role in supporting young people to have a voice and influence. Aspects such as the venue and the time of year will be considered to see whether changes need to be made, possibly bringing the summit into late summer/autumn.
29. In terms of the funding process, the benefits of a more planned and robust approach were clearly demonstrated this year. Applicants were notified of their success much earlier allowing more time for planning, organisation and promotion. Inspections were planned and undertaken on all but one of the funded activities, allowing elected members to see the activities first hand and speak to young people taking part.
30. This year the funding round notification has included information about the Youth Summit, its importance in giving young people a voice and influence, and the need for providers to support young people to access consultation. More intensive work will be done with providers throughout the year to ensure that they are involved with and supportive of the next Youth Summit event. Additional opportunities will be identified for consultation such as events or through schools to supplement the Youth Summit data.

Recommendations

31. That Members note the content of the report and make comment where appropriate.