



Holiday, Activity & Food Programme Annual Report 2023/24



City of
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Council



Child Friendly
Doncaster





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BACKGROUND

2023/24 saw another successful HAF programme delivered across Doncaster which continues to have a significant positive impact on children, young people and families.

A total of 1,086 enriching activity sessions were delivered by various providers across the City, all in safe and sociable environments, allowing participants to develop new skills and knowledge, the chance to try out new experiences and make new friends.

The HAF funding enabled the City of Doncaster Council to co-ordinate and facilitate a high-quality holiday activity and food programme providing healthy, nutritious meals and enriching activities to a total of 33, 564 participants over the year.

As the number of Free School Meals (FSM) recipients continues to grow, we can clearly see that there is a significant need for the HAF programme so we can continue to support those families most in need, and provide happy, healthy, enriching activities to children and young people.

The HAF programme is overseen by staff within the City of Doncaster Councils Partnerships & Families Directorate.

Programme Manager – Rebecca Mason

HAF Coordinator – Mandy Burns

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Doncaster continues to use a hybrid model to deliver the HAF programme, commissioning key providers to support and incubate smaller local grass roots, voluntary, community and faith sector organisations, having a positive impact on their growth and sustainability.

YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED

Young Commissioners are involved in the HAF commissioning process throughout, from moderation to quality assurance process, this ensures the programme and individual providers are delivering a child and young person focused provision that incorporates healthy and nutritional meals, enriching and physical activities, healthy lifestyle and good value for money.

STEERING GROUP

The Steering Group is made up of Doncaster council officers and young people who have a direct input into the shaping of the programme:

Mandy Burns - HAF Coordinator

Bobby Johnson - HAF Commissioning Officer

Youth Officers

Young Commissioners

HAF Programme Aims & Outcomes



Aims and benefits of Children and Young People taking part in the HAF programme:



- **Eating healthily** over the school holidays and using knowledge gained after the programme.



- **Being more active** during school holidays and continue to adopt these behaviours.



- **Taking part in engaging and enriching activities** to enhance educational attainment.

- **Support with their development**, mental health, well-being and resilience.

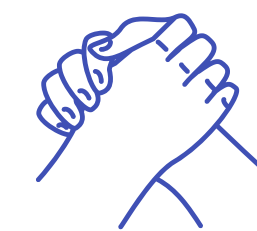


- **Be in a safe space** bridging the gap between social isolation and inclusion.



- **Families gain greater knowledge** and are signposted towards other information and support, for example, health, employment, and education.

Outcomes for HAF programme:



- **Increased wider partnership working** with growth in volume of Voluntary and Community Sector groups.



- **Improved Core Support** with funding in two instalments, 50% at grant agreement stage and remaining 50% upon completion of a successful delivery.



- **Reduced Holiday Hunger** with all participants receiving a hot or cold meal, snacks and unlimited drinks at every activity session adhered to schools healthy food guidance.



- **Increased Skills & Knowledge around Food** including nutritional education and healthy food awareness.



- **Signposting & Referrals with robust** safeguarding procedures and referral processes in place and how to signpost families for support

FUNDING BREAKDOWN



The funding received from DfE to deliver the holiday activities and food programme is calculated based on the number of children eligible for and in receipt of benefits-related free school meals in Doncaster.

In 2023 there was a total of 13,461 recipients of free school meals.

