



Appendix 4

Summer and October 2024

Glasgow's Holiday Programme

Monitoring Report



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1. Introduction

Glasgow's Holiday Programme was developed in April 2018 to address aspects of poverty in Glasgow – specifically, what was then referred to as 'children's holiday hunger'.

Eliminating food poverty is recognised as a priority and listed as one of the Scottish Government's Key Sustainable Development Goals. *"By 2030, end hunger and ensure access by all people, in particular the poor and people in vulnerable situations, including infants, to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year round."* (**Scotland and the Sustainable Development Goals – A National Review to Drive Action, July 2020**). Numerous academic studies have shown that food insecurity affects school children's academic performance, health and social skills. A nutritious and well-balanced diet is vital for healthy growth and development, supporting learning and social skills, and encouraging continuation of healthy eating later in life. For many children across Glasgow, free school meals are the only nutritious, balanced meal they can rely on each day. Many low-income families are unable to afford additional food costs during school holidays.

2. Aim of the Programme

The programme provides a grant fund which enables community organisations to provide nutritious food to children/young people using their services during the school holiday periods. The programme is for children/young people from 0-18 years of age.

3. Programme Criteria

The programme is open to Third Sector and Community Groups.

4. Timescales/Applications: Summer 2024 – Spring 2025

An open application process was delivered for the Summer 2024 to Spring 2025 opening on 11 March 2024 with a closing date of 3 April 2024. 80 applications were received and on 23 May 2024, the Council approved a programme of funding to 49 organisations totalling £2,000,000.

The funding was awarded using a formula to ensure that there was geographical coverage across the city and that the 10 wards identified as having a higher number of children living in poverty received boosted delivery.

This monitoring report focuses on the Summer programme which ran from 27 June to 9 August 2024 and the October programme which ran from 14 to 18 October 2024.

Monitoring data from the Spring 2025 programme will be analysed and reported at a later date.

5. Challenges

A common challenge that providers report to us each year is an increasing demand for the service. To manage demand, providers have reported working jointly with other providers and sign-posting service users to another service if they were at capacity. Some organisations had waiting lists and tried to accommodate all children at some point within the programme.

Many providers reported an increased number of children attending who presented additional support needs, particularly children that were waiting on a clinical diagnosis. In many cases this proved challenging as the projects did not have advance warning of the additional support that would be required. However, the providers adopted a flexible approach to accommodate their needs by providing different activities and/or quiet spaces. To meet the needs better in the future, many providers are seeking training opportunities for staff.

The weather continues to be challenging, particularly for outdoor activities. To overcome this, some providers accessed other venues in order to continue delivery of their programme.

One provider reported that children from different ethnic backgrounds were hesitant to interact with each other resulting in the formation of ethnic-based groups. To overcome this, cultural exchange sessions were organised as part of the activity where children were encouraged to share stories and traditions from their cultures. This initiative helped the children appreciate the richness and diversity of different backgrounds and created a platform for mutual respect and understanding.

With the General Election falling during the Summer holiday programme, several providers were not permitted access to their venues on election day however they were able to re-arrange their programme in advance to ensure that a service was still delivered. Trips were arranged and food was provided in local cafes for those not attending the trips.

Another challenge providers encountered was the increased costs due to the cost of living crisis with many reporting increased food costs. In some cases, menus were amended to remain within budget or additional funding was secured.

Some providers reported adjustments to programme delivery in accordance with their funding levels and increased costs, particularly food costs. This included, for example, changing or reducing the number of venues, reducing the number of operational days and/or reduction in the number of hours and sessions provided, reducing the number of service users and a reduction in staffing levels.

6. Partnership Working

Partnership working is always strong during the holiday programme with organisations working together to ensure there is no duplication of service, a variety of activities provided, working jointly on the food or activities provision and taking referrals from other organisations if they are at capacity. A partnership approach has allowed organisations to enhance programme delivery by being able to access additional staff/volunteers, new venues or attracting new activities to the programme.

7. Outcomes of Programme

7.1 Activities

Summer 2024

Activities included: street play, quizzes, games, arts and crafts, jewellery making, dancing, sports, gymnastics, nature walks, litter picking, bush craft, woodland bingo, den building, theme days, cooking and baking sessions, biscuit decorating, learning about other cultures, gardening, growing workshops, music workshops, karaoke, storytelling, drama, cycling, indoor/outdoor free play, messy play, talks, walks, cinema screenings, baby and sensory areas, family meals and trips. A total of **8,808 hours of activity** was delivered over the summer holiday period.

October 2024

Activities included: street play, arts and crafts, dancing, sports, Halloween activities e.g. pumpkin carving/making dream catchers, board games, day trips, cooking lessons, mini petting zoo, end of week disco, learning about other cultures, creating memory books, face painting, music and movement workshops, storytelling, quizzes, competitions, drama, movies, cycling, indoor/outdoor free play, talks, bug hunting and spooky walks. A total of **1,615 hours of activity** was delivered over the October holiday period.

7.2 Beneficiaries

During the 7-week summer programme **21,701** children/young people filling **123,811** spaces benefited from fresh food and activities, and during the week long October programme **8,043** children/young people filling **19,739** spaces, benefited as illustrated below:-

	Summer 2024	October 2024
Male	54.01%	49.62%
Female	45.88%	49.71%
Non-Binary	0.11%	0.67%
Disability/Additional needs	8.88%	11.03%
Black and Minority Ethnic	22.78%	30.21%

The biggest percentage of beneficiaries were from the 5-8 age group, this is consistent with previous programmes.

7.3 Number of meals provided

Organisations provided a variation of meals and snacks, this included breakfast, lunch and dinner. Some organisations only provided one meal per day, while others provided two and some three per day. Food provision is set out in the table below:-

Meal	Summer 2024	October 2024
Breakfast	63,578	11,893
Lunch	115,899	19,995
Dinner	20,579	3,395
Snacks	139,810	22,867
Total	339,866	58,150

Organisations were asked if they were confident that the food provided was both healthy and nutritious with 100% reporting that they were confident in Summer 2024 and 98% in October 2024 (1 provider).

