

Project History

Funded by Midlothian Community Safety Partnership and MDAAT, Wynding Down Project began in April 2005. The project is a sub-group of Loanhead Miner's Charitable Society. The project currently employs 1 p/t co-ordinator and 3 trained/experienced youth workers. The aims/objectives of WDP were/are:

- Engage with "hard to reach" young people from Loanhead who do not engage in mainstream youth provision
- Engage with young people who hang around streets in Loanhead
- Engage with young people who have been involved in, are on the periphery of, have been victims of youth-related crime
- Establish a youth facility which has a clear focus for the involvement of older young people
- Provide supervised access to a youth provision within an adult dry bar environment
- Provide young people with informal learning opportunities, recreational pursuits which will promote the opportunity for group work, developing confidence and self-esteem and stimulating, challenging activities which will divert young people away from youth-related crime/anti-social behaviour

During the first 15 months of Wynding Down Project's involvement with young people in Loanhead the following activity programmes were provided:

- Two Fly-Fishing programmes at Midlothian Trout Fisheries
- Video Project-Girls Group
- Arts Project-Girls Group
- Snowboarding Lessons
- Skiing Lessons
- Horse Riding
- Bike Maintenance Programme
- Indoor Rock-Climbing & Abseiling
- Football Tournament
- 20 Streetwork sessions

Wynding Down Project has now been funded for another 12 months by Awards For All. The project runs two evenings per week. Since May this year the following pieces of work with young people have been carried out:

- Residential Activity Programme-report given
- High Diving Lessons at Royal Commonwealth Pool
- Outdoor Activity Programme with Craigmillar Activity Project including Kayaking, Sailing, Archery and Blo-Karting
- 12 Streetwork sessions

- Support for young people volunteering in the Community Garden Project at Loanhead Community Learning Centre.

The following activity programmes are being planned for the coming months:

- 10-week Bronze Medallion Course (young people and adults) at Loanhead Leisure Centre-costs met by WDP
- Saturday Night Fly-Fishing Programme
- 3 month "Girls on the Move" activity programme for teenage girls including High Diving, Swimming, Skiing & Snowboarding
- Streetwork sessions with MYPAS
- Football event involving young people and adults from Loanhead

Wynding Down Project will be based within the games room of Loanhead Miner's Club every Wednesday 7pm-8.30pm from Wednesday 29th August. This provision is offered to all S1+ young people in Loanhead.

Wynding Down Project is keen to hear from adults in Loanhead who are interested in participating in Bronze Medallion Course and/or Football event, S1+ girls keen to become involved in "Girls on the Move" programme and local people/businesses* who'd like to support the project. *(please include)

(please give my name and number 07936353781)

Wynding Down Project is supported by the following:

- Loanhead Miner's Charitable Society
- Gail Prince Loanhead Miner's Community Development Officer
- Lasswade Community Learning & Development Team-Midlothian Council
- MDAAT
- Loanhead Community Learning Centre
- Loanhead After School Club
- Awards for All

Please print photo on cover of Residential Report of young people with Gail Prince-Loanhead Miner's Community Development Officer.

Quote (as requested)-"Wynding Down Project has enjoyed a successful start, engaging with over 80 young people in Loanhead. However the support, both in terms of financial and resources, from the Miner's Club gives the project the opportunity to become a unique, long-term youth provision in the town."