

Event report

Event title: Scratch 'n' Sk8
Date: 31st July-2nd August 2008
Time: 2-7pm
Location: Jubilee Playing Fields, Everside, Cam
Staff: Viv Jones
Partners: Youth Service, Cam & Dursley Youth Forum, World Jungle, Neighbourhood Wardens, Cam Parish Council

Aim of event: 3 day music and skating event for young people to engage in various activities

Preparation: The Cam & Dursley Youth Forum (CDYF) took the principal role of co-ordinating this event, as in previous years. They were supported by Jemma Grieve (Youth Worker). Weekly planning meetings were held to book bands and organise equipment and other activities. Setting of marquees etc took place on Thursday morning.

Publicity: All publicity was organised through CDYF and Jemma. Information was circulated to the Severn Vale Partnership for Learning (SVLP) though TLC and flyers were available at GL11

Format: As in previous years, the event ran over 3 days in the afternoon 2-7pm. A programme of activities including face painting, henna tattoos, circus skills, bouncy castle etc were available all afternoon free of charge. Various bands were lined up for the event all of which were young bands looking for a stage to play. This is pretty much the premise of the festival to provide young talent with an audience and also to give the skaters a suitable backdrop to skate to.

Evaluation: As TLC's remit has changed slightly, I attended with an overall GL11 hat on. As there was an awful lot of activities going on I didn't take any promotional information but spent a lot of time speaking to young people about what activities they engaged in. For the majority age group this festival was aimed at they enjoyed the fact that they could just turn up and 'do free stuff'. There was a chlamydia testing and information stand which they all thought was great (this was not there on Saturday as the programme was aimed more at families) and it seemed the informal/non-judgemental feeling of the event meant they felt comfortable. There were also some younger children there, including my own, who enjoyed the circus skills equipment. I was unable to attend on the Saturday but I would have been interested in how this was made more family orientated. For next year, funding permitting, perhaps more activities for younger children could be put on, however, this is not really the target age group. All in all, a well organised event and all credit to the young people involved in organising another year of music and activities.

Outcome: TLC/GL11 to become more involved next year? Given the increase in teenage activities at GL11 and our move towards increasing youth services there is a lot to gain from engaging with the young people who attend this event, a lot of whom are not GL11 users.

Follow up actions: Jane McKerron/Viv Jones to liaise with Jemma re involvement next year.