7.4 Service Delivery Areas by Sector and Ward

7.4.1 Sector data

Sector	No. of Organisations (Summer 2024)	No. of Beneficiaries Summer 2024)	No. of Organisations (October 2024)	No. of Beneficiaries (October 2024)
North East	27	13,191	21	2,824
North West	19	2,879	28	3,545
South	27	5,631	16	1,674
Total	73 *	21,701	65 **	8,043

* includes 14 providers working over 2 sectors and 6 providers working over 3 sectors

** includes 11 providers working over 2 sectors and 4 providers working over 3 sectors

7.4.2 – Ward data

Ward	No. of Organisations (Summer 2024)	No. of Beneficiaries Summer 2024)	No. of Organisations (October 2024)	No. of Beneficiaries (October 2024)
1 – Linn	11	1,967	8	988
2 - Newlands/Auldburn	8	151	7	105
3 - Greater Pollok	10	866	6	157
4 – Cardonald	12	361	7	141
5 – Govan	13	767	12	611
6 – Pollokshields	5	304	9	95
7 – Langside	10	121	9	105
8 - Southside Central	12	1,094	9	622
9 – Calton	16	5,260	13	687
10 - Anderston/City/Yorkhill	7	415	6	270
11 – Hillhead	7	128	5	59
12 - Victoria Park	3	78	5	38
13 - Garscadden/ Scotstounhill	8	358	7	172
14 - Drumchapel/Annie'sland	8	762	9	375
15 – Maryhill	9	442	9	336
16 – Canal	8	645	6	400
17 - Springburn/Robroyston	11	677	13	335
18 - East Centre	18	1,864	15	498
19 – Shettleston	12	1,304	12	515
20 – Baillieston	14	995	12	300
21 - North East	14	2,038	14	764
22 – Dennistoun	16	1,053	14	446
23 - Partick East/Kelvindale	3	51	4	24
	235*	21,701	211**	8,043

* 39 providers delivering to more than 1 ward

** 36 providers delivering to more than 1 ward

Comment: Calton generally shows a high return as one provider runs several sessions per day to allow for the demand. Linn has also shown a high return as a consortium of 5 organisations ran a programme in partnership.

7.5 Volunteers

During the summer 2024 programme, providers reported being supported by **590** volunteers, with **41** specifically to support ASN children and young people. During October, providers reported **336** volunteers, with **34** specifically to support ASN children and young people.

8. Expenditure by Sector and Ward and Match Funding

A breakdown of expenditure is provided in the tables below. The expenditure categories are as follows:

- Food Costs – food and ancillary costs.
- Other Direct Costs – sessional staff, venue hire, activity costs, transport costs.
- Management Costs – marketing, management fee.

8.1 - Sector data

Summer 2024

Sector	Food Costs	Other Direct Costs	Management Costs	2024 Sector Total
South	£247,022.74	£124,371.19	£7,619.25	£379,013.17
North East	£397,732.29	£217,932.60	£24,002.93	£639,667.82
North West	£231,249.50	£112,972.44	£5,357.99	£349,579.93
Total	£876,004.53	£455,276.22	£36,980.17	£1,368,260.92

October 2024

Sector	Food Costs	Other Direct Costs	Management Costs	2024 Sector Total
South	£46,107.80	£16,456.51	£1,828.24	£64,392.56
North East	£63,730.28	£35,559.07	£2,881.40	£102,170.76
North West	£37,822.21	£15,751.48	£817.98	£54,391.68
Total	£147,660.30	£67,767.07	£5,527.62	£220,954.99

8.2 – Ward Data

Summer 2024

Ward	Food Costs	Other Direct Costs	Management Costs	Ward Total
Ward 1 – Linn	£48,684.68	£28,487.12	£2,083.40	£79,255.20
Ward 2 - Newlands/Auldburn	£6,782.31	£3,175.18	£432.91	£10,390.40
Ward 3 - Greater Pollok	£22,471.77	£17,826.87	£1,358.79	£41,657.43
Ward 4 – Cardonald	£23,304.06	£6,210.63	£173.71	£29,688.40
Ward 5 – Govan	£52,542.35	£28,336.75	£2,344.66	£83,223.76
Ward 6 – Pollokshields	£13,272.86	£4,949.15	£99.91	£18,321.92
Ward 7 – Langside	£12,261.02	£9,902.43	£484.31	£22,647.77
Ward 8 - Southside Central	£67,703.70	£25,483.04	£641.56	£93,828.30
Ward 9 – Calton	£78,366.02	£20,543.72	£7,090.04	£105,999.78
Ward 10 - Anderston/City/Yorkhill	£34,952.97	£23,011.87	£277.64	£58,242.48
Ward 11 – Hillhead	£15,991.14	£3,324.17	£57.74	£19,373.05

Ward	Food Costs	Other Direct Costs	Management Costs	Ward Total
Ward 12 - Victoria Park	£11,722.54	£14.23	£-	£11,736.78
Ward 13 - Garscadden/Scotstounhill	£16,981.18	£6,002.94	£878.30	£23,862.42
Ward 14 - Drumchapel/Anniesland	£54,255.24	£16,445.77	£1,616.09	£72,317.10
Ward 15 – Maryhill	£35,395.07	£25,608.11	£1,262.69	£62,265.87
Ward 16 – Canal	£56,140.31	£38,033.37	£1,207.70	£95,381.38
Ward 17 - Springburn/Robroyston	£43,447.99	£36,279.52	£1,751.18	£81,478.70
Ward 18 - East Centre	£60,226.05	£36,325.11	£3,649.96	£100,201.12
Ward 19 – Shettleston	£49,835.33	£32,079.85	£2,576.26	£84,491.44
Ward 20 – Baillieston	£35,783.64	£21,385.82	£1,474.74	£58,644.21
Ward 21 - North East	£81,516.69	£49,512.83	£4,244.27	£135,273.78
Ward 22 – Dennistoun	£48,556.57	£21,805.74	£3,216.49	£73,578.80
Ward 23 - Partick East/Kelvindale	£5,811.05	£531.96	£57.84	£6,400.85
	£876,004.53	£455,276.22	£36,980.17	£1,368,260.92

October 2024

Ward	Food Costs	Other Direct Costs	Management Costs	Ward Total
Ward 1 – Linn	£8,665.04	£4,773.26	£465.49	£13,903.79
Ward 2 - Newlands/Auldburn	£1,547.17	£334.07	£85.45	£1,966.69
Ward 3 - Greater Pollok	£4,473.36	£1,878.45	£35.64	£6,387.45
Ward 4 – Cardonald	£3,858.59	£1,324.11	£210.78	£5,393.48
Ward 5 – Govan	£10,248.15	£4,541.60	£518.89	£15,308.64
Ward 6 – Pollokshields	£2,362.71	£1,263.58	£178.45	£3,804.74
Ward 7 – Langside	£1,973.50	£1,424.82	£181.08	£3,579.39
Ward 8 - Southside Central	£12,979.29	£916.64	£152.45	£14,048.38
Ward 9 – Calton	£11,121.93	£3,766.56	£560.82	£15,449.30
Ward 10 - Anderston/City/Yorkhill	£6,403.54	£3,577.12	£27.37	£10,008.03
Ward 11 – Hillhead	£2,024.01	£454.90	£1.37	£2,480.27
Ward 12 - Victoria Park	£1,140.61	£129.19	£12.93	£1,282.72

Ward	Food Costs	Other Direct Costs	Management Costs	Ward Total
Ward 13 - Garscadden/Scotstounhill	£4,854.31	£445.58	£50.94	£5,350.84
Ward 14 - Drumchapel/Anniesland	£8,214.43	£2,988.12	£07.71	£11,310.26
Ward 15 – Maryhill	£5,310.15	£3,184.00	£192.69	£8,686.84
Ward 16 – Canal	£9,021.79	£4,947.24	£423.94	£14,392.97
Ward 17 - Springburn/Robroyston	£6,618.98	£5,814.78	£109.50	£12,543.26
Ward 18 - East Centre	£8,924.84	£5,237.15	£513.05	£14,675.03
Ward 19 – Shettleston	£9,673.73	£5,756.21	£420.51	£15,850.45
Ward 20 – Baillieston	£6,234.64	£3,668.43	£314.23	£10,217.31
Ward 21 - North East	£13,455.19	£7,929.44	£619.96	£22,004.59
Ward 22 – Dennistoun	£7,700.98	£3,386.49	£343.33	£11,430.81
Ward 23 - Partick East/Kelvindale	£853.38	£25.34	£1.03	£879.75
	£147,660.30	£67,767.07	£5,527.62	£220,954.99

8.3 Match Funding

Summer 2024

Match funding of **£306,147.60** was reported by providers and used in conjunction with the summer funding of £1,386,507.20 to deliver the summer 2024 programme.

