



DONCASTER
Summer Staycation
Evaluation Report
2022



Doncaster
Council



Child Friendly
Doncaster

Summer Staycation Foreword



The Children and Young People's Plan 2022 -25 (CYPP) which was created by young people for young people, sets out our partnership vision and priorities, working to provide a place for children and young people to learn, grow and thrive. The plan covers a wide range of organisations that are committed to making children and young people's lives better.

All children and young people in Doncaster, regardless of their background or circumstances, deserve to have a safe, healthy, happy childhood where they can enjoy family life, school and feel a part of their community. In line with the Doncaster Children & Young People's Plan, Doncaster Council and its partners have worked hard to ensure a range of funding has been sourced to provide a summer activity programme for all children and young people to participate in. We recognise the importance of providing diverse and exciting activities that are well promoted in order to engage as many children & young people as possible. A vital partner within this process was our Young Commissioners and Young Advisors who were involved throughout the whole process of the commissioning cycle.

The outcomes reported here emphasises just how productive this partnership has been. This report not only provides information on the data around the programme but importantly the impact and outcome for the children, young people and their families. It is also an important testimony to the hard work, commitment and creativity of the hundreds of Voluntary, Community & Faith Sector organisation, local authority staff, young people and Senior Decision Makers.

Three main funding streams that were sourced to fund the Summer Staycation Program.

- Universal Activity Fund
- Holiday Activity Fund
- Short Breaks Fund



Universal Summer Activity Fund



Introduction:

A funding budget of £250k of was agreed by the Mayor and Cabinet Members to provide a Universal Summer Activity Programme offer for all children and young people to access across Doncaster. The funding criteria was to provide a diverse range of face to face free activities, events or summer holiday clubs for all children and young people to participate in.

This funding also enabled Doncaster Council to support the Voluntary Community and Faith Sector Groups by supporting them with the opportunity to access monies in order to expand the delivery of provision across Doncaster. Doncaster Council has a commitment to supporting the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector who are intrinsic to delivering essential support, intervention, and activities in communities.



Universal Summer Activity Programme Outcomes

£250k

Total funding amount



Funding Grants available: Micro £5k, Medium £10k and Large £40k

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4,616

Number of unique children & families that accessed the Family Information Universal Activity Programme Webpages

6-18yrs
Up to 25 SEND

Age range of children and young people who participated in the summer programme

16

Total Number of Wards across the borough providing delivery



506

Total Number of Sessions Delivered over the summer holiday period.

7,040

Number of children & families that accessed the Family Information Universal Activity Programme Webpages



29

Areas providing delivery across all localities across Doncaster



24

Total number of voluntary community and faith sector organisations commissioned

2,887

Total number of face to face activity hours delivered over the summer holidays



♂ 5,280

Males attending summer programme

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Young Commissioners participating in moderation and programme oversight

DONCASTER YOUNG COMMISSIONERS

♀ 4,560

Females attending summer programme



9,840

Total number of children and young peoples participation in the summer programme



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29 Areas providing delivery across all localities across Doncaster



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3 Funding Grants available up to 5k 10k and 40k



1. Askern Scouts,
2. Active Fusion,
3. ALAC,
4. Bullcroft Main Cricket,
5. Cura Care
6. DCLT
7. East Family Hub
8. Youth Association
9. Flying Futures
10. Happy Days Nursery
11. Hatfield St Lawrence Church
12. Journey Education
13. Nexus Academy
14. Northgate Community Hub
15. Norton Parish Council
16. Camp Get together
17. Print Imperials
18. RISE
19. South Field Holiday Camp
20. Sportworks
21. Stainforth Library
22. Toll Bar TARA
23. Warmsworth Parish Council
24. Wildings

- Face to Face hours ranged from 1 - 6 hours per session. One provider delivered a week long residential experience

