



Case Study: REACH Event

Sunday 25th March 2018

REACH was organised by an advisory group of young leaders from across the Generation CashBack (GCB) consortium: Scouts Scotland, Girlguiding Scotland, Boys Brigade and Youth Scotland. The event was funded through the Events strand of GCB funding.

In attendance were nearly 70 young people representing all four member organisations. Young people travelled from all over Scotland to EICA Ratho where the event was being held. Below are some of the activities that were on offer:



Words used by young people to describe the event.

A workshop in **Youth Work Skills** to look at creative, practical ways to consult with their groups. Learning new teambuilding games to use with their groups.

A **web development** workshop to learn the basics of web design and a taster for HTML and CSS design. Exercises included creating content using i-pads.

'Fun Fun, Fun' teamwork activities including a blindfolded obstacle course and food challenges.

A hands-on practical workshop in **special effects make-up** where young people learnt how to create fake wounds with paints, powder and fake blood.



Young people attending the event came away with different kinds of benefits. Some described being introduced to new skills and experiences, getting a confidence boost from working well in a team and taking on new challenges. Others learnt new skills and ideas to use in their own leadership roles. Some mentioned seeing their future in a new light. Here, in their own words, participants reflect on the event:

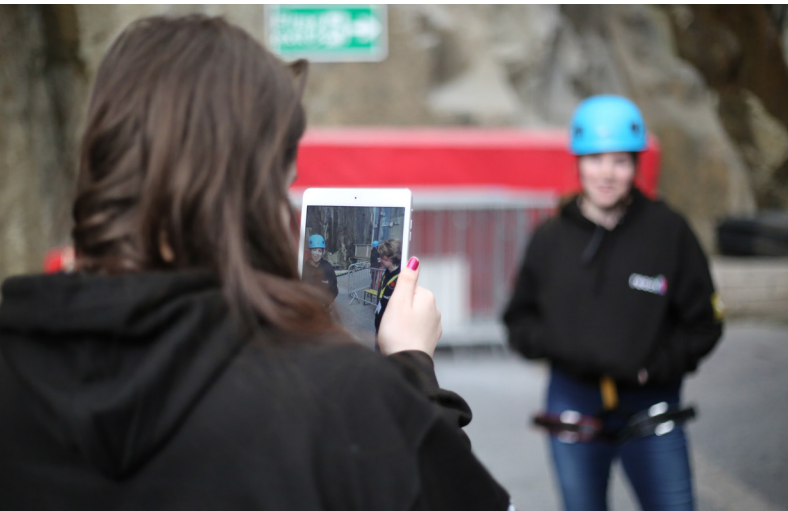


Learning new skills

"It made me think about skills I need, like communications skills are a big factor. It's good for people to get out and know each other rather than staying in the same organisation."



"This isn't something I've even done before, even just sitting in the youth skills workshop and learning about games that I can use. I normally wouldn't come to these things, I'm actually really quite shy and nervous and I don't like doing things like this."



"I'm much more team involved than I thought I was. Usually I'm quite individual, I like to have individual goals. My sport is karate, I do it by myself, I'm fighting for me whereas I think doing all the team games and stuff I realised that I'm quite good being involved with a team."

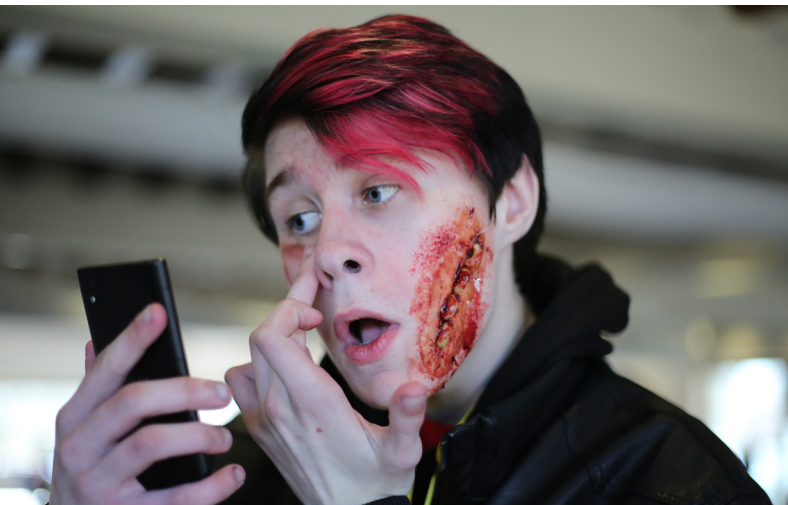


Building capacity and confidence

"I am really good at rock climbing. If I just push myself more, I'm capable of doing more things that I never thought I'd be able to do."

"Just being a bit more confident with people I don't know, trying to speak out a bit more in front of people I don't know."

"It's completely stepped me out of my comfort zone and that's something that I don't normally do a lot but it's really good and I enjoy stepping out of my comfort zone because I learn a lot about myself, I can actually do more and gain more confidence from it."



Looking to the future

"Yes. I love working with the Cubs and from being here I've realised it's something I'd really like to do, continue to do. So maybe working more with youth is in my future."

"This is a great way for me to learn how to work with the kids and it's a great networking opportunity for me."

Supporting leadership

"The youth skills workshop... taught me a lot of things I can take back and use with my own Cubs, even with people my own age."

"I'm a young leader myself, I've taken things away from that that I can incorporate into the group that I work with."

