

YOUNG INSPECTORS



Young Inspectors report on: Active Living – Youth Club

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With the views and voice from Young Inspectors

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The ‘Young Inspectors Scheme’ has been developed to capture the voice of children and young people who have a disability and/or additional needs giving them the opportunity to contribute in shaping and developing the service.

The Young Inspectors reviewed the Short Breaks service based on the following areas deemed important to them. The inspection is part of an agreement between Short Breaks and the provider highlighted within the Short Breaks agreement. This is what the Young Inspectors found:

Report Summary

Inspected areas	Overall (star rating) out of 3 Stars	Did they meet Young Inspectors needs
Staff		See 4.1
Fun and Enjoyment		See 4.2
Accessibility		See 4.3
Safety and surroundings		See 4.4

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1.0 Details about the provision that was inspected

Active Breaks offers a youth club service for young people with a disability aged 12 to 18. Our activities are user lead from Pool, sports, art and craft, cooking, photography, gaming, and off-site trips during the half term holidays.

Overview of the organisation/service:

Active