October 2024

Match funding of **£55,293.50** was reported by providers and used in conjunction with the October funding of £221,168.20 to deliver the October 2024 programme.

9. Financial Inclusion Support

As part of both summer and October 2024 programmes, providers were offered the opportunity to link families to support offered by the Council's Glasgow Helps Initiative. 21 organisations took up the offer in summer, resulting in **863** families being referred for Financial Inclusion support.

18 organisations took up the offer in October, resulting in a further **241** families being referred for Financial Inclusion support.

10. Information Sharing

Providers were asked if they would be interested in participating in a knowledge sharing workshop with other holiday programme providers to share knowledge about the approach to programme delivery and what worked well. 45 organisations reported that they would be interested in participating. Officers from the Grants and Monitoring team facilitated a session on 30 October 2024 with 14 organisations participating. Many providers welcomed the opportunity to discuss their programmes and share information with each other. The feedback from the session was valuable and contributed to the development of the 2025/26 programme.

11. Impact/Feedback

11.1 Impact of the Programme

The programme continues to deliver a wide range of positive impacts to young people and families across the city.

Young people embraced the programme and enjoyed trying new foods and activities. Many organisations reported that young people enjoyed being outdoors and going on trips to places they had never been to before. The activities developed confidence and improved the young people's overall health and well-being. Some organisations provided young people with opportunities to cook their own meals and learn new cooking skills that they could share with other family members.

Parents/Carers welcomed the programme, knowing their children were safe and being fed. Many reported that the programme assisted greatly with rising food costs and reduced their anxiety and stress. They also welcomed the opportunity provided for the young people to make new friends and continue with learning experiences over the holiday periods. Many benefited from the programme as it allowed them to continue to work over the holidays knowing that their young people were being looked after.

As in previous years, young people had the opportunity to simply enjoy the 'normality' of being young, connecting with their friends, enjoying fun activities outdoors and were given time and space for themselves.

Volunteering opportunities were offered by many projects which are likely to improve the employability pathway for those who volunteered. Many organisations reported that previous participants now volunteered to deliver the programme in their local area.

The programme had a huge impact by providing children and young people with nutritious food whilst delivering positive and fun experiences, promoting learning and connecting to the wider community.

11.2. Feedback

Examples of feedback are illustrated on the pages directly below.

Detailed feedback from providers, participants, parent/carers and volunteers, together with case studies, are provided as an **addendum** to this report – see Section 12.

Summer 2024

I really enjoyed helping out in the Summer, it was good to be able to help the younger kids and act as a role model. It was interesting to see how the summer activities get planned and I was excited to see so many kids turn up. I was a little bit nervous at first but over the Summer, the more I came and helped out the more confidence I got. I enjoyed helping the kids make the centre mural and completing their scrap books. I had so much fun and can't wait to help again with the October Week.

Young Volunteer

Creating important opportunities for hundreds of young people and providing activity that would otherwise be unavailable.

Provider

The lunches were such a big help. It's great to know my kids were eating healthy meals and trying new foods that they now enjoy. I was really anxious about the summer holidays and was worried that I wouldn't be able to afford to keep my kids properly fed for the entire time. The fact that they were at the club, making new friends and having a super time was even better.

Parent



It has been great to go to a group where my children can play and be themselves without being judged. As a parent for 2 ASN children it is essential to have a safe space where we can all relax and feel supported especially during school holidays.

Parent

This has been my first time at the summer holiday programme, and it's been so much fun! I've loved all the activities and made new friends – and the food is so good

Child



Club is fantastic, staff go above and beyond for every child, food is amazing the children are always full. I can only say its 10 out of 10 for everything.

Parent



The summer program had a lot of fun things to enjoy, but I especially liked the activities such as the zoo and the food. McDonalds was so good. We went to Millport. I rate it 10/10.

Child

It's been a huge help with keeping my son entertained and stimulated throughout the holidays. It's also helped as a parent as holidays can be so expensive.

Parent

Thank you for taking the time to look after us and keeping us safe.

Child

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for all you and your teams efforts in making Y and Z have the best summer experience. I'm delighted the programme has been so successful.

Parent

This is the world's best food programme ever!

Child

Volunteering at the club, gave me a reason to get up in the morning.

Parent Volunteer

October 2024

The camps are the best thing going. I come to every one and love it. There is nothing else like it. The coaches have fun with you and take part and the games and things we do are a lot of fun.

Child

I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to lead the workshop, the group of children were truly amazing and passionate.

Volunteer

Thanks so much for hosting another holiday club. My kids wouldn't have anything else to do during the holidays, and they love the club with kids that don't go to their school.

Parent



My kids really enjoyed coming to the October Holiday Programme. Their favourite activities were arts and crafts, and baking sessions. They loved lunches prepared by your amazing volunteers. Thank you so much xx

Parent

Well done on the Council to fund this. They did this, really, that's fantastic. Will there be another camp next school holidays.

Parent



I've recently started volunteering and I've been loving everything I've been doing. It feels so good to be helping out at clubs that helped me

Young Volunteer



My son looked forward to holiday club because of the food. He really enjoyed the activities, the variety of food and getting the chance to hang out with his friends outside of home

Parent

It's been so much fun, I really liked the arts and crafts and want to do more of this in the future.

Child

I've loved helping out with the younger kids and helping the staff to sort all the games and the food.

Young Volunteer

I've had the best time this week and have 2 new friends.

Child

We had an amazing time. Girls loved Arts & Crafts. There was loads of different activities. Snack provided, lunch provided, great options. Love all the staff and volunteers. Great with the kids."

Parent

12. Addendum

Feedback from Providers and Volunteers.....