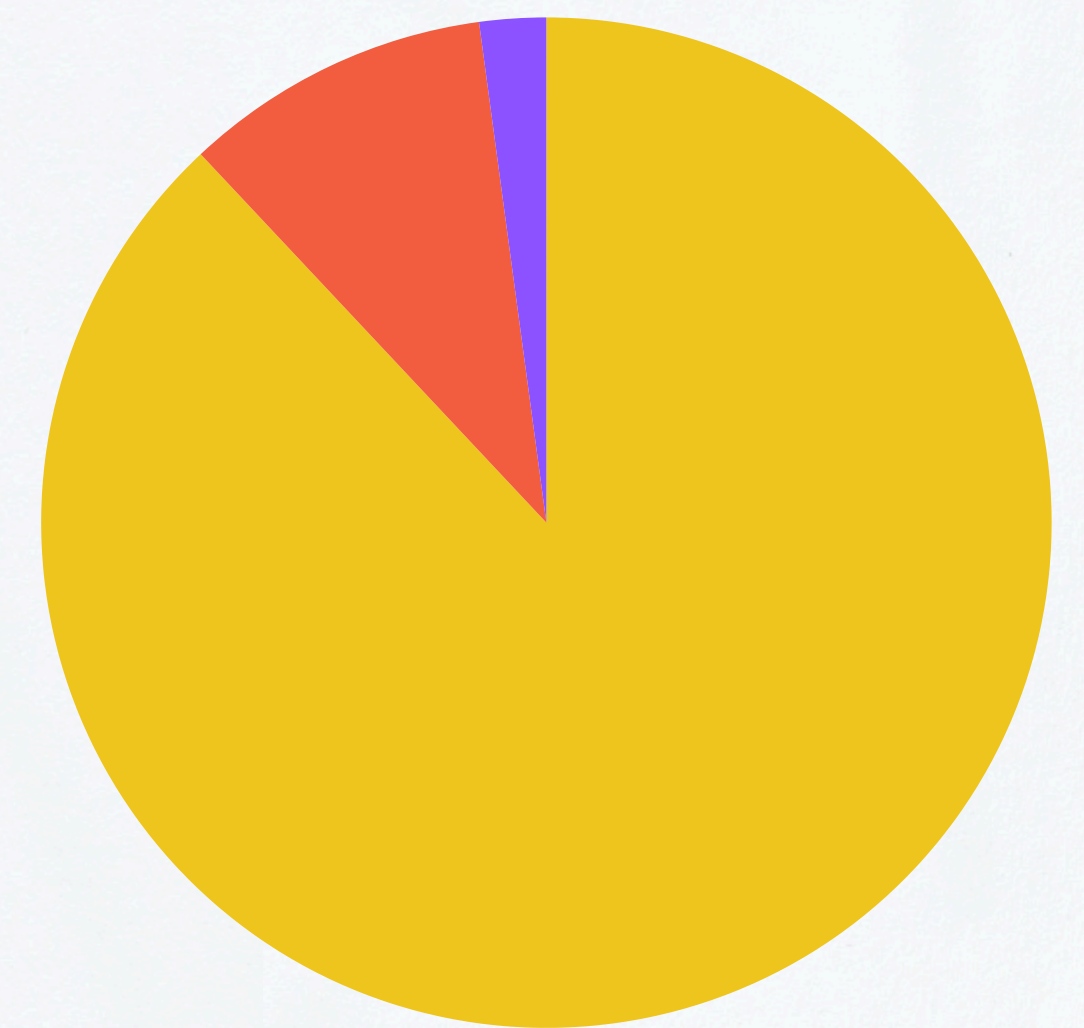
This funding was used to commission the provision of free face-to-face holiday places for eligible children and young people.

Total annual funding amount received for 2023/2024 programme

£1,390,110

Breakdown Costs

- Face-to-Face Holiday Club Provision **£1,233,927.55**
- Management/Administration of the Programme **£138,675.16**
- Capital Costs **£17,507.29**



