

Case Study

Blackpool Young People Services

In Blackpool we work on housing estate called Grange Park where we provide a holiday provision for children ranging from 8 to 17. this provision runs from 13.00hrs till 16.00hrs and on some days we can have up to 80 young people at the provision.

we are always trying to challenge these young people to push themselves and to try to get them to leave their comfort zones. We also work 'case load' young people who generally will be worked one-2-one and again these young people in many cases have their own issues that we try to address with other activities.

The area we work in Blackpool is in the north of the town and we can get referral's from many agencies but predominantly from the police with many of our young people at risk of entering the Youth Justice System.

Background

Many of the young people who attended the activity are from an area in Blackpool with high crime rates and a high rate of social deprivation. Some of the young people are at risk of entering the youth justice system and we are trying to introduce them to other activities. As a group many of the young people have never worked as a team and in some cases have self esteem issues and many lack any sort of motivation to challenge themselves. This activity gave these young people the opportunity to push themselves.

Achievements

As a group these young people had no conception of working as a team. But we feel that C4C made the young people think about how they could work together to complete a particular task. In some cases some of the young people were scared of heights. The instructors encouraged them to try to face their fears and in most cases they managed to overcome these fears. This was done in a safe and none threatening way with the young people making the ultimate choices.

Focus of Case Study

Some of the young people are at risk of entering the youth justice system and in many cases struggle to build up positive relationships with other young people.

“Thanks for all your help organising our recent visits to C4C. ALL the young people enjoyed the experience and the activities. I have passed on my recommendations to our service so hope fully they will be in touch to sort out some sessions. Thanks again for a great week, a lot of miles but well worth it.”



Demonstrating Success

We feel that C4C has given some of these young people the opportunity to work in a way that many of these young people would not have done. The young people who attended have given us some very positive feedback on the work we do and we hope to attend again at some point. I have passed on the feedback for C4C to our service and outlined the positive outcomes for the young people.

Demonstrating Impact

One of the groups who attended C4C had been selected as a group to attend a summer residential in Keswick. Although all these young people had never worked as team. C4C gave us as workers the opportunity to see how they would react to some tasks and if they could work together.

*Due to the nature of our programmes and the young people that we work with there are a number of issues regarding confidentiality and safeguarding which mean that we are unable to share some information.