- The camps have a profound effect on the children who attend. We work closely with the holiday provider to make sure that those children in most need are supported. At this school we split the camp at summer between P1-3 and P4-7 and it works really well. More children are able to attend and the food makes such a difference. Being able to be outside I think is also really important as far too many children spend a lot of time inside and don't play or take part in sport. That is what is so great about these camps, the children are learning physical literacies and developing new skills each day. *Teacher*
- I used to come to the camps when I was a kid and loved them. I started volunteering last summer and this is my second summer helping at camps. I love it. I stay 2 minutes up the road from the school and know the area and lots of the kids families. It definitely helps when working with them. There is a lot of poverty around here but at the camps the main thing is the kids having fun and playing games and being able to make sure they get something to eat each day. I am really happy I get to do this. *Volunteer*
- It's massive for the area. They are the only established youth project in the area and are well respected locally. This respect has been built up over years of work and showing a commitment to the children of Govan. Having a safe space, like that in the school is amazing, providing activities, meals and supports when the school doors are closed. Most importantly, it's a safe space for children and young people and in today's climate, it's vital we have that in Glasgow. *NSPCC Together for Childhood*
- This was my first camp volunteering. I have been coming to the community football and camps since I was about 10 or 11. XX asked me if i was interested in volunteering and i started a few weeks ago. This was a great learning experience. I got to help at various schools so i got to see how different camps work and help the kids. I like that I can now be one of the volunteers and hopefully a coach like they helped me when i was younger *Volunteer*
- Consistently with previous years young people most enjoyed badminton as the clear winner with Playing pool, table tennis and being with friends scoring highly. Other top scoring activities were spray painting and the trips.

Feedback from participants and parent/carers.....

- The trip to Pinkston Water Sports was the BEST day! Best summer ever!
- The activities this year have been amazing! I've made so many new friends, and the food has been the best yet! My favourite activity was the Olympics day and the Colour Run – it was so much fun! I really hope we can go back to Pinkston again soon as that was my favourite trip. Thank you!
- We absolutely loved the fruit, the strawberries were so delicious
- I loved making the fruit kebabs it was so much fun and they are my favourite fruits
- Fantastic fun, please keep this going every summer!
- It would be good if we could go on some trips during summer
- My favourite thing about camps is the games and the lunches. I love the mac and cheese and playing some of the games the coaches do is really fun
- The coaches have helped me a lot over the last few years both with being fitter and healthier and in starting to volunteer. If it wasn't for the camps I don't know what my brother and me would do. This is where we come everyday and see out friends and have something to eat. We don't have much money so I don't know what else we could do without this
- We only started coming to the camps this year, at Easter I think and it was great. Summer has been even better. It is so busy every day and the coaches are great with you. There is always water and fruit to take if you want it and the coaches help with a lot of other things
- This is the best place ever! The chicken curry is my favourite, and the fruit I love strawberries!
- I feel healthier because I've been running about more than normal
- I liked going on the trip with the group, I met new people and made new friends
- I've made new friends that stay next to me and I didn't know and now I can go out and play with them when I'm not at the club too
- I can't believe I got to go to Heads of Ayr Park and actually touch a real-life horse
- I will definitely come back, thank you so much, I love you!!
- It was so fun, thank you!
- I loved playing with my friends and making new friends
- It was really fun and the staff were great!
- I loved playing with my friends, and the rooms were so fun!
- I enjoyed the idea of going to school for a reason other than work. They provided us with food, drinks and lots of things to do. 10/10 experience, would recommend.
- I have never been to the aquarium or the zoo and loved it.
- I had so much fun at Glasgow green going on the coach with everyone

- This is the best day ever thank you so much for taking me to the park
- I feel so special being with the Club because they always look after me, give me breakfast and lunch, help me create stuff and have lots of fun with me
- Coming to the MUGA getting a big game of football with everyone has been brilliant
- Thank you for having us during summer, we really enjoyed our times and trips away with everyone. It was great to meet new people and take part in all the activities
- Summertime was just the best ever at the Club. I got chicken nuggets and chips with curry sauce which is my favourite! I used to get that at home but I've not had chicken nuggets for a long long time.
- I was a wee bit worried as my dinner school is shut at summer but I didn't need to cos I got lots and lots of lovely things to eat at the Club. I also got ice cream and chicken nuggets and chips which I loved they were just the best
- How come you have all this lovely, yummy food for me to have when I come to the Club. I don't usually have anything to eat all day at Summer as the dinner school isn't open but I love coming here
- Thank you for the lovely food today. Can I take some home for my little brother and sister as they couldn't come today so they can eat the food at home.
- I loved everything, especially the trips
- If it wasn't for the summer programme I would be just sitting at home, sleeping most of the day or on my Playstation
- Checking the time because I don't want this day to end
- I always sleep after the outdoor session as I work so hard
- This was so fun. When can we do watersports again? When can we come back here next?
- The Club always does the best stuff. This has been the best day ever!
- It brings the community together
- I hope it will continue, thank you
- Extremely good for the children
- Brilliant wee event
- This event is awesome
- The weather is rubbish but the games are good
- The football games and running around in the park were my favourite part. I can't wait to come back to the after school club!
- Before this, I didn't know there were so many animals and plants in the park. Now I know where to find them, my dad said I sound like a Springburn Park expert now because I keep telling him about it. I even made him walk through with me so I could show him all the things I found!

- I want to do this everyday, it's been so much fun
- I think I've made a new best friend!
- I love making my own food now!
- Thank you so much to all of you! I don't know what I would do without the 2 clubs
- I loved the science centre. I thought it would be really boring but it was brilliant
- This holiday programme is amazing. XXX do a fantastic job and the staff are so caring and welcoming
- I started volunteering this summer. I have loved working with the wee ones they are so funny
- My girls had so much fun taking part in many of the summer activities. Thank you for all the effort and enthusiasm. Great team!
- Thank you so much for today! A was delighted she got a last minute space and had an absolute ball!
- Thanks so much team for giving our kids some brilliant life experiences and memories!
- We are not worried about the holidays again, we know we can rely on you to bring him, he is so isolated and we can't afford to go anywhere. What a lifesaver, this camp
- Thank you , thank you ,thank you. The kids haven't stopped talking about it
- The food provision over summer school was invaluable and took a lot of pressure off providing lunch. My daughter loved the vegetable curry and on those days she came home full which was a great relief to me
- Having lunch provided by XX helped me financially as we're struggling at the moment. We're moving house and need to buy unexpected household goods so I was happy my children attended all summer knowing they'd get a hot meal each day. The fruit and fresh vegetables each day was a bonus as it's something I try and give my kids each day. They will eat them happily but they also loved the chicken bites!
- Cooking classes would be great for the adults
- We love that the kids are free to explore and play without getting bored everyday, as well as getting fed
- This has been fantastic, we loved the games and the food, thank you so, so much!
- The kids go home with their bellies full of food and tired out from playing all day. It's fantastic! Keep up the good work!
- Very grateful for the fun days – my granddaughters love coming to play the activities that are here. It's local and grateful that it doesn't cost anything. Girls do enjoy 5 min walk from house, and all the staff are very caring and helpful in every way. They all work very hard for the kids
- I want to appreciate every member of staff at the Club for the good job they are doing engaging the kids. Which has seriously improved their development and general wellbeing keeping them

busy with a lot of activities during this summer break. I am glad my children are a part of the XX Club. Well done to the team you guys are the best

- XX summer club is absolutely brilliant. The staff are so good with the kids it's gives them all something to look forward too as their always planning activities so well, the kids are out and about keeping active and even sometimes visiting some new places. Summer club also means I can keep a hand in at work which I'm extremely grateful for, it's peace of mind knowing my kids are staying active and being included in the community making friends and having fun also big plus keeping them away from their devices and just being kids
- This summer XX Summer Programme literally saved our holiday. I'm a single Mum and became really unwell just before school broke off and ended up being in hospital for weeks throughout the holidays and B got to have the opportunity to still have lots of fun, hang out with friends, meet new friends and have life as normal as it could be whilst I was away. I honestly don't know what I would have done without the programme this year
- This is amazing, what your guys do for the community is brilliant. We have had a great time, thank you
- I'm so glad to get to come along to the trip because I wouldn't have been able to do anything with the kids this year
- If it wasn't for the XX Project and your support, I'd have given up a long time ago
- Baby messy play was excellent, gave my LG the chance to explore things for the first time. She enjoyed getting messy and exploring senses.
- Had the best time at baby soft play. First time for Z going on a bouncy castle, and had so much fun! So lovely for us to get a bite to eat after. A lovely day!