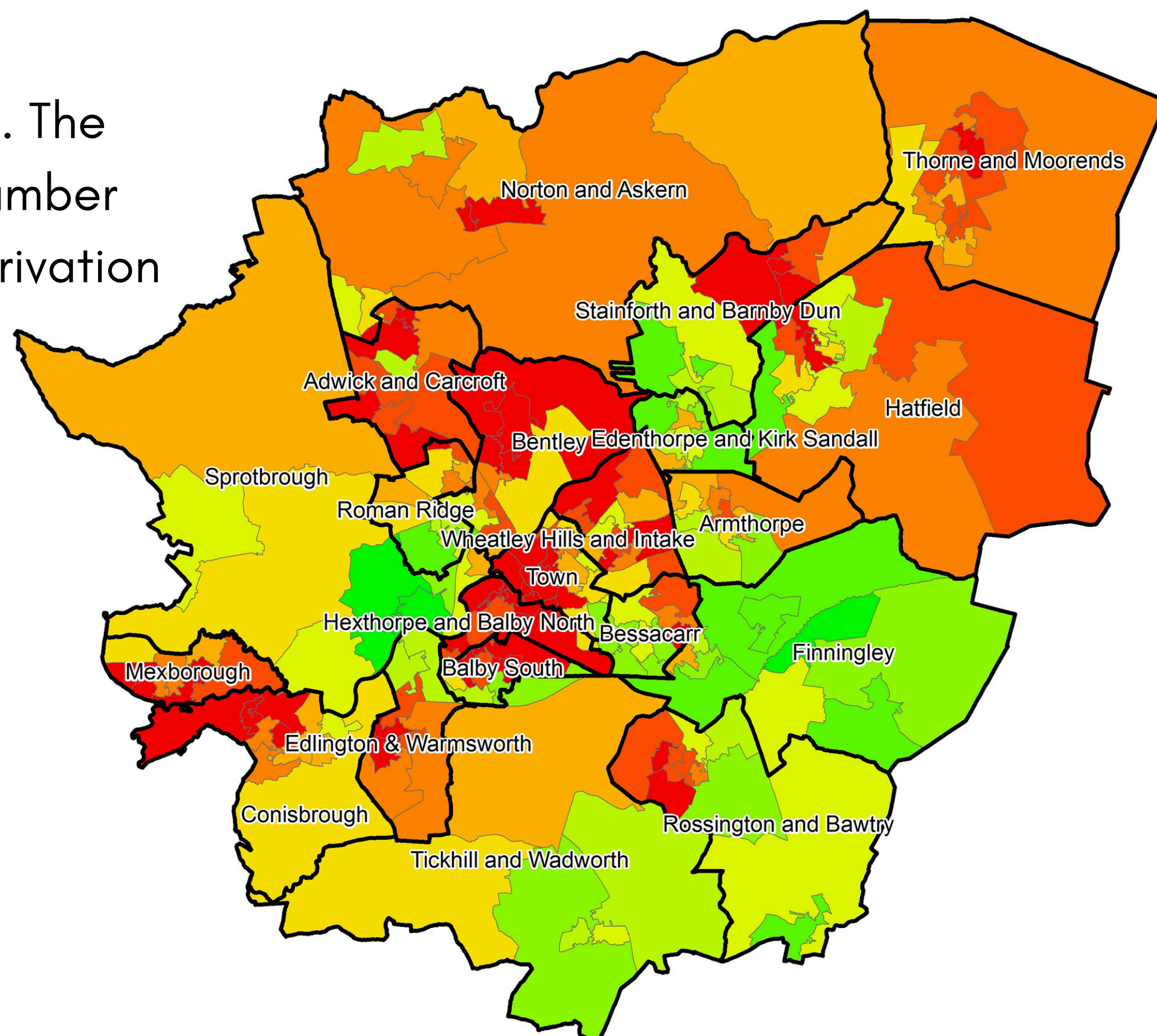
TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: £1,390,110

MAPPING OF PROVISION

Doncaster is ranked 37th most deprived local authority in England, placing it in the top 20%. The City has a total of 21 wards, having a large number of areas within these wards being high in deprivation (areas from number 1 being most deprived)

The HAF team undertakes robust mapping to ensure, where possible, there is sufficient HAF provision available across the City. Areas identified as having high levels of deprivation, free school meals and universal credits claimants are prioritised to ensure equitable access to resources and opportunities.

