



The Transform Project

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Youth Link's Transform Project

BANBRIDGE:

17 young people from the Banbridge cohort began their OCN Level 2 Award & Certificate in Personal Success and Well-being in June and are due to conclude in October 2018. On completion of this programme, young people will achieve an OCN Level 1 or 2 Award/Certificate in Personal Success and Well-being that address the 3 core themes of Personal

Development, Good Relations and Citizenship. The Banbridge cohort took part in an Awareness session by Freedom Acts on

3rd July looking at the issue of human trafficking and child slavery. The group found this subject very interested and engaged well.

The Banbridge Cohort have attended the following field trips as part of their Personal Development and Good Relations Programme to promote team work skills and encourage organic relationship building to take place: A Teambuilding Trip to East Coast Adventure Centre on 19th June, A Teambuilding and personal enrichment field trip to Lurgaboy Adventure Centre on 19th July, A Group trip to Cinema & Food for further teambuilding among cohort and finally a Cultural Diversity Field Trip to Belfast for a City Sightseeing Open Top Bus Tour.



The group also enjoyed an overnight residential to Carlingford Adventure on Wednesday 15th – Thursday 16th August where they took part in

teambuilding activities, canoeing and ziptopia. The group continue to meet staff members Chris and Aoibhin for mentoring sessions on a weekly basis as well as face to face contact in the drop in centre in Banbridge and they are looking forward to completing their OCN's by October.

BELFAST:

23 young people from the Belfast cohort are working towards their OCN Level 1 Award & Certificate in Personal Success and Well-being. As part of their Good Relations Programme, 23 of the cohort covered topics such as Understanding Beliefs and Values, Exploring own personal identity and Exploring Cultural Diversity as well as attending trips such as Derry/Londonderry historical and cultural day trip on 23rd June which created an opportunity to reflect on how the past has impacted ones values and beliefs as well as aspirations.

To promote their personal and social development, the cohort have attended the following field trips: A team building trip to Air-tastic indoor trampoline park for relationship building and A Northern Ireland Women's World Qualifier on Friday 8th June, which allowed the young people from a Catholic background experience a Northern Ireland home game for the first time.

The cohort also attended a 3 day residential in Dublin where they took part in a Historical Cultural Tour - Visits to the GPO, Glasnevin Cemetery, Kilmainham Gaol, Croke Park Stadium Tour, Leprechaun Museum and Dublin Zoo - This residential was designed with the input from young people and resulted in learning for the group through their educational visits to learn more of the History of Dublin and the impact it has had.

Project staff members are continuing to meet on a daily and weekly basis to mentor young people on their programme.

The cohort decided to organise a fundraiser to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Charity as cancer has affected a family member of one of the group members. They took part in a sponsored walk from Crawfordsburn Country Park to Bangor on Saturday 18th August and raised over £100 for this fantastic cause. The cohort will finish phase 1 with a

celebration event at the end of August when they will be presented with certificates for completion of the programme.