1. Wheatley - Intake
2. Balby - Hexthorpe
3. Town Centre
4. Bessacarr - Cantley
5. Norton - Askern
6. Adwick- Carcroft
7. Bentley - Roma Ridge - Sprotborough
8. Armthorpe - Kirk Sandal - Edenthorpe
9. Stainforth - Barnby Dun
10. Hatfield - Dunscroft
11. Rossington - Bawtry & Village's
12. Conisbrough - Denaby
13. Mexborough
14. Edlington
15. Tickhill
16. Thorne - Moorends

1. Intake
2. Hexthorpe
3. Balby
4. Doncaster Central
5. Cantley
6. Bessacarr
7. Norton
8. Askern
9. Adwick
10. Carcroft
11. Warmsworth
12. High Melton
13. Bentley
14. Sprotborough
15. Toll Bar
16. Kirk Sandall
17. Armthorpe
18. Edenthorpe
19. Edenthorpe
20. Stainforth
21. Hatfield
22. Thorne
23. Moorends
24. Rossington
25. Mexborough
26. Conisbrough
27. Dearne Valley
28. Edlington
29. Tickhill

Summer Fun	July Views	July Unique	August Views	August Unique
Central	2344	1243	1407	746
East	495	412	430	386
North	528	369	545	419
South	334	264	348	271
	322	264	287	242

There were three funding grants available, Micro, Medium and Large. Organisations were able to apply up to the total grant amount.

- 16 organisations applied for Micro Grant
- 3 organisations applied for Medium Grant
- 5 organisations applied for Large Grant

Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)



Central Government announced a further investment of over £200 million per year over the next three years for the Holiday Activities and Food Programme. The programme is overseen by the Department for Education and is made available to the 152 upper tier local authorities to coordinate and provide free holiday provision including healthy food and enriching activities. Doncaster Council secured an annual budget of £1.3 million per year, to deliver holiday provision for school aged children and young people from reception to year 11 (inclusive) who receive benefit-free related school meals. The programme is also open to children and young people with a special educational need and/or disability (SEND), and to wider vulnerable groups.

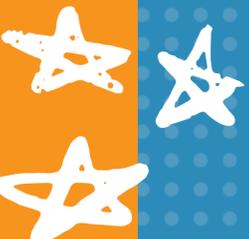
The aims of the programme are for children and young people to:

- **Be active during the school holidays.**
- **Eat healthily over the school holidays.**
- **Be safe and not to be socially isolated.**
- **Have a greater knowledge of health and nutrition.**
- **Be more engaged with school and other local services.**
- **Take part in engaging and enriching activities which support the development of resilience, character and wellbeing along with their wider educational attainment.**

Ensure that the families who participate in this programme:

- **Develop their understanding of nutrition and food budgeting**
- **Are signposted towards other information and support, for example, health, employment, and education**

Doncaster's HAF program is based on a local incubator model, whereby larger providers, as part of their grant agreement must work with smaller Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector organisations. This model has worked well over the last 2 years and has supported the growth and sustainability of smaller groups particularly post covid.



HAF Summer Programme Outcomes

£624,978



Total funding amount spent over summer

19



Total Number of Wards across the borough providing delivery

6-18yrs

Up to 25 SEND

Age range of children and young people who participated in the HAF programme



3,966

Number of unique primary aged children who were supported by the provision



100

Over 100 voluntary, community and faith sector organisations across Doncaster contributed to the programme



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Young Advisors supporting the delivery and programme oversight

19

Total Number of lead providers commissioned to deliver HAF provision

5,084

Total number of unique individuals supported by the provision



1,118

Total number of unique secondary aged young that were supported by the provision



Increased wider partnership working



Growth in volume of Voluntary and Community Sector back up and running, supporting sustainability



Improved Core Support

Funding was in two instalments, 1st at planning & Delivery Stage, 2nd after Evaluation Stage

Reduced holiday hunger



Hot or cold meals were available free of charge for all children and young people at every activity session



Increased skills & knowledge around Food

Nutritional Education was part of the HAF specification for children young people & families.

ASB Youth Nuisance Referrals



Incidents Jul - Sept 2021

65

Incidents July - Sept 2022

52

Short Breaks Funding

A total of £11,600 Short Break funds was made available to deliver a Summer Activity Program available to families to provide a break from caring for a disabled child and for the child to have a break from their carers.