By focusing on these underserved communities, we aim to address disparities and promote inclusivity, making more activities and services available where they are needed most. This approach helps to create a balanced and supportive environment, fostering better health and well-being for children, young people and families.



29 Total number of lead providers commissioned

122 Total number of local organisations supported

228 Total number of activity sessions delivered

12,656 Total number places available

31 Areas across the City covered with HAF provision

20 Number of Wards across the City covered with HAF provision

Easter 2023 Outcomes

£390,972 Total amount spent on face to face provision



29 Lead Providers who delivered the 2023 Easter HAF

Unique Attendances

Primary

Secondary

Total

2,820

523

3,343

342 SEND

88 SEND

430

1. Active8 Coaching
2. Active Futures
3. Active Fusion
4. ALAC
5. Caged Steel
6. Central Family Hub
7. Complete Coaching
8. Direct Action Training
9. Don Forest School
10. Doncaster Knights
11. Empowering Minds
12. Evolution Soccer
13. Exceed Learning
14. Flying Futures
15. Future Pathways
16. Hoglets
17. Journey Education
18. Leger Education Trust
19. Nexus Academy Trust
20. P&E Team
21. Print Imperials
22. RIISE
23. Sportworks
24. Swimstars
25. Three Little Birds
26. Tickhill Alpacas
27. Treasure Boxing
28. Wildings & Wellbeing
29. Treasure Boxing

Overall Attendances

Primary

Secondary

Total

8,318

1,456

9,774



33 Total number of lead providers commissioned

154 Total number of local organisations supported

692 Total number of activity sessions delivered

21,824 Total number places available

34 Areas across the City covered with HAF provision

20 Number of Wards across the City covered with HAF provision

Summer 2023 Outcomes



594,667 Total amount spent on face to face provision



33 Lead Providers who delivered the 2023 Summer HAF

1. Active8 Coaching
2. Active Future
3. Active Fusion
4. ALAC
5. Caged Steel
6. Camp Beaumont
7. Camp Get Together
8. Club Doncaster
9. Complete Coaching
10. DCLT
11. Empowering Minds
12. EPIC
13. Evolution Soccer
14. Exceed Learning
15. Family Hubs
16. Flying Futures
17. Footballerz
18. Future Pathways
19. Game Changed Network
20. Hoglets
21. Journey Education
22. Leger Sport
23. Nexus
24. P&E Team
25. Print Imperials
26. RISE
27. Sportscool
28. Sportworks
29. Tickhill Alpacas
30. Treasure Boxing
31. Wildings & Wellbeing
32. Yorkshire Bike Shack
33. Young Carers Service

Unique Attendances

Primary

Secondary

Total

2,990

739

3,729

445 SEND

200 SEND

645

Overall Attendances

Primary

Secondary

Total

14,912

3,896

18,808

28 Total number of lead providers commissioned

101 Total number of local organisations supported

166 Total number of activity sessions delivered

6.930 Total number places available

31 Areas across the City covered with HAF provision

19 Number of Wards across the City covered with HAF provision

Winter 2023/24 Outcomes



225.997 Total amount spent on face to face provision



28 Lead Providers who delivered the Winter HAF 2023/24

1. Absolute Fitness
2. Active8 Coaching
3. Active Fusion
4. Active Futures
5. ALAC
6. Caged Steel
7. Camp Get Together
8. Club Doncaster
9. Complete Coaching
10. DCLT
11. Doncaster Knights
12. Dons CIC
13. Exceed Learning
14. Flying Futures
15. Footballerz
16. Future Pathways
17. Game Changed Network
18. Grassroots Sports Academy
19. Hoglets
20. Leger Sport
21. P&E Team
22. Print Imperials
23. Richmond House
24. RIISE
25. Sportworks
26. Swimstars & Dolphins
27. Tickhill Alpacas
28. Wildings & Wellbeing

Unique Attendances

Primary

Secondary

Total

1.6888

290

1.978

293 SEND

97 SEND

390

Overall Attendances

Primary

Secondary

Total

4.228

754

4.982



Location
Location
Location!

