



Summer holiday activity and food programme

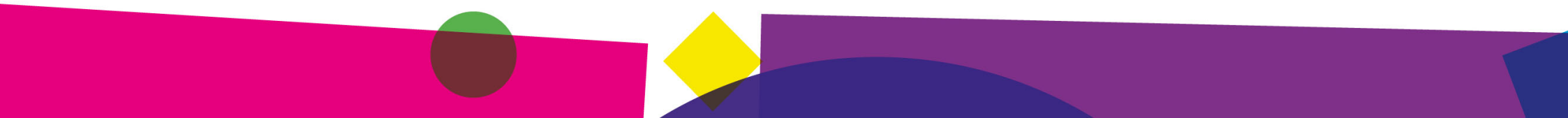
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Background

- Summer holiday provision has been delivered for a number of years in Renfrewshire
- Supported through Tackling Poverty programme funding and in more recent years funding from Scottish Government linked to pandemic recovery
- Council allocated £100k of Fairer Renfrewshire funding in March 2023 budget to support 2023 programme with additional £20,000 allocated through Future Paisley
- Overview provided to sub –committee in early 2023 of the current landscape of provision across sectors
- Engagement undertaken with Fairer Renfrewshire Panel in Spring 2023
- Programme developed with partners
- Additional funding of Circa £120,000 allocated in late June 2023 from Scottish Government



Feedback from Fairer Renfrewshire Panel

- Increasing awareness of existing provision, and how the current offer is communicated and promoted
- Coverage of provision for different age ranges, with possible gaps identified for preschool children and also older teenagers
- Some activities have additional cost barriers, for example transport and food
- Discussion around targeting and eligibility, making sure those that need it the most can access, but recognising the potential barriers and stigma of eligibility criteria
- Need to achieve fairness and consistency across different areas, balanced with local approaches suitable for different communities
- Importance of working with young people to identify the activities that they want to participate in

Principles of 2023 summer programme

- Work with partners to deliver diverse programme of activities for children and families
- Promote what is happening more widely
- Use funding to target activities to child poverty groups / gaps in localities
- Activities funded should be free
- Ensure healthy food is provided as part of activities as appropriate
- Provide additional support to families including ASN
- Work with partners to support delivery of diverse and fun activities which provide cultural experience and support wellbeing
- Pilot a small grants fund to support community provision

What we know so far

- 4500 attendances at summer holiday camps operated by Community Learning and Development in Ferguslie, Foxbar, Gallowhill, Renfrew, Linwood and Johnstone.
- 1858 attendances at Street Stuff evening sessions (include meal)
- Additional family learning sessions for 47 families
- Extensive programme of free activities delivered through One Ren libraries
- Weekly activity sessions in July for pupils from Mary Russell

Summer of Fun Grants

- £55,000 total funding available
- 17 projects funded
- Wide range of activities and food delivered
 - Toddler play sessions
 - Costs of trips to allow families to make memories together
 - Scuba, beach combing and craft sessions
 - STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) sessions
 - Summer Playschemes for low-income, working parents offering free childcare
 - Free outdoor activities in local parks
 - Drama
 - Sports activities

Future Paisley

- £20,000 funding made available from the programme
- 3 community projects funded
 - Outspoken Arts
 - RIG Arts
 - Brick Lane
- Additional cultural experiences delivered through the summer holiday camps by commissioned groups and individuals

Next steps

- Evaluation of programme has now commenced
- Full report to Communities and Housing Board and Fairer Ren Sub committee next cycle
- Learning to be discussed with partners through Fairer Renfrewshire Officer Group
- Feedback to Fairer Renfrewshire Panel

- A huge thanks to every group and organisation that supported this year's programme!