

Windmill Hill Youth Club

£300

Project to explore and celebrate young gay pride.

A number of young people at the youth club would like to explore and celebrate young gay pride. The aim of the project is to explore the need for support for those who are under 18 years of age. To launch the project they would like to adopt a teddy as a mascot who will represent the project on its journey.

- Young people to explore young gay pride – training workshops
- Young people to name the teddy and to take it on its first journey to advertise the project
- Young people make a short film to support young gay pride.



Youth Club members from Windmill Hill youth club have celebrated Gay Pride! The young people took part in LGBT and equality and diversity workshops run by youth workers. To explore sexuality and how as young people they can develop their understanding of themselves and each other in order to support and have pride in who they or there are. Using the identity learning tool 'seen and unseen' produced by SCC the young people were asked to make a line, a series of questions which were either 'seen' or 'unseen'. The young people were asked to take one step backwards for the 'seen' questions if they had them, example; is your hair brown? And asked to take one step forward for the unseen questions, example; Do you have a disability that's not seen? This was a powerful exercise which was soon hijacked by the group as they created their own questions to explore diversity.

Gay Teddy was purchased by the group and dressed accordingly (see photo above), he/she is now their mascot and is a great tool for the young people to use as an introduction to their Gay Pride plans and has been on its first trip to FlipOut Trampoline Park to celebrate. A youth club Gay Pride session was organised by the young people which consisted of wearing rainbow sun glasses and gay pride wrist bands whilst making and decorating gay pride cakes and fun with a rainbow piñata, lots of celebrations!

A project plan for their Gay Pride journey has been made by the group. This is an on-going project which will encourage further support for other young people. Unfortunately we didn't get around to making the film as a number of factors such as IT equipment (and snow!) and more thought needed for the content of the film, this is a work in progress.