The purpose of the Short Breaks Summer Program scheme (SB) is to help children and young people that have a disability and/or complex health need and to support families. The Council aim to offer opportunities to widen life experiences and enjoy recreational and learning activities; enhancing personal and social development.

Short Breaks Summer Program also provides a valuable break to families and primary carers. Short Break activity sessions can last from a few hours to a few days – during the day or evening.



Short Breaks Programme Outcomes

£11,602

Total Budget Spend



215

Total number of children and young people who participated



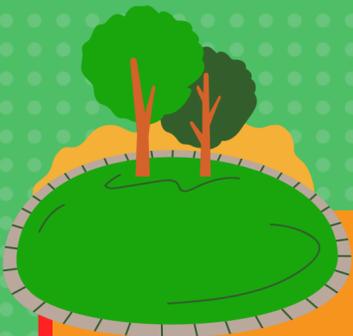
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Total hours of delivery

4



Total number of groups commissioned. (Human Assist, Sportworks, Bentley My Place Youth Hubs, Cura Care)



Ward Areas

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Wheatley/Intake, Adwick/Carcroft
Armthorpe/Edenthorpe/KirkSandall
Bentley & Cusworth

5-17 yrs

Target Ages



27

Total number of sessions

Priorities and Impact

The Summer Staycation Programme meets Priority 3 of The Children and Young Peoples Plan.



3 Creating a Happy and Healthy Doncaster!

What you have 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.

The Impact?

3 Creating a Happy and Healthy Doncaster!

➤ 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.

Priorities and Impact

The Summer Staycation Programme meets Priority 4 of The Children and Young Peoples Plan.



4 Providing Opportunities for Participation and Engagement!

What you have 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.

The Impact?

4 Providing Opportunities for participation and Engagement!

➤ 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

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Doncaster's priorities for Thriving People, Places and Planet

The Summer Staycation Programme meets 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.

Action



Nurturing a Child & Family Friendly Borough

Tackle child poverty and ensure families have all the Wellbeing Essentials

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

Action



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

Keep the Doncaster '£' circulating locally.

Impact



Less crime and anti-social behavior

Impact



More places to enjoy nature and recreation

Impact



More support for the most deprived communities

Impact



More local social opportunities and places to meet

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'



"I didn't know how to play this when I started and I was scared but it's really good and everyone is really nice"



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



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



"It's good to make new friends through taking part in activities"



"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. Doctor Dodgeball was my favourite"



"I loved making my monster and taking it home to play with my toys"



Your Voice -

Feedback and comments provided by
Parents and Carers!



"With S having downs syndrome it has been amazing for her to participate. Usually she does not stay for the full session of events, so I am amazed she managed to stay the whole day. She also had the best time"



"I have previously emailed to say thank you for the excellent care and experience provided at the workshops attended by my son and daughter. My son struggles with anxiety and I was amazed and very pleased when he stayed for the whole day. My daughter loved the abstract art and Lino printing"



"The summer of fun that you have funded this 6 week holiday has absolutely made our small (financially struggling whilst I am a student training to become a Teacher) of 4 absolutely amazing. The fact this was all free of charge kept my two daughters extremely busy and enabled me to access all these services which otherwise would've been way out of my budget to do. I really hope this is something Doncaster City Council look to do in the future as we've met so many other families, and experienced so much rather than being sat at home"

"These sessions have been a godsent for me. I was worried how I would cope during the summer with all 4 children at home. The 3 of them coming to these sessions has given me a break with the baby and also to know they get fed. The times of the sessions have really suited us as the children have not been rushed about in the morning. They have all had an amazing time"



"My 10 year old niece was able to attend this one too and enjoyed it a lot more than she thought she would (due to thinking she's too old for it all!"



Your Voice

Feedback and comments provided by
The Commissioned Providers of the Universal Summer Programme! (VCFS and Organisations)



"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"

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