

Youth Service Express

Autumn Edition

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Benwell & Scotswood Wingrove

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23 young people from across the wards have been on an exciting residential.

They braved the mighty midgets of Kielder forest to take part in lots of adventurous activities. These included canoeing, raft building, orienteering and mountain biking. The residential enabled a diverse group of young people from many different backgrounds to get together and break down barriers. Everyone had a really positive experience.

Some of the young people will be working as volunteers at Westgate Centre for Sport at the Sport Festival. Others will go on to take part in the National Street games event.



Blakelaw

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6 young people from Blakelaw have been exploring London on a life changing trip.

They have fund raised and planned all of their activities which included going to the Tutankhamen Exhibition.

They visited all of the key sights in London and especially enjoyed the trip on the Thames aboard the 'Duck Boat'.

All involved had a fantastic experience and learnt a lot about themselves.

Comments include:- "Overall, we had an amazing time and it was a life time experience. I am looking to spend more time with the group and inspire other young people to do the same".

"Now I know I can do anything"

"I am confident about myself, I have grown up a lot"

"I don't have to get drunk to enjoy myself and have a good time"

These young people will be creating an exhibition to share their experiences with the local community.

Byker

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Raby Street Youth Centre and Skills for People have been working with young people with disabilities to create an exciting programme of youth activities to suit their needs.

The young people attended a full day's course on keeping safe and being assertive. This training was delivered in response to the young people's key issues around bullying.

They have now received funding from Media Box who will support them to make a DVD about being young.

Castle

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Hazlerigg Memorial Hall has now been refurbished and the young people of the village are really glad to have somewhere to meet again. The group have been working with an artist to produce some murals to decorate one of the rooms.

Young people from Brunswick have been putting their views across about living in a village. The engagement drop in session enabled them to get involved in a library service survey as well as raise issues about damage to the park and their concerns about car speed on the main road.



Dene

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Through Ravenswood Youth Centre young people have had opportunities to be involved in a variety of adventurous activities. Canoeing, climbing and archery are just some of the sessions that have proved to be popular.

Several young people from Ravenswood have been involved in hosting a Serbian Youth Exchange. This has involved them in planning cultural trips and visits for their youth exchange partners.

Denton & Westerhope

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On the 23rd and 24th July the Safer Stronger Community Fund and Safe Newcastle Partners ran a Ride Safe event in response to young people's needs. This event attracted lots of young people who had a fantastic day of learning and opportunities to try out new skills.

The Denton Skaters and Riders set up a mini ramps site for people to try out their skills. The Youth Skate and Ride group were able to show the approved plans for the skate park to other young people and update them on their funding progress.

The Motorcycle Union were on hand to give top tips to those interested in minimotos. The Fire Brigade delivered demonstrations and lots of advice about keeping safe on and off the road.

The SHAPE bus provided circus skills and lots of information and advice on keeping safe and staying legal.

Denton young people's project and D2 Youth Zone kept the hoards fed and watered with hotdogs, pancakes and lots of fruit. With over 30 melons being used it was great to see the healthy options being so popular!



Elswick

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Local young people from the BME Community have been learning new skills through an exciting new project at Mill Lane Youth Centre.

Having raised the funds themselves they have been working with GEM Arts to produce their own music.

Workshops have included music technology, lyric writing and music composition, all with a view to spending a day in a professional recording studio.

Keep an eye out for these talented musical artists as they will be performing at a number of community events later in the year.

Fawdon

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Over the summer period 10 young people went on a voyage of discovery by attending a residential in the wilds of Whitley Bay!

The focus of the residential was independent living and they all had a great time cooking for each other, planning meals and budgeting.

Each person was allowed to bring only one set of clothes so that they could wash, dry and iron.

Everyone had a fantastic time, and are keen to do more of this in the future.

Fenham

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10 young people from Slatyford Youth Centre have been involved in Street Games activities. Great fun was had by all and they especially enjoyed the football, basketball and dodgeball. 2 young people will be helping out as volunteers at the 3 day sports festival to be held at the Centre for Sport.

Heaton (North & South)

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Young people from Ravenswood Youth Club recently hosted a visit by 30 Dutch students. The evening was a great success with each group interacting, sharing information on their lives and different cultures.

The Dutch young people had lots of opportunity to improve their English language skills.

Everyone enjoyed the lively discussions, the friendly football tournaments and other youth club activities.

The young people will be staying in touch with each other and exploring further opportunities to get together in the future.

Jesmond (North & South)

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Young people have been involved in organising an Eco Festival in Jesmond Dene.

This event was planned, organised and attended by young people from Jesmond as well as those visiting from Serbia in a youth exchange. The youth exchange has involved the E3 enterprise group as well as the Serbian Group who hosted a previous visit to their country.

Children and young people had lots of fun with opportunities to do candle making, face painting and watch local bands.

The Teenage Kicks team were on hand to give help with information and advice on sexual health issues.

The Serbian young people shared a variety of cultural performances and information.

The young organisers all felt that they were able to promote a positive image of young people doing positive things for their local community.



Kenton

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Young fathers from Kenton have been getting together to support each other. They have been involved in a variety of activities including issue based discussions such as how to support partners during the birth process.

