

## Background

The South Armagh Local Planning Group was established in the Spring of 2010. The group is made up of a broad range of community, statutory and voluntary organisations with a remit for children and young people in the area. The group aims to improve the well-being of children and young people through a multiagency planning approach. The initial meetings dealt with the establishment of the LPG, function and remit and training on the Outcomes Based Planning Model.

In 2017/18, members of the LPG identified a lack of summer provision for primary school children in the Bessbrook area. It was agreed to take a partnership approach to support a summer scheme in the area led by SPACE. This week-long programme aimed to provide children the chance to try new activities as well as participating in ones they already enjoyed.

The Summer Scheme took place over 5 days between 16-20 July 2018, with a day trip on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July to Castlewellan Forest Park.

Making a contribution to  
the following High Level  
Outcomes for Children

- ✓ **All Children and Young People are Healthy**
- ✓ **All Children and Young People Enjoy, Learn and Achieve**
- ✓ **All Children and Young People Contribute to their Community and Society**



ARTS & CRAFTS  
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY  
FUN DAY TRIP  
FINAL CELEBRATION DAY  
COOKING

**BESSBROOK SUMMER SCHEME**

Bessbrook Community Centre  
Ages P1 - P7 - £20 per child  
Reduced Rates for Siblings

space  
Supporting People and Communities Everyday

Dates & Times:  
Monday 16th July 12 - 3pm  
Tuesday 17th July 12 - 3pm  
Wednesday 18th July 10 - 3pm  
Thursday 19th July 10 - 1pm  
Friday 20th July 10 - 3pm

Interested? Get in touch with Rebekah at SPACE today 028 3083 5764 or email [rebekah@space-ni.com](mailto:rebekah@space-ni.com)

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Children in Northern Ireland

saferworld  
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safefood  
safefood.org.uk

CYPSP  
Children's Young People's Strategic Partnership

Peace  
Northern Ireland - Ireland  
European Regional Development Fund

# How much did we do?

- ❖ The programme was open to children of all Primary School ages
- ❖ 42 places for participating children: all from the Bessbrook postcode area
- ❖ Bessbrook is an area of high socio-economic deprivation
- ❖ Programme held at Bessbrook Community Centre
- ❖ Day Trip to Castlewellan Forest Park
- ❖ 6 full time staff, 7 volunteers including 2 peer mentors supported the programme
- ❖ Clanmill Housing sponsored 1 place for a child to participate in the programme
- ❖ Programme led by SPACE, funded through Peace IV
- ❖ Day trip funded by CYPSP

## Daily Timetable – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July

<u>TIME</u>	<u>Red Group</u>	<u>Green Team</u>	<u>Blue Team</u>	<u>Orange Team</u>
12pm - 12.15pm	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
12.15pm - 12.45pm	Sports & Games	Arts & Crafts	Cookery	Dance & Movement
12.45pm - 1.15pm	Arts & Crafts	Sports & Games	Dance & Movement	Cookery
1.15pm – 1.45pm	Snack & Free Play	Snack & Free Play	Snack & Free Play	Snack & Free Play
1.45pm – 2.15pm	Cookery	Dance & Movement	Arts & Crafts	Sports & Games
2.15pm – 2.45pm	Dance & Movement	Cookery	Sports & Games	Arts & Crafts
2.45pm – 3pm	Cool Down & Pickup	Cool Down & Pickup	Cool Down & Pickup	Cool Down & Pickup

***Copy of the daily itinerary***



***Friendships made***

## How much did we do?



***Arts & Crafts***



***Dance & Movement***

- ❖ Children participated in 4 x 30 minute sessions daily for 3 days
- ❖ 3 x 30 minute sessions and Fun Day on the last day
- ❖ Day trip to Castlewellan Forest Park on Day 3
- ❖ 16 sessions of Arts & Crafts and Dance & Movement
- ❖ 12 sessions of Sports & Games and Cookery
- ❖ 4 sessions of Drumming
- ❖ Each child had 2 hours total Arts & Crafts and Dance & Movement, 1.5 hours Sports & Games and Cookery, 30 minutes Drumming
- ❖ 42 participants each day: 20 male, 22 female
- ❖ Religious breakdown 71% Catholic, 24% Protestant, 5% not identified

# How well did we do it?

- ❖ Full attendance each day: no drop out rate
- ❖ Places for the week long programme were filled in under 1 week of advertising
- ❖ Programme in total lasted 26 hours
- ❖ 2 local peer mentors supported to volunteer on the programme
- ❖ Partnership of 7 organisations/agencies working together

## Social Media:

- ❖ 11 posts on SPACE Facebook Page
- ❖ 164 pictures, 5 videos
- ❖ 172 “Likes”, 19 “Loves”, 1 “Laugh”
- ❖ 29 Comments by Parents/Carers
- ❖ 27 Shares of posts
- ❖ 4,256 video views



**Cookery**



**Sports & Games**



## Is anyone better off?

- ❖ First Summer Activities programme for Primary School aged children in Bessbrook
- ❖ Children reported making new friends and trying new activities
- ❖ Learnt about healthy eating, exercise and looking after their health
- ❖ One family self referred to Family Support Hub
- ❖ Families engaged in further summer activities with SPACE



***Scavenger Hunt  
on Day Trip to  
Castlewellan***



***Fun Day frolics***

**What they said – Parents/Carers**

**“Thanks for this  
wee camp, [my  
daughter] is  
loving it”**

**Great work  
SPACE!**

**“You guys  
are  
amazing!”**

**“Fantastic  
week...well  
done to All  
involved!!!!”**

**“Ya gotta love  
them for giving  
it all they got!”**

**“Loads to  
keep them  
entertained”**

**“Kids had a  
great day”**

**“She’s  
loving it”**

**“Great to  
have this  
during the  
holiday”**