Areas & Wards covered with HAF delivery during 2023/24

37 Areas covered with HAF provision across Doncaster (red shows areas of high deprivation)

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|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Adwick | 14. Conisbrough | 27. Mexborough |
| 2. Armthorpe | 15. Denaby | 28. Moorends |
| 3. Askern | 16. Denaby Main | 29. Norton |
| 4. Austerfield | 17. Doncaster Central | 30. Rossington |
| 5. Balby | 18. Edenthorpe | 31. Scawsby |
| 6. Bawtry | 19. Edlington | 32. Scawthorpe |
| 7. Bennethope | 20. Hatfield | 33. Stainforth |
| 8. Bessacarr | 21. Hexthorpe | 34. Toll Bar |
| 9. Bentley | 22. High Melton | 35. Thorne |
| 10. Carcroft | 23. Highfields | 36. Tickhill |
| 11. Campsall | 24. Intake | 37. Wheatley |
| 12. Cantley | 25. Kirk Sandall | |
| 13. Woodlands | 26. Lakeside | |

21 Wards covered with HAF delivery across Doncaster during 23/24

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Adwick | 11. Hexthorpe |
| 2. Armthorpe | 12. Mexborough |
| 3. Balby | 13. Norton |
| 4. Bentley | 14. Roman Ridge |
| 5. Bessacarr | 15. Rossington |
| 6. Conisborough | 16. Sprotborough |
| 7. Edenthorpe | 17. Stainforth |
| 8. Edlington | 18. Thorne |
| 9. Finningley | 19. Tickhill |
| 10. Hatfield | 20. Town Centre |
| | 21. Wheatley |

Priorities and Impact

The HAF meets priorities 3 & 4 of Doncaster's Children & Young Peoples Plan 2022/25

Doncaster
Children & Young
Peoples Plan
2022/25

3 Creating a Happy and Healthy Doncaster!

What Young People Said

"I want to know what to do to keep my mind and body healthy, and to know where to go if I need a little help to get me there."

What are we going to do?

- 1 Deliver lots of programmes to support you and your families health and wellbeing.
- 4 We are going to create healthy and vibrant communities through physical activity, sport, diet and nutrition.

What is the Impact?

More opportunities and resources for families to explore healthy eating, positive wellbeing and support families with food poverty.

There is more fun, activities and engaging resources to encourage positive lifelong habits including exercise and diet.

4 Providing Opportunities for Participation and Engagement!

What Young People Said

"I want to have the opportunity to take part in lots of different activities, events and community groups regardless of where I live."

What are we going to do?

- 1 Increase the availability and quality of activities, groups and programmes for Children and Young People to access.
- 4 Source more funding opportunities to strengthen and expand the Local and Universal Offer.

What is the Impact?

Increase the support for community, voluntary, faith sector groups, youth workers and other organisations to expand the delivery of activities across Doncaster.

More positive activities in Doncaster for Children and Young People and their families to take part in.

Priorities and Impact

The HAF meets 4 of the 8 Ambitions of Doncaster's Youth Strategy 2023-2028

Doncaster Youth Strategy 2023-28

2

Capacity Building

We will accelerate the growth of Voluntary Community & Faith Sector through regular stakeholder engagement, initial set up along with continued workforce development and support with identifying funding streams.

What do we do?

We have developed a incubator hybrid model to deliver the HAF programme, and commission key partners to support and incubate some of the smaller grass roots, voluntary, community and faith organisations, which aims to increase their sustainability.

3

Locality Based Delivery

We will establish an area-based Youth Work Model with trained Youth Support Workers based in communities delivering a high-quality youth work curriculum.

What do we do?

