



Summary of project

As part of the HKP Youth summer programme we ran open access youth sessions in Hangleton for ages 11-19 (25 with SEND). Hangleton park is an area that has recently experienced spates of Anti-Social Behaviour and a community space that, historically, has had less youth provision over the summer holidays than Knoll Park. As part of the project young people took part in sports, music and arts activities to keep healthy, make friends and connect over summer. In addition, a community arts project to redesign the old basketball court took place over two days led by a local graffiti artist. This activity has enabled young people to feel pride in their local spaces as well as boosted positive relationships between young people and community members, many of whom have commented on the local improvement. Healthy food was provided at every session and young people were able to try new activities to broaden their horizons. Lastly a community safety leaflet was also produced and delivered alongside each member receiving a kitbag of summer safety goodies such as suncream, baseball caps and waterbottles.

What was the need being addressed?

Recent ASB and hate crime activity around Hangleton Park has been a blight on the community. Relationship breakdown and abusive posts on Facebook between adults and young people has become a problem. In addition a group were identified hanging around the park being bored all the time and it was noted that there was not enough summer provision for diversionary activities in the holidays and that a regular youth club in Hangleton community centre could be beneficial.

Outputs table

Session Dates	Contacts	New Contacts
1st Aug- 29th Aug 6 sessions	31 contacts	13 young people new to the project

Impacts and outcomes - tell the story

- Many of the young people tried new activities and broadened their experiences. Many had never used music equipment brought along by Platform B nor deejayed before. Additionally most young people at the VR games session had never played those types of games and many had never taken part in a large group arts project or tried graffiti spray as a form of arts.
- A group local to Hangleton accessed the project weekly and are keen to attend the future termly youth club. This is a huge success as many in the group have experienced friendship difficulties, bullying, family breakdowns, isolation and substance use issues. A safe space weekly where they can socialise and have youth work support is essential to their health and wellbeing.
- We worked in partnership with several organisations over the course of this project and built good relationships with Platform B, SID Youth and JM Arts. Additionally the local youth police team visited a couple of sessions to make themselves known to the young people as part of our safety initiative.
- The young people said they were proud of the positive response to the basketball art work and this community project has helped to make them feel part of their local area.
- 30 young people received our Safe in Summer kits with items to help them keep hydrated and safe from the sun in the extreme weather we have had over the summer.
- We supported a youth volunteer who helped out at almost every session, aiding her personal development and transition from service user to adult volunteer.

What young people say

"It was really fun, I've never tried that before. They just let you play tracks and mix what you like." (Blake)

"I've had a great time, it's better than sitting around being bored in the holidays. I miss school in the holidays for the structure and routine so this is good. I also like the workers they are really friendly." (Lyndon)

"It was really fun to do, I love art but I've never done anything like this before, I think it will make people feel welcome and the park look nicer"
(Yasim)

"I've never tried DJ-ing before, it was a new experience for me" (Kasi)

What our parents say

The Graffiti Arts Project

"It looks lovely you've really made an improvement on the area, I walk past this everyday so it's so nice to see." (community member)

"They've done a great job, thanks for doing it, lovely to see something like this happening." (community member)

"I just wanted to say a huge well done to everyone involved in respraying the boards in the football pitch, it looks fantastic." (Facebook community member)

"He is always tagging stuff and doing graffiti but he's never done a proper project, I'd love to get him to do some more in a proper way, he's really loving it." (parent)

The Youth Club

"He's obviously getting a lot out of summer youth club. Thanks for all your support"

"This has been great for him as normally he struggles in the holidays, because of his autism, with the lack of routine. He's been really happy when he has come back from youth club everytime."



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