



Family Fun Day @Farndale Park

10 April 2016

Report

The purpose of this report is to have an overview of the event that Riverside Community Health Project, in Newcastle, organised through the Community Cohesion Project. The event was called 'Family Fun Day' and was held at Farndale Park, in Benwell, Newcastle, on the 10th of April 2016.

The details about the event are written below.

Event's partners:

- Northumbria Police
- Tyne and Wear Fire Brigade
- Newcastle City Council
- Search
- Sure Start
- North Benwell Youth Project
- Private Tenant Voices
- The Millin Centre
- Your Homes Newcastle
- Change 4 Life
- Gravity Radio

Riverside Community Health Project: had 9 members of staff and 2 volunteers that provided support during the Event.

First Aid was provided by St. John's Ambulance Service.

Entertainment:

- ✓ **Carnival Rides:** we commissioned 3 rides for the participants. The rides were free of charge for the children taking part.
- ✓ **Parties R Us Entertainments:** were commissioned to provide a Penalty Shout Out, a Giroscope and Sumo Wrestling.
- ✓ **Sure Start** workers based at Riverside Community Health Project, provided a wide range of activities for under 5's.
- ✓ **The Millin Centre** provided a card making stall for anyone interested in getting involved.
- ✓ **North Benwell Youth Project:** provided face painting and nail art.
- ✓ **Change 4 Life** provided a treasure hunt for the kids interested.
- ✓ **Northumbria Police:** brought along a Police van that the public could go in and out of, vests and hats for the children to try on and to get a feel of how is to be a policer officer for a couple of minute.
- ✓ **Tyne and Wear Fire Brigade:** brought an educational fire truck, a fireman uniform for children to try on, fire safety colouring books and pens.
- ✓ **All organisations** present at the event provided information about their services to the residents that attended the event.

Attendance: aprox. 1000 residents split between children and adults from mix of ethnic backgrounds, such as White British, Muslim, Easter European and Black and Arabic, attended the event at Farndale Park, Newcastle.

We wanted to take the opportunity to talk to local people about where they live and asked them to complete questionnaires asking the three questions below. However, as the event was very busy and residents were participating in the range of activities on offer and we didn't have staff dedicated to this, we only managed to get 15 questionnaires completed. We will consider this when

planning the next event and use a different method to collect the views of residents.

1. **'What do you like in your local area?'**

Responses: 'Family and friends', 'Park', 'Local people', 'My family' and 'local area'.

2. **'How can you make it better?'**

Responses: 'People to do more clean up events', 'More bins'.

3. **'What would you change in your local area?'**

Responses: 'Mess and rubbish', 'Help each other', 'Tidy up events', 'Clean local area', 'Clean', 'Clean rubbish' and 'Behaviour'.

Overall feedback:

❖ **Residents Feedback:** 'In the future I hope there are more activities in this park. Thank you.'

'Great event. Thank you!'

'The children had fun. When is the next event?'

'Excellent!'

❖ **Partner Organisations:** 'Thank you for the invite.'

'Excellent event and great attendance.'

'We will get involved at next event you organise.'

'Thank you for the invite. We enjoyed it.'

Incidents: The event ran smoothly without incidents. At times, some residents got impatient while waiting for their children turn on the rides. We put staff there to make sure every child had a chance to go on each ride.

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