I loved that it was a day out with my daughter that I didn't have to think about transport, lunch or where to go. It was brilliant to have the company to go with otherwise we would find it hard.

- Packed lunch was lovely and breakfast too. Saved me money so the kids got to spend that in the shop on a little treat.
- Breakfast and lunch provided that I wouldn't be able to afford.
- The food was ideal for what we needed, having lunch provided helped take the financial pressure off, especially while on mat leave
- Thank you so much for a great summer. My daughter and nephew loved the camps and had so much fun. The coaches and volunteers are just wonderful
- My sons behaviour has definitely improved because of the camps. He used to run about wild and I struggle as he has brothers and sisters and I can't always help him. The coaches spend time with him and explain things to him really well and he is much calmer. His ADHD is much better managed after running about and having fun and having the coaches talk to him
- Mum, can you make this for dinner too?!
- My girl is deaf and she really loves this, the staff help her to easily understand

- The X's have had an amazing time at the XXX this summer, the afternoon sessions enabled them to still enjoy the feeling of the summer holidays sleeping a little later having some family time in the morning then the excitement of going to see their friends and having fun at club rather than getting up first thing being tired and not wanting to go out even to the club. Afternoon sessions are definitely a fantastic idea. Food was also never an issue they never came home hungry and were always encouraged to try different things, most importantly every day they were excited to go and laughing and smiling when they came out so a fun day was had every day. Communication with staff as always was amazing they spoke to us every day told us what was going on through the afternoon and what to expect the next day which is greatly appreciated well done and thank you to all the staff
- The staff have been fantastic and I feel really lucky to have got Y a place. Y absolutely loved his time there and it took a lot of strain away for me over the holidays as I work from home and am a single parent with very few options
- My children love summer club and I felt very comfortable leaving them with the team, the team are exceptional! They are already excited to go back next year too.
- The summer programme changed this year just for kids to attend I found this better as I could do what I had to do without having the kids moan, it also gave me some free time to myself
- Both kids enjoyed the programme as they got to do a lot of different activities and went on a trip on Thursdays. They still talk about "XXX club" to this day and can't wait for future programme to come along to. Everyone including the volunteers done amazing well done!
- Thank you for the great opportunity. I believe children would have enjoyed the programme, it's far better than staying at home. They told me that they went to some nice places. Looking forward to next year Inshallah. Thank you!
- The volunteers were amazing, lots to eat, the activities were great and the trips were the best part
- The children being outdoors and active and doing sports is great for their wellbeing and overall fitness. The kids got to try lots of new things, meet new people and have some socialisation. The trips were amazing, the kids got to see new places and have some independence away from parents and got to go by train etc. Our kids loved their summer and the staff were lovely, friendly and personable.
- My child loved this club he loved the games, especially the detective one. He loved the food and said staff were all so fun and all got involved. XX was very helpful and supportive encouraging my boys to come to the club and feel safe.
- The staff all work so hard to encourage children to speak with one another and make friends, my daughter attended one day without her friend, I had made staff aware that she is normally very anxious and may be unsettled by this, my daughter left and said she had her best day ever and made new friends, thank you everyone
- I cannot believe you offer all this for free, it's such a godsend during the holidays to get them out the house and playing with their mates

- This is amazing that you put all this on for free and the kids get fed. Its also really good for him cause he has just left P7 so some of the boys he will be going to school with in August are here so he gets to know them a bit before school starts
- I've not planned anything one day and I'm feeling low, it is great to have a safe space for the kids to come and feel at home
- Absolutely brilliant for us. Really allows us to get out doing things during the summer. My wee boy is autistic and he has lots of support needs and the staff and environment is very inclusive
- Great for the kids to self serve lots of fruit and menu every day has lots of choice. The café has been busy so it helps make everyone feel comfortable and enjoy the atmosphere together
- Big impact because I'm a single mum of four. Sometimes I'm skint and with the help of the club, we are offered a free breakfast and lunch which I really appreciate
- The programme is the best I have seen. The staff are very friendly, welcoming and kind. My family and I are grateful for your kindness
- Cannot believe we are at the end of the holidays. I am so thankful, the staff are like family and have given my kids an amazing summer
- My son attended the holiday club and had so much fun, staff are amazing and make families feel at home. If it wasn't for XXX and staff I don't know what I would do. amazing team
- XX is a great place for kids & families, the staff are all kind, caring and supportive. Castlemilk wouldn't be the same without it. The summer club has been amazing
- I have seen how he has developed over the summer. He is more polite and better with the English language because you know it is our second language. He is making friends from different places and backgrounds and this is good
- It's so good to be able to bring my older children along with my youngest to XXX sessions during the summer. It's so important to me to find free things to do as the holidays can be really expensive
- Great club over the holidays, be great if it could be possible for more days to keep them occupied. Great variety for all the kids
- Thank you to the club, my little boy has autism and doesn't like going anywhere else. But he loves the club
- Thank you for making my kids feel welcome. I know that when they come here, you understand what our beliefs are and I can trust that they are safe
- I don't know what I would do without the club. It helps me go to work and I know that he is getting food and a chance to play with his friends
- The only time my girl goes out, is when she goes to the club. She would stay in the house all summer if it wasn't for you
- I cannot believe how much you offer my children to eat at the playground. As you know, my 3 kids come her every day as they just love the place. Life is quite hard for me just now in trying to

source food to eat for them during the summer and you all have been a godsend in ensuring I don't need to worry about how the kids will have something to eat each day during the Summer

