



TRANSFORM

BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

Transform Portadown

Transform Portadown (Oasis) cohort:

20 participants from the Portadown Oasis cohort had a very busy summer engaging in project opportunities and volunteering in Summer Schemes with Oasis Youth Centre and Scotch Street Youth & Community Centre. Throughout these opportunities, participants were able to further develop their skills and put their learning from the OCN they have been completing into practice as they led teams of children and facilitated workshops in the summer schemes. The Transform Project were responsible for planning and delivering art, music and drama workshops for the summer schemes.

The Portadown Oasis cohort joined together with Transform Fermanagh and Derry/Londonderry on an educational and cultural visit to Derry/Londonderry. The three groups were involved in teambuilding activities before taking a walking tour around the city led by the Derry/Londonderry cohort. The group met the Mayor of Derry City & Strabane District Council, Councillor Michaela Boyle, who spoke to and encouraged the young people. The group received a guided tour of the Guildhall. We also took time to explore the different monuments and murals across the city which was insightful when learning about the city's cultural background.



The Portadown Oasis cohort also attended the Transform Project Fun Day in August which hosted all Transform Projects from across the Partnership. This event was held in Portadown with the groups engaging in team challenges, soft arrow combat, dodgeball, tug of war, team puzzles and there was also a BBQ & Ice Cream Van for everyone involved.

Some other highlights throughout summer include the Portadown Oasis cohort stay-awake held in Oasis Youth Centre which included a pizza party, team challenges and a time to share about a meaningful object which saw the group bond closer together. We also went on a trip to Lets Go Hydro and finished off our summer programme with a splash!

Transform Portadown (Goal Line) cohort:

The Portadown Goal Line cohort consists of a group of 16 young people, all with additional needs, the young people come from the Portadown, Craigavon and Lurgan areas.

Over the summer months the young people took part in a number of different sessions, these sessions included:

groupwork, personal enrichment activities, sports, life skills, first aid, mentoring and cooking. The young people thoroughly enjoyed and benefited



from all of these sessions, they really enjoyed the cooking sessions because they got to taste everything after they had made it and because learning how to cook promoted independence for the young people.

The young people also got the opportunity to volunteer over the summer with Goal Line Summer Scheme and with Scotch Street Youth & Community Centre Summer Scheme. While volunteering, the young people had the opportunity to assist with leading sessions, activities and games, building relationships with other volunteers and the young people taking part in the Summer Scheme. This increased young people's confidence and self esteem while also encouraging them to become active citizens within their communities.

The young people throughout the summer got the opportunity to take part in a number of day trips, some of these included: Air-tastic, Tayto Park, Dublin Zoo and the Ulster Museum. All of these days were great opportunities for the young people to build and develop friendships within the group while taking part in fun activities. During the Tayto park trip the young people really supported and encouraged each other to try new things.

The young people had a busy, fun packed summer with the Transform project, everyone thoroughly enjoyed it and it has been encouraging to see the development each of the participants have made.

