



Sports leadership programme

for young people with special educational needs (aged 15 to 17)

Team 4 annual report (January 2011 to July 2011)

The fourth sports leadership programme for young people with special educational needs to be delivered by Medway Council's Youth Service (previously the Sports Development Team) started on 26 January 2011.

Working in partnership with Rivermead School this programme, as featured in articles by the National Youth Agency and UK Youth, helps young people develop their confidence, motivation and skills.

During this six-month programme, volunteers gained experience of teamwork and leadership, attended a training course in first aid awareness and participated in regular activity sessions.

Activity sessions:

- High ropes
- Skiing, snow tubing and tobogganing
- Canoeing and kayaking

Having completed their training, volunteers were given the chance to apply the knowledge and skills they had gained to benefit the local community by assisting Medway Council's Sports Development Team run the Mini Youth Games.

Mini Youth Games:

Event	Date	Venue
Table tennis	23 March	The Howard Table Tennis Centre
Cricket	16 June	High Halstow Cricket Club
Athletics	5 July	Medway Park

While undertaking this valuable work experience, volunteers were also invited to take part in a six-day teambuilding course based in Dartmoor National Park. This residential experience was delivered by Spirit of Adventure, one of the leading providers of adventurous activities in southern England.

12 volunteers completed this challenging programme and were awarded certificates at their final team presentation. This event took place at Rivermead School on Thursday, 14 July. Exit pathways have been established to help those volunteers who are interested in developing their skills further and identifying career opportunities in the local community.





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Annual summary of outputs:

Number of volunteers enrolling on programme	14
Number of offsite educational visits	21
Number of nationally recognised training courses	2
Number of volunteers completing Bronze Youth Achievement Award	7
Number of first aid awareness certificates awarded	11
Number of teambuilding residential certificates awarded	9
Number of v50 certificates awarded	12
Total guided learning hours	1,298
Total hours spent supporting the local community	132
Number of volunteers completing programme	12
Volunteer attendance rate	82%

Medway Council's Youth Service would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the continued success of this unique programme and to congratulate all of this year's volunteers.

Sadly, due to local government funding cuts it looks as though this will be the last sports leadership programme for young people with special educational needs.

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