- I really don't know what I would do during the summer holidays if it wasn't for you providing a lunch for my two children
- The club is a lifesaver. My kids and myself would be so bored and fed up. Amazing team with so much enthusiasm and passion. They go above and beyond to make sure everyone included. This year has been amazing like the others, Friends been made with the kids and adults. Everyone has got to know each other, such a family vibe
- My family enjoyed it a lot. My daughter had the best summer, its a wee fab family/organisation
- It made such a difference not having to worry about the financial burden over the summer holidays
- Millions of thanks to the team for going far beyond our expectations, for being kind and energetic all the time, in the rain and the sun, for providing support to everyone, parents and kids
- I can't get my son to eat anything different but today he told me he had loved the macaroni
- G loves all the fun and action L enjoys building and making things
- J loves coming to the holiday club and I love the fact I can get a rest knowing he is safe and being looked after
- Thanks for everything my girls love coming and I can get time to do the shopping
- E thought the trip to innoflate was the best
- Whatever you are doing is just perfect. Activities, food, people... My child just loved attending sessions at the club. Keep up the good work
- The holiday club was amazing. My daughter enjoyed a lot and she learned amazing things and enjoyed activities there
- Absolutely amazing! Thank you!
- Especially mention to the whole staff & team in organising this club, as they are also giving their personal time & efforts. Thank you once again & keep organising such holiday clubs
- You guys do an amazing job and the kids just have the best time
- Thank you guys!! [my daughter] had the best time at summer club yous do an amazing job
- Thank you everyone, [my son] loved it
- Huge thank you to you all. [my daughter] really enjoyed every minute of her time with you all
- Thank you all for your amazing hard work! [my son] had the best time over the summer with everyone
- Thanks folks...this club has been a lifesaver
- Thank you soooo much for keeping our babies going through the summer and giving them fun things to do each day!! Yous have all done amazing

- My child was very shy before attending the programme, but after just a few weeks, I saw a big change. She's made new friends and now feels much more confident speaking in groups. She has even asked if some friends can come over to the house to play, this has never happened before so I'm delighted!" Our focus on physical activity, particularly through daily sports at the Centre and Springburn Park, helped children stay active throughout the summer. Many of the young participants noted how much they enjoyed the variety of sports, with one child stating
- It was such a relief knowing my kids were in a safe and fun environment during the summer. They loved it, and I didn't have to worry while I was at work. The burden of always having to find something to do with them within budget is daunting but this was removed and meant that when I had days off work I could spend it with them doing things we otherwise wouldn't have been able to.
- Without this programme I would not have been able to give my kids a good summer. We all had fun this year
- Everyone has been so helpful and made sure the children were fed and happy
- I am a single dad and this summer I didn't feel lost. The kids had a ball and the stress has been taken off me
- I have been able to keep in touch with the other mums from nursery and my little one has already made friends going into Primary school
- You have been amazing at helping her this Summer. The support has been brilliant and she always wants to come see the staff anytime we walk by the buildings. She's like a different child.
S Mum
- I honestly don't know what I'd have done without you all summer and I don't know how you manage to do it all for free! The summer holidays are long and expensive for parents and it was a relief to have days where I knew my children would have fun all day and be fed without me having to worry about it. Parent of P2 and P6 child.
- What great fun kids all had a ball and always something to do never not a thing to do and all kids get shot of all things in groups
- Lost for words Outstanding you all deserve a medal
- The holiday programme has been amazing and the kids have loved every moment of it
- It's a life saver and benefits both me and the kids
- Great addition to the summer holidays, saved me thinking of things to do EVERYDAY as over 6 weeks it becomes a lot trying to think of fun things, also saved me having to play for a few hours and saved money to do other things when the club finished. My kids made new friends and so did I whilst getting healthy homemade food that I didn't have to make
- The holiday programme is great as it gets the kids out the house instead of playing on computers, and it gets the adults out socialising too
- Amazing! My son has Developmental Language Disorder, he had a great opportunity to come out his shell this summer, and made some new friends. His confidence is building through his this interaction. The staff and volunteers are wonderful. I can't thank you enough for all your support. Keep up the excellent work you all do. I don't know what I would do without you all

- The best and the most amazing programme for children in Glasgow in fact Scotland
- The holiday programme is fantastic. It gives the children a great social environment throughout the summer that is free. The activities are well planned and the staff are amazing. There are days out and food available. The children love it. If I didn't have access to this I could no afford to pay for clubs in the summer holidays
- The club makes a big difference to our family as kids get to go to different activities and get to spend time with different kids and make more friends when they are there
- Great wee club all the kids love it
- The project been a great help for my family during the holidays as they provide a lunch and do great trips which I couldn't afford to do
- It makes a big difference to my sons life. He needs constant stimulation and it is hard during summer holidays finding stuff to do. This club is great for him to keep busy and making new friends also
- Bike Ride -I enjoyed our day out going down Maryhill Locks
- Bike Ride - I like how the water flows over the gates at the lock
- 10 Pin Bowling - "I absolutely loved it, I was the only one to get a strike
- It was so much fun
- It is great to be here and the animals are great too. The food is delicious, and everyone is kind
- I'd like jewellery making, change of food, mix it up each time, and the foam machine back
- I can't believe we made juice from apples in the garden, it was so much fun!
- We really enjoyed taking part in the science experiment, it was so much fun with lots of bubbles
- I have met someone who goes to my school, I didn't know them before but now we are friends which is good for me because I didn't know anyone in the school and felt lonely
- Food – I really liked the lunches, especially the fruit kebabs, yummy
- Food – I've never had veggie burger before but it tasted great I'm gonny get my mum to buy them for me
- The food was great. I loved the chicken salad that we had. The week always goes so fast but its great fun
- I love to dance everyday. The other girls are brilliant and we get to design our own dances and the coaches and volunteers help you to improve them
- My favourite thing was the den building, I loved all the lunches and I have made 2 new friends
- I loved doing the fires and the marsh mallows were great. The staff are always so much fun. My favourite is when they sing and dance with us
- The breakfast and lunch were brilliant. I never get these at home. The curry was my favourite and the staff gave me some to take home

- I love the night club, the boys always let me join in when playing football or basketball. The staff are so much fun and the bus picks me up and takes me home so I can come because my mum couldn't bring me
- I needed to come here this week and I ran all the way here. I knew that I would be getting something hot and nice to eat. In my house my mum cannae afford to put the cooker on to make dinners as she hasnae got enough electricity in the leccy meter to do that. I don't really get many hot dinner stuff to eat in ma hoose and we don't have a microwave either cos its broke. I usually get a pot noodle for my dinner most nights and then I go to ma pals tae ask him if he's coming out and I usually ask him gonnae dae me a favour and put some water in that pot noodle as the woman in the shop forgot to do it when I bought it. I just kid on to him as I don't want to tell him the truth. At least, I feel I can tell you and you won't think anything bad about me or my mum. That's why the October Food thingy is just the best and I love coming here. I'm always full up every day when I come here to play with ma pals and I don't need to worry about being hungry when I go home. I like that you also give me more food if I ask you.
- I love to come here because I feel safe and happy...I get to meet other people from different schools. I love this club so much, like I never met X and Y before
- I have loved trying the fruit salad and helping to make it
- I'm the best at table tennis, I've won 4 times now
- I've loved helping out with the younger kids and helping the staff to sort all the games and the food
- I've recently started volunteering and I've been loving everything I've been doing. It feels so good to be helping out at clubs that helped me
- I was very shy when I came to the club. I now have more confidence to speak out and have been learning more about being a good role model for the younger ones
- With the cost of living being so hard, our 3 don't get to go to other clubs as they cost too much. I don't know what we'd do without the youth club
- I don't know what we would do without you
- It was good to know my older children were safe and looked after and they were getting lunch. I didn't have to worry about them and had time to spend with my youngest
- Kids really enjoyed the animals. Thing some kids would enjoy perfume making and jewellery
- My son had the best time
- Great family event, lots to do for the children. Great atmosphere and a much needed facility for the local community
- such a great day for the kids, they love it, have so much fun. Plenty to do and eat for everyone
- The swap shop has been brilliant, I hate when the kids costumes only get worn once so this is a great idea

