



INVESTING IN CHILDREN

Membership Evaluation

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PROJECT NAME Edward Lloyd Trust – Saturday Morning Club

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SUMMARY OF EVALUATION

Sector Youth Provision
Ages 13-19 years
Area City
Ward Westgate

Number of beneficiaries



Evaluation for Investing in Children membership:

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For the purpose of this evaluation I had the opportunity to meet with Liam, Daniel, Marie, Amber, John, Charlie, Ian, and Lindsay to talk about the Saturday Morning Club and how they are involved in the decision making at the project.

Edward Lloyd's Trust has developed a Saturday morning club for young people with learning and physical disabilities.

The trust, through funding from Newcastle Social Services and the Children's Fund has run the club successfully for the last four years. The club caters for young people between the ages of eight and fourteen and is situated at Gosforth East Middle School in Newcastle. The club can allow 25 young people to access the project at any one time.

The focus of the club is based around play, with a range of activities structured around what the young people want to do during their leisure time.

Most members of the club are involved in sessions based around what they as individuals and as a group want to do and in many cases they make the decisions regarding what happens at the club.

Opportunities for Dialogue

Circle Time

Daniel told me, " ***We meet and talk to staff about what we want to do***" Daniel called this, "***the big meeting***", Lindsay called it "***circle time***".

During this time all the young people are encouraged to tell the staff what they want to do at the club and what activities and trips they want to go on. This encourages dialogue which then leads to change in what the club offers to different children who attend.

Diary Keeping

Some young people at the end of each session take time out to complete the diary with the support of staff. They explain what they have done during the session, like what Darryl had put in his, "We ***enjoyed making snowballs and throwing them. After lunch Darryl enjoyed playing with the dough using different equipment***". (Quote taken from Darryl's diary 25/2/06)

Daniel's said "***I played football and wrestling with my friend John, and tennis with Amber***". (Quote taken from Daniel's diary 11/3/06)

Dialogue and Change

Every Child Matters Planning

Amber told me, "We talked about what we wanted at the tuck-shop". The club encourages young people to speak about what they want. The young people decided what healthy living foods they wanted at the tuck shop. They also asked for and got a smoothie making machine.

Trips

Daniel told me, "We tell staff where we want to go". Marie added, "We have been to MacDonald's and the Cinema". The club also have been to the Tynemouth Aquarium and Flamingoland, which they requested.

Equipment

Members of the club chose what equipment they would like. John explained, "***I went to Woolworths to pick out toys***" All the young people stated which Nintendo games they wanted and other basic equipment, such as colour pens. Amber said "***We went shopping and chose what the group wanted***". Some of the group also plan which activities they want to do, such as the activity day at Newbury Leisure Centre.

Rules

Charlie told me "***We came up with the rules for the club***". Ian told me some of the rules they have come up with which were, "***be nice to people, no running in corridors, be nice to staff***".

Listening to us Group

A group of young people at the club are making a video about young people in wheelchairs. Lindsay explained, "***It's to show how hard it is to get kids who are in wheelchairs out and about***". The young people are coming up with their own ideas about the video.

Edward Lloyd's Trust provides opportunities for young people to get involved in dialogue and make changes based on what they want to do at the club. For this reason I would recommend that the club receives Investing in Children Membership and look forward to evaluating the project next year.

I would like to finish by saying thank you to all the young people and staff for supporting me with the membership and finish by saying well done to all at the Saturday Morning Club.

This report has been read and agreed by the following young people Amber, Marie, Daniel Ian and John.