



## Re-evaluation for Investing in Children membership

### Brandon Carrside Youth Centre

Brandon Carrside Youth Club continues to provide children and young people with a range of opportunities both educational and fun. The centre is open to a large number of children and young people. Sessions are provided over 6 days a week:

Day	Activity / Time	Activity / Time
Monday	Junior Club / 4.30 - 5.30pm	Girls Group / 6 - 8pm
Tuesday	Youth Club / 6 - 8pm	
Wednesday	Junior Youth Club / 4.30 - 5.30pm	Youth Club / 6 - 8pm
Friday	Internet Café / 12.30 - 2.30pm	Boys Group 6 - 8pm
Saturday	Football 11+ / 6 - 8pm	Football 14-16yrs / 6 - 8.30pm
Sunday	Movie Session 4 - 6pm	

On my visit to Brandon Carrside Youth Centre I was made to feel welcome by both the young people and by Julie O' Connor who is the worker in charge. For the purpose of this evaluation I had the pleasure of meeting with Scott 14, Luke 14, Leanne 14, Tasha 14, Sarah 15, Natalie 15, Gemma 14, Holly 12, Rebecca 12, Helen 12, Beth 11, Emily 10, Siobhan 12 and Shannon 12.

### Opportunities for Dialogue and Change/Young Peoples Comments

#### **Junior Management Committee**

The management committee continues to be developed currently there are 7 young people on it. They have recently had a review meeting where the following items were discussed;

Planning the Christmas party, opening a bank account and discussing how they are going to spend the £50 they received for the club doing the most Chlamydia testing.

#### **Summer Activities**

'We did lots of activities over the summer. We went canoeing, quad biking, did an army assault course, visited the sea life centre and the forbidden corner, trampolining, ghyll scrambling, mountain biking, raffle shooting and buggy driving and lots more...'

'We asked for all of the activities we went on'

'We tend to sit down in a big group and organised them'

'We had a vote on what we want to do'

#### **Fundraising**

It is evident that the young people enjoy fundraising at the club. They told me all about the different ways they have raised funds to buy equipment and go on trips etc...

Scott and Luke first said how they wanted to do a bag pack and how they got help organising it and raised quite a lot of money from it. 'We went to ASDA and raised £784 to go to Amsterdam'.

#### **Keyfund**

'We applied to the Key fund to get money to go fishing'

## **Tuck shop**

Scott and Luke told me; 'We wanted the tuck shop to be cheaper, so we asked for it to be changed so now all the chocolate is 20p and crisps are 5p. Its much better now as everyone can afford something'

## **Litter Pick**

'We wanted to do something in the community so we organised a litter pick. We had around 50 sacks of rubbish then after we had a buffet.'

## **Youth Club**

The club is free to young people to come to the centre and have fun, at the same time issue based work and self esteem projects happen.

'We do lots of different things at the club. We asked for a Halloween party (this was currently taking place on the night of my visit). The lads asked for a boys group and the girls asked for a girls group and these both now happen'

'A nurse comes to the club once a month. They do free Chlamydia testing; offer the C card scheme and pregnancy testing'

'In three week we are going to Burger King, getting the bus back and then having a sleep over at the club, we asked for this!!'

'The council have just been to the club so we can have our say. We asked for a youth shelter for Brandon'.

'We asked for clean toilets at the club, they have recently been refurbished'.

'Myself and five of our mates all play golf so we asked if we could play and we are on the verge of going very soon'.

## **Girls Night**

'We went to a girl's night on a Friday at a different club in Gilesgate Primary School. They had Indian dancing on; you could get your nails done and make an exercise video. We thought this was a really good idea so we asked for a girls group. This is now on every week'.

'We get to do facials, manicures and baby sitting'

## **Mural**

'We are about to make a mural on the back wall at the centre so it will brighten the place up'

'We have already done the front wall'

## **Future Changes**

'We plan on putting some nets up in the hall to cordon it off so that we can have half for the snooker tables and table tennis then the other half for computers.'

## **Evaluation Forms**

Evaluation Forms are given to the young people after each activity. 'We fill in the form and say what we want'.

## **Conclusion**

Brandon Carrside Youth Centre is friendly and a fun place. The young people and staff treat each other with respect. Everyone works hard at listening to each other and valuing other people's opinions.

I would like to say a special Thank you to everyone for their time and help. The young people I spoke to were determined and in full agreement that their youth centre should once again receive Investing in Children Membership. In light of this and the continued commitment to involving children and young people in meaningful dialogue and change. I have no hesitation in recommending that Brandon Carrside Youth Centre once again receives Investing in Children Membership.

This report has been endorsed by children and young people accessing the centre.

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