

SUMMER
2020
NEWSLETTER

S.H.I.P.

Support, Help & Integration in Perthshire
for young people with additional support needs

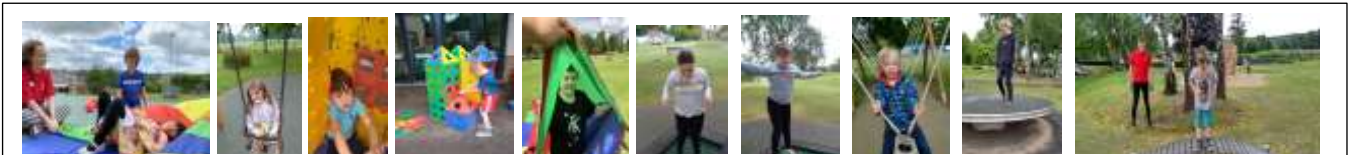
Welcome to our Summer newsletter. Well what a strange time we've all had since our last newsletter. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we were forced to suspend all our services in mid March and are still awaiting confirmation of when we can re-open. It has been a tough time for everyone and we hope that you are all managing to adjust to "the new normal".

Due to the length of lockdown, we were approached by Perth and Kinross Council to run a holiday club service for those families that were deemed high risk or in crisis. We worked hard with the local authority to determine which families were most in need and managed to successfully run a holiday club provision. Although it was not in the form of our usual holiday club, it provided much needed activity for the young people and a small break for the families. It was lovely to see some of you there and we also got to meet new friends, welcoming the new young people to S.H.I.P.

We hope to resume services as soon as possible and are working hard putting in place processes and procedures in order to keep all parties involved at low risk of covid-19 transmission.

We will of course keep you up to date. When we know, so will you!

Thank you for your continued support. The S.H.I.P. Team x



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UPDATES AND DEVELOPMENT

As you are aware, SHIP lease buildings from Perth and Kinross Council to run all our sessions. At present, we have no confirmed date when we will be able to return to those buildings. We are hoping that now schools are returning, we will get some confirmation about re-commencing, however we are very much still taking the first tentative steps in relation to this.

From March to July we ran virtual youth groups and posted activities on seesaw which families have said were a lifeline and their young people really loved to see their friends. These virtual groups will start up again week commencing 24th August however will be at different times - these will be emailed and sent out on Seesaw.

During summer holiday club we trialled a "pop up in the park- stay and play session" which was extremely successful. Parents/carers were required to stay which allowed them catch-up time for adults and the children to see their friends & participate in planned games with the playleaders. We were also able to invite our volunteers along which was wonderful to see them back with us. This is something we will look at continuing to do in the future - more details will be sent out over the next couple of weeks via email and Seesaw.

We are currently looking into expanding our services to the Blairgowrie area. We are looking at starting up a weekly youth group in Blairgowrie and a Saturday Club at Crieff. If you know of anyone who would like to register their child or interested in volunteering or staff roles please get in touch.

We have also received funding to continue our After School Club at Fairview. We are awaiting to hear about further funding to expand this service to offer transport to and from these clubs.



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Volunteers

As some of you may have already heard, it is with heavy heart we are saying goodbye to Annabel, our volunteer coordinator who is going to do the honours year of her degree. We are hoping that someone will job-share with her so that she can stay with us, however if this turns out not to be the case we wish her all the best in her future endeavours. We're sure she won't be a stranger and I'm certain you would all join me in saying a big thank you to Annabel for all her support and dedication whilst at S.H.I.P.

I would also like to say a big thank you to our volunteers. Their continued support to the children and young people is admirable. Although they couldn't support the children over the summer holiday club due to high risk of transmission, they still showed their dedication by attending the virtual youth groups and submitting messages and videos for the young people during lock down.

Annabel also conducted some Makaton training and skype sessions which also proved to be successful.

Here's the list of winners for Volunteer of the Month:

February: Allie Macloed

March: Niamh Barlow

April: Lilly Roy

May: Brenna Gray

June: Ellen Hughes

July: TBC



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CLUB INFORMATION

**** Clubs at present are still suspended however now that the schools are reopening we are pushing to resume our clubs as soon as we can. ****

Based at Fairview School

- **Progression to Sports Club** - Each Monday. 3pm/3:30-5pm. Costing £5.00
A Club designed for children to try out different sorts by participating in different taster sessions.
- **After School Club** - Every Wednesday and Thursday. 3pm/3:30-5:30pm.
Costing £12.00
After School activities including, cooking, arts and crafts and community visits

Based at Gleneagles Day Opportunities Centre.

Monday Youth Club - Each Monday 6:30pm-8:30pm . Costing £5.00

A group for teenagers and young adults to relax and socialise together also some community trips. Cost of trips not included. Aged 14+

Tuesday Youth Club - Each Tuesday 6:30pm-7pm. Costing £5.00

A youth club designed for younger children and young people to attend who enjoy sensory activities. Quieter environment.

Thursday Youth Club- Each Thursday 7-8:30pm. Costing £5.00

A enthusiastic group for young people to play games, puzzles, outdoor play, wii competitions are just a few

Saturday Club - Every Second Saturday. 1pm-4pm. Costing £10.00

A youth Club for all children and young people between 5 and 18yrs to participate in themed activities, sensory play, games, puzzles, arts, out door play and much more...

Based at Glenearn Community Campus.

Active Monkeys Club - Each Wednesday 5:45pm-7:15pm . Costing £3.00

An active and fun group, includes playground games, football, hockey, rounders, group games chosen by the children.

Based at Loch Leven Community Campus.

Kinross Youth Club - Each Tuesday 6:30pm-8:00pm . Costing £5.00

A youth club for children and young people with additional support needs in Kinross. For ages 5-18yrs

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