

Talk About Youth Project Summer-Autumn 2016

Causeway youth exchange November 2016.

This year our causeway exchange was with our friends from Liverpool
“The Shrewsbury Youth Project”

There was 30 young people involved, 12 from Liverpool and 18 from Dublin, all aged
between 12 / 14 years.

They took part in activities like High-wire, rock-climbing, archery, go-karting, and hiking,
plus lots of team challenges. The most important part of this residential was the two
workshops on the “No Hate Speech” campaign and Racism.

Both groups had lots of views on these subjects and the debating will continue.

This is just the first leg of the program; the second leg will be held in Liverpool next April.



Halloween Fright-night-Event 2016

This year's (Surprise) Halloween Fright-Night-Event started out as a Halloween event for young people but quickly changed into a community event.

We had 30 young people taking part, and 22 adult volunteer leaders, all dressed in costume.

We took them to the "Furry glen of hell" (Phoenix park) where they had to find their way around a marked course that had many surprises waiting for them.

It was a truly frightening event for everyone.



SUMMER PROJECT 2016:

Amidst a month of rain, sun and everything in between, the Talk About Youth Project ran its summer project during the month of July, trying old and new activities.

Working with over 50 young people from the community, we organised a mix of educational, recreational, sport and fun sessions.

Highlights included, a tour of RTE, where poor “Doug” from Fair City was almost kidnapped by our gang, horse riding, kayaking, footie, dragon boating, the talent show and trips to the Maze, Lullymore, Hell Fire club, Sandycove, Malahide and an overnight to Larch Hill.

Huge thanks to the young people, parents, staff, gardai and our volunteers.



LEADERSHIP TRAINING:

We brought a number of victims, I mean volunteers J to the Cavan centre for a Leadership training residential. Mixing both older leaders and juniors, we ran a series of sessions on youth work, programme planning and evaluation, with the centre staff providing an array of outdoor team building exercises. An incredible group, we hope to do further training with them in the New Year.





STEPS TO SUCCESS:

Steps To Success, a Youth Employability project attracted 6 young people, for 3 months, from September to December. Key skills developed included, cookery, modules in the Skills To Succeed Academy delivered by Martin Murphy from Accenture, Music Production by Create, Spirit of Enterprise sessions by the Bank Of Ireland, Grand Canal: PALS programme by Bee Flanagan, Career skills with Jim Hargis, Make shop run by the Science Gallery, Holistic Massage by Veronica Lane, Drama by Act the Maggot Theatre company plus personal development, advice and recreational activities run by us.



SKILLS TO SUCCEED ACADEMY:

The team have participated in no end of training throughout the year including among others, Minding your mental health, Drugs Education, Understanding mental health, Music and Sexual Health.

More recently, we have engaged with Accenture's "Skill to Succeed Academy". The Academy is the flagship for their global corporate responsibility portfolio. An online programme, it uses performance stimulations, CBT (computer based training), a series of activity packs, templates and checklists plus trained facilitator led activities to deliver a series of modules based on You and your career, Getting a job and Success in work. The team took part in their Train the Trainer programme and we are currently delivering it within programmes.

We recently participated in *'Drugs Awareness Week'*. We hosted a night of workshops, discussions and activities based around drugs awareness. We had a great turn-out and an enthusiastic response to the program.