- My child struggles as although he can walk a short distance he relies a lot on the use of his wheel chair which can sometimes frustrate him however during the programme he was able to participate at a pace that met his needs which was great for me and him, it gave him the freedom to play in a safe space and made him happy
- I can't thank you all for what you have done for us and the support you have given to me and my family. I am now more aware of what support is out there and have taken out a membership with the Pantry. My Daughter struggles due to her condition but your team were superb and always there for her which made all the difference. Thank you so much
- Great wee day for babies. So many activities to keep them occupied. Lunch was delicious as well
- Great day for the babies, lots to do for them including ball pit, toys, singing songs, etc. Lunch and breakfast great with lots of choice. Thank you
- We enjoyed today, was great to spend time with kids and other families. Having the breakfast and lunch options also was great as its one less meal for a parent to worry about feeding kids. Great fun had by all
- My children love the camps. The coaches are so good with them and they come back every day burst having run about having fun all day. The breakfasts and lunches are so important as I know it helps a lot of parents and families in Maryhill
- Thank again for the holiday programme. My daughter came back smiling everyday and had a wonderful time. She loved the fun day and all the games that you played
- You can see the impact the camp has. All the kids playing together and having fun, its free and they are learning new things everyday. It's brilliant. I know it helps my family and we are a bit luckier than most
- Honestly, I have not heard any bad either from you or my kids. I am perfectly fine with your programmes. I think children enjoy spending their holidays playing the activities with you
- My daughter enjoyed to joined October programme she was very happy with all the activities and also the meals provided. Also it's very helpful for working parents like me, so I have where she can stay safely while I'm working. Very highly recommend. Thank you to all the staff and volunteer to keep or children's happy
- My son love it was coming home telling me all the things he had done. It helped me out alot as I was working. It's good for kids as there is not a lot for kids to do
- I absolutely love what you guys do. We are gutted that you have been here for so long and we didn't know about you until now. L & M come from a very disruptive background with mum living in England and me and their dad living here in Glasgow. The girls are having to travel up and down the country on a weekly basis and when they are in Glasgow, they still want to come to the centre. The girls joined you in the summer and it is all they talk about "when can we go to the centre" they absolutely love being there. We cannot believe the work that is being done with you guys and what you do for the kids. I love it that much that I want to join the board of directors for the organisation. I would like to be part of this great organisation and help shape its future

- Brilliant video my wee princess X in it thanks do much what use do for kids would love to take the time to thank your team X loves her so much takes x alot to get in the door and the staff are always being amazing at support her xxxxx
- Aw this is a brilliant video my wee ghostbuster my 2 never want to go to holiday clubs but had an amazing week so thanks alot for having their basketball club along xx
- I think it's improved since last year, there's more activities
- It has helped to relieve the pressure at home. On the economical side and mental health. It is good to have a free environment with food and activities
- As a family of five, the holidays are so expensive with all the extra snacks and lunches and activities (especially when it is wet outside) This has absorbed some of the financial pressure and the kids have been kept busy
- It makes me happy to see my kids having fun meeting new people and trying new things
- My son loves coming to the holiday club, if he didn't have this during breaks it is hard for me to get him out of his room
- The holiday club is great for the community, my children love getting involved and the club support us in every way possible
- My kids are always kept busy and happy at the club, the staff always have lots planned for the kids. The holiday group is a god send for me
- It's great to see the children sitting together and enjoying the lunch we have made so many friends since coming along
- I am so glad someone told me about these sessions it is my first time, we will be back
- I cannot believe the children get such a beautiful lunch; it is such a help during the holidays
- Great job by the project for the kids and helping parents during school holidays. It's really appreciated
- This is a great programme for kids aged 5-8 in the area, well done!
- The club was extremely welcoming. My son loved all of the activities and is desperate to come back next time, we would have had to pay for October camps
- Thank you for all your effort, really you make our holiday and thanks for the movie night, it was really special for us
- All of our family love to come, it is such a nice programme and it is a big blessing on our family
- Kids had a ball, got very muddy, kids really enjoyed movie night, well done team
- Club has been absolutely brilliant – I've brought the kids twice thank you to everyone who made this happen
- Thank you so very much for this week, was wonderful to get outdoors with the kids

- Thanks so much to the team, we didn't know you existed and popped over this morn when you were at the park, love what you do
- Thanks again E enjoyed his day at the holiday club. As you know he is struggling at school, but responds to the team here
- The boys love coming. They love all the fun and food. It is really good that you can do this for us
- Don't know how you do it, you all must have great patience
- Best day of the holidays for M and me
- I was stressed worrying about how I was going to feed the kids during the October week on an already stretched budget. Thanks to the programme my kids were not only fed every day but also brought some stuff home with them too
- Staff are always so friendly and help my little ones
- The food is perfect for the kids, lots of it and seconds always available if wanted
- These sessions are fantastic as money is limited during school holidays
- Place is spotless, food great, staff friendly and kids have a great time
- Great atmosphere, my kids don't realise it's free
- My kids love the football camp, I couldn't afford to send them and this lets mine have the same experience as others
- I'm so appreciative for this service from both clubs, it's a fantastic help for us and the kids love coming along
- You's do so much to help us all, people have no idea how much you do to help us and the kids. You's really do an amazing job here and if you ever need help with anything I'll gladly help out
- My girl has loved coming here, I normally have to fight with her to go anywhere but she loves it and is so confident coming in without her normal friend group
- The staff are so good with everyone including us and other parents and the kids love coming and doing lots of different things. We'd be lost without you's!
- The holiday programme helps a lot with the mental health, going out meeting other parents, children have fun playing making new friend. It's really good cause we spent time outside, some of us live in flats which is really hard for children to play outside
- We have another great time this year. As my kids have autism, every holiday time is hard for us, because there are only few programmes we can choose, and not sure if they will be treated equally. But in here, I don't need to worry about that. Every member of staff is kind, friendly and helpful to my kids. I can have a breath during the programme session, and I know they are happy and safe. Through these years, the project help our family a lot, we really appreciate all they have helped us. Thank you! You are just like my family, make us feel so warm!
- I have loved the essentials we were provided with. It has been amazing to help me make good meals for my three young children

- My kids go to school and when they aren't at school they come here. That's their routine and I love that this is here for them and for me. I tell everyone to sign up!
- This is the first time my daughters have attended this Holiday Programme. The programme was fun, creative and inclusive. All staff were friendly, happy, fun and welcoming
- S is a grandparent of a young lad with some Additional Support Needs. Through engaging in the holiday programmes she has noted how his behaviour has improved and he is less boisterous, listens more and is less disruptive in the house. The club gives her a chance to grab a coffee with a friend and take some time out

Case Studies.....

