



Re-evaluation for Investing in Children membership

Stanley Young Peoples Club

Stanley Young Peoples club continues to offer youth provision two nights a week. Sessions are run on a Tuesday and Thursday evening and offer young people the opportunity to do leisure activities as well as project work.

The club has been running for the past 30 years and there is currently a core group of 25-30 young people attending the sessions.

Evidence of dialogue and change

During my visit, I met with several young people and I would like to say a special thanks to them for helping me write this evaluation. They are Clare, Kiera, Danielle, Kieran, Rhianna, Nicole and Abbey.

Cookery sessions

All the young people I met with were keen to tell me all about the cookery sessions that run at the club.

“We get to do cookery and make healthy things. We name things we would like to make and the workers pick something. We have made wraps, pizzas and buns for the fair that was on Sunday”

“After we had made marble cakes I asked if we could make truffles, and we are doing this on Thursday”

“We made marble cakes and cup cakes”

Youth opportunities fund

The young people have recently completed an application to the Youth Opportunities Fund to get money for the first aid course they are doing on Saturday and as a reward for completing the first aid course the young people are going to Flamingo Land.

“We had to choose a treat as a reward and decided on Flamingo Land”

“We all had to shut our eyes so that we couldn’t see what other people chose”.

General activities

“Judith usually gives us a choice of what we want to do and we just pick”

“We made glass paintings”

“Damian and Joe asked for a guitar hero game and we have now got one”

“We get to play snooker and in the sports hall etc...”

“We are doing archery soon”

“We did a mosaic tile that you iron over”

“They normally come around and just ask us what we want to do”

“We also got sheets after a few weeks of coming that asked us what we like and don’t like, what was fun and if we would do it again” Rhianna

“We made posters for the fun day”

“Judith comes over and asks us about the staff” Nicole

Best bits

The young people wanted to tell me what they thought were the best bits of being at Stanley Young Peoples Club.

“The best bit for me is to be able to hang around with my friends”

“We have a laugh with Donna”

“You can come in and sit and talk with your friends and if you want to take part in things you can and if you don’t you don’t have to”

“It’s easy to fit in here as we all know each other here and we are all the same”

“The atmosphere here is better than in school”

Changes

The majority of the young people I spoke with said it was really good at the club and they wouldn’t change anything.

There was only one comment made:

“Maybe we should do some work to go up on the walls especially in the sports hall as it needs decorating”

Conclusion

Stanley Young Peoples Club continues to involve young people in doing a variety of activities and project work and all of the young people I spoke with agreed.

They have involved young people in planning sessions and also with what they would like to see happen and how the club could be improved. The young people have been involved in applying for funding to pay for activities and choosing the type of activities they take part in.

The young people I met with all feel that they are listened to and can play an active role in decision making at the club.

“Yes we are definitely listened to”

“I can talk to Judith about stuff” Abbey

It is on their recommendation that Stanley Young People Club have it's Investing in Children Membership renewed.

This report has been endorsed by the young people at the club.

Well done!

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