



Evaluation for Investing in Children membership

Stanley Young People's Centre

"If I didn't enjoy it, I wouldn't come"

Stanley Young People's Club offer Tuesday night sessions for leisure activities and Thursday night sessions for project work and then leisure time. The club has been running for the past 30 years and there is currently over 20 young people attending the sessions.

Evidence of dialogue with Children and Young People:

- The young people asked for new computers for the club and so they applied to the Youth Opportunities Fund for some money to pay for them. This has now happened.
- The young people decided around Christmas time that they would like to apply to the Youth Opportunities fund for some money for decks training, video and editing sessions and also some I.T training.
- There is a fishing and angling group and part of the club and every year they decide where they would like to go too and they also arrange a holiday for themselves once a year.
- They are currently in the process of applying to the Youth Opportunities Fund for heritage trail to York, which some of the young people decided they would like to do.
- For the cooking sessions, the young people decide what they would like to cook. During the session I visited, they were making ginger bread.
- There is at least one young person involved in all interview panels and improvement sessions.
- The club took some young people to Derwent Manor for Youth Clubs County Durham event where the young people gave their views about their youth centre and club.
- During the session I visited, the young people were planning an MC session for Saturday's Fun Day. The young people have been involved from the planning process of this event.

Recommendations by children and young people:

- Better software for the computer
- Get internet on computers
- Better range of sweets in the tuck shop
- Get a ping pong table
- The club should be open more often
- Get better pool tables with cloths on them

Stanley Young People's Club has been doing some really interesting things and all of the young people that I spoke too agreed with this. They have been involving young

people in planning sessions and also asking them what they would like and how they can be improved. The young people have been involved in applying for funding to pay for some of the activities and they also have a choice for which activities they would like to take part in. I witnessed this on the session that I visited because some young people were cooking, others were on the decks and others were on the computer. As a matter of fact, one of the young men I spoke to, who was on the computer was actually filling in a Youth Opportunities Fund application form.

I revisited the group again on Thursday 27th of July and all of the children and young people I met with then have agreed the content and recommendations of this report . therefore it is on their behalf and as a result of the evidence I have seen I would like to recommend the club for Investing in Children membership and encourage them to try and work on some of the recommendations ready for next year's re-evaluation.

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