Case study 1

T is a young boy who has very challenging additional support needs which are often accompanied by challenging behaviours. He currently attends our Cafe sessions, but the Holiday Club sessions had not been suitable for him due to the length of the sessions and carers commitments to his siblings over the holiday periods. Over the October week we supported the family to introduce T to the October Holiday Club initially a drop-in for 1.5 hours on the Monday and Tuesday. On Thursday he was able to attend an extended Club session arriving for breakfast and staying for lunch. T had great fun, but as importantly his primary carer received a short break from her caring role and was able to do other activities with his sibling for the short periods she had when T was enjoying time at Club. We were also able to provide one of T's siblings with lunch and takeaway dinner. The family were extremely grateful for the support of respite and food provided through the Club.

Case study 2

S, a 9-year-old new to the area, was initially hesitant to join group activities. Over time, she became a regular participant in arts and crafts and enjoyed the structure of the programme's outings. Staff noticed her growing enthusiasm, and she even took on small leadership roles by helping others with crafts. S's mother shared that the programme helped S adjust to her new environment, saying "it helped her feel part of something."

Case study 3

A young person, "L," aged 12 (soon turning 13), attended our October Fun Fest. L first engaged at age 8 through boxing and was later referred by Glasgow Virtual Schools to our programme for non-school attendees. Despite initial positive engagement, L became disconnected from our services after transitioning to secondary school. During this time, his behaviour declined, leading to involvement with the police and social services, school non-attendance, and engagement in risky activities known to the community. L's mother described his lifestyle as chaotic, involving drug use and the loss of a friend to violence. This September, we received a social media message from L asking to return, which seemed to be a call for help. We met with him and his mother, and L agreed to join our October Fun Fest.

Throughout the week, despite occasional challenges, L participated fully, even showing leadership skills by taking on a small volunteer role toward the end. L has continued attending our youth activities, and we've collaborated with Glasgow Virtual Schools to establish a programme, offering him training in construction, cooking, and employability skills. This new program starts next week, and L remains engaged with our services. This progress marks a significant change for someone

previously disconnected, and we hope this early intervention will support him toward a positive future.

Case study 4

Child C is 5 years old and attends our Provanhall site. They have been coming to clubs for around 2 months so are fairly new to club settings. They attended consistently for the October Week. They enjoy sports, crafts and gaming, they have learned about team work, sharing, development of fine and gross motor skills and have got a lot more confident. The October Week was where we noticed the biggest difference as they were in everyday and not once or twice a week and were able to consolidate a lot of the skills they had learned. Child C's confidence has increased greatly and are no longer afraid to speak out and have their opinion heard during the sessions. They have got a lot more involved and now gathers some children together to create dances or shows during their free play time. Child C says "I just like all the activities! I like the workers as they are kind and i liked getting myself my own lunch and snacks. My favourite activity was making things from the (craft) junk box.

Case study 5

Single parent household. Due to the child having additional needs, the mother had been unable to work. She brought her daughter along to ensure she would be able to play with friends from her mainstream school during the holidays but still have supervision in case of any distress. She heard of our Club through our social media and thought it sounded like a wonderful place for her child. Her daughter has really enjoyed the experience with her favourite activity being the board games with friends and dance off which she won a prize from our volunteers. The meals have been enjoyable although there were some sensory issues surrounding some vegetables that was quickly rectified. She is looking forward to bringing her daughter along to the October session

Case study 6

During the Summer Holiday Club, twin siblings (Child A & B) attended. Previously before the holidays, Child A was diagnosed with ADHD. The staff had previously experienced behavioural issues with both children and were initially unsure if the holiday club would be suitable for them. However, they recognized the positive impact of outdoor group activities and hoped it would benefit the children. In the first week, Children A & B struggled with their behaviour. They did not want to attend the club and preferred staying at home to play on their consoles. Eventually, with some effort from the staff and mum, they joined the club, but their negative behaviour continued. They misbehaved during the sessions, fought with other kids, and showed disrespect towards the staff. The staff noticed over the next few sessions that the children's behaviour's changed more towards the end of the sessions because they were becoming restless due to the long days. As a result, the staff decided to slightly decrease their time at the centre, with parents happy to pick them up after lunchtime. This way, their days would not be as long. Additionally, the staff planned more activities focused on things that child A and B enjoyed so that they would be more engaged and occupied during the sessions, with the hope that it would help improve their negative behaviour. Throughout the weeks, staff witnessed significant progress in the behaviour of the siblings. They are now enjoying their time at the club are more and engaging in activities and they are having fun which shows they are much happier when attending. However, we encountered some issues at the end of the session, as the children didn't want to leave since they were enjoying their time more. Throughout the weeks leading up to the end of the summer club, there was a noticeable improvement in the children's behaviour. Initially, they were not enjoying the club and their behaviour reflected this, but as time went on, they began to participate more enthusiastically. As a result, they were reluctant to leave when the club ended. To address this, the staff decided to extend the club to full days instead of the children going home after lunch. This change led to a significant

improvement in the behaviour of Child A & B, and they started going home happy. Overall, this adjustment turned out to be a great success for the summer club.

Case study 7

F's Journey: F (age 10) initially joined the programme with a lack of confidence and limited social skills. He struggled to participate in group activities and often kept to himself. Over the course of the programme, through encouragement from staff and involvement in teambuilding exercises and expressive arts sessions, F began to open up. By the end of the programme, he had formed friendships, was an active participant in football games, and even performed in a short drama piece. His mother shared that he had become more outgoing and eager to try new things and had asked if he could join a local football team.

Case study 8

Y's Discovery of Nature: Y (age 8) had little experience with nature before joining the programme. Through our partnership with FOSP, she learned about local wildlife and foraging, which sparked a newfound interest in the outdoors. Y now visits Springburn Park with her family and shares her knowledge about the different plants and animals with her younger siblings. This has not only boosted her confidence but also inspired her family to spend more time outdoors.

Case study 9

S is 7 years old and struggles making friends and being part of groups in general due to her ASN. The staff at both clubs have worked with S parents to provide support so she can attend the summer programme. S has had a safe space to retreat to whenever she got overstimulated and due to having an extremely limited diet we could reassure parents that we would provide the items that S eats to ensure she was eating along with the others. S parents has been very thankful for the support we have been able to provide and have been excellent at communicating with both organisations to keep us in the loop with any issues, changes etc. S has not only been able to make friends she is regularly chosen to be part of teams and is very caring towards others which is a lovely trait she is passing on to the other kids.

Case study 10

The A family's children have been attending our youth sessions. On many occasions, the youngest child has stated that their family has no money for food and she was worried about this situation. We also noticed that they eat a lot of food at these sessions. During the October week, we met the mum and dad who said that the holiday sessions are vital to them; they have no access to free school meals and don't have the finances to take their children out on day trips or involve them in recreational activities. One of the children has ASN and the mum stated that "you've no idea how much this club has helped my son with helping him feel secure and developing his communication skills. He is a different boy".