The delivery of the programme is based on a locality approach ensuring there is activity available locally wherever possible, across the Doncaster Borough

4

Safe Spaces

We will ensure we have more safe spaces for all young people to access.

What do we do?

Regular QA visits, all providers have up to date DBS checks and must be qualified to Safeguarding Level 3, having a lead and deputy safeguarding officer available at all sessions. All providers are able to identify risk and are aware of correct referral pathways

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Sustainable Funding

We will identify and seek funding opportunities from local and national sources including the Youth Investment Fund.

What do we do?

The HAF supports the Voluntary, Community & Faith Sector organisations in securing funding opportunities to enable them to grow and become more sustainable.

Priorities and Impact

The Great 8

The HAF meets 2 priorities within the Doncaster's Delivering Together 10 year Borough Strategy. This strategy is set out to improve the quality of life for residents, communities, businesses and future generations.



Nurturing a Child & Family Friendly Borough

What are we going to do?

Tackle child poverty and ensure families have all the Wellbeing Essentials

Increase the availability and quality of activities for families and young people.



Making Doncaster the best place to do business & create good jobs

What are we going to do?

Keep the Doncaster '£' circulating locally.



Less crime and anti-social behavior



More places to enjoy nature and recreation



More support for the most deprived communities



More local social opportunities and places to meet

Award Winning



Doncaster has achieved great success with the HAF programme and this has been acknowledged by being awarded the regional and national winners at the Department for Education 2023 HAF Awards!

The Award acknowledges the outstanding services that Local Authorities and HAF providers have delivered, recognising the achievements of those working on the frontline of the programme. This enables the Department of Education to share outstanding practice and inspire other Local Authority areas with their delivery model.



Active Lives, active Communities wins prestigious holiday club Awards!

Active Lives, Active Communities in Doncaster has **won the National Award for the best Holiday, Activities and Food club!** The accolade was presented for their work in giving providing children from low-income families with access to free, nutritious food and engaging activities over the school holidays.

The Active Lives, Active Communities club, part of Kixx Community, won for its **focus on the local community and excellence in giving children and young people experiences they may not usually get outside of school.**

Organisations like Active Lives Active Communities have put children and young people at the heart of their communities to achieve real impact by building new partnerships with local community activity providers enabling a better collaborative working model across traditional boundaries.



Your Voice - Feedback and comments provided by Children and Young People!



'I'm usually sat at home bored, I've enjoyed coming out and playing sports even though I'm not sporty'



"It's been ace and the food was well nice"



"I really enjoyed crafts, making things to take home."



"It was really good fun and I can't wait for next week"



"I've made lots of new friends here"



"The coaches were really nice and taught us a lot of new games."

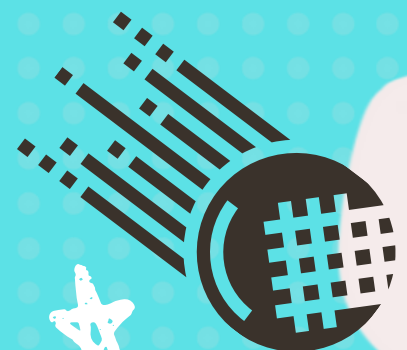


"Wish they could have more in the other holidays too"



"Can't believe it's free!"

"I have loved been able to play so many different games & activities."



"I wish we could have these activities all the time"



Your Voice

Feedback and comments provided by
Commissioned Providers!



"I would like to say many thanks from our group for the help that your group gave us in monetary gains to help us set up this summer camp"

"Thank you so much for the opportunity the money awarded has enabled us to put on lots of fun activities"

"We loved doing this even though very tiring are hoping to set up something more in holiday times starting next year"

"Thank you again for the funding we received, it really made a difference to our families summer"

"Thanks again for letting us take part in such a vital scheme and we hope to work alongside you again soon"

"Thank you once again for the opportunity to apply for this funding"

GO TEAM