The group have also worked with the Learning Trust to brush up on some basic skills of literacy and numeracy.

Workers have started to introduce the Keyfund process so that the young fathers can fund raise activities that they want to do with their families.

Staff from Barnardo's and the Youth Service are keen to help the group feel more confident about accessing other local services and agencies. Work across the summer will help this process.

Lemington & Newburn

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Young people from across Lemington and Newburn have been working together to learn new skills.

They have been involved in a camp skills course which was followed up by an opportunity to put their new skills into practice.

9 of them took part in an overnight stay at Hyons Wood in Prudhoe. They had a fantastic adventure, learning about the environment, their own carbon footprint and enjoying the abundant wildlife! A night out in the woods was very spooky, but all survived the experience and can't wait to try it out again.



Walker

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11 young people from Walker and Walkergate took to the High Seas for an experience of a life-time on board The Faramir.

The group were able to experience life on board a working vessel including cooking and cleaning as well as learning the ropes.

Barriers were broken down and the young people worked well as a team and established new friendships.

They gained accreditation in food hygiene as well as sailing and are really keen to keep up their new found skills.

Walkergate

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Daisy Hill Youth Centre is now up and running as a C-card outlet for young people.

C-card is a local and national scheme which helps young people access free condoms linked to help, advice and decision making.

This new service has proved to be very popular.

Young people involved have told us that they realise how important it is to stay safe and be protected. They have found out a lot about sexually transmitted infections and feel happy to have someone on hand who they can talk to in confidence about these sensitive issues.

West & East Gosforth & Parklands

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Young people from across the 3 wards have been developing their skate and ride skills. After consultation in the 3 areas the key activity desired was to have extra tuition to increase skate and ride skills.

Brunton Park Scout hut has been the venue for intensive training suitable for beginners. These sessions have been supported by older young people acting as peer educators. Weekly trips to Whitley Bay have enabled more experienced skaters to have intensive training as well as try out the new skate facility.

Westgate

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Young people in the City centre are busy fund raising and organising a City centre club for a Saturday afternoon. The club will run a membership scheme and will enable young people who are members the opportunity to go into Legends and see youth bands, video footage and other creative youth arts media. This project has developed from city centre partners listening and acting on what young people want to see provided.

They are hoping to run the pilot project in the Autumn.

Woolsington

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Young people from the Galafield have yet again been successful in their funding bids for the Keyfund and Youth Opportunity Fund. This has helped them take a leading role in the planning, design and delivery of some fantastic summer activities. This has included accredited courses in First Aid and Food Hygiene as well as access to lots of adventurous activities. The Thursday club are busy planning and organising their 'Big Do' to celebrate their new name for the club.

Ouseburn

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Young people from Ouseburn have put together an action packed holiday programme. They have sessions at Newburn Leisure Centre which include canoeing, wall climbing, archery and cycling.

During this time the young people will discuss options for working with staff in different locations.

All of the activities will enable the young people to increase their skills and confidence as well as introduce them to ways they can keep fit and healthy.

More Information

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UK Youth Parliament

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Members of the U.K. Youth Parliament have been really busy over the last few months working on behalf of all the young people in the city.

They have been campaigning for a better deal for young people by getting the media to print lots more positive stories. They have met with the Council's Press Office to look at how they can help with this task. They have also been working with the Elders Council to discuss inter-generational issues and the possibility of doing a joint Community Radio feature.

The Annual Sitting of the Youth Parliament was held in Exeter and they had a fantastic time working with young representatives from across the country.

City Wide

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By putting the spending power into the hands of the young people, Newcastle Youth Opportunity Fund Youth Panel have distributed a staggering total of £891,547 to date to Youth Groups across the City. The figure represents 136 Revenue grants and 83 Capital grants to a wide variety of projects ranging from clothing design and fashion shows to music making and recording. The panel work extremely hard as volunteers contributing to this process and have undertaken training in how to assess grant applications.

So what do they say about it?

Zaynab 18 yrs says "I'd never been involved in anything like this before and they've made it fun. One of the best things is that I've met lots of new people, nice people, and we've been able to discuss things really maturely, not arguing."

Tanya 18 yrs says "It's been a great experience for all of us, we've made new friends and everyone has got on well and stayed interested. We have gained confidence and we've been all working well as a team. It makes me feel good to know that I've been involved in making sure the money goes to the right places."

Summer Fun

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An excellent array of activities have been on offer for young people across the city.

All activities have been based on findings from the 'Have Your Say' event where young people told us what they enjoyed the most.

Activities have included accredited courses in sailing, DJ skills, canoeing, first aid and food hygiene. Adventurous activities such as gorge walking, survival camps, rock climbing and coastal orienteering. Creative activities have included mural painting, magazine making, filming, photography and fashion design. The SHAPE Bus has been deployed to key 'Hot Spot' areas of the city. A successful summer programme was rolled out attracting over 1'400 young people. We have worked with numerous partners to ensure that young people get access to the best support that is tailored to their needs. Our partners include Connexions, Arts & Sports Development, Safe Newcastle as well as a variety of voluntary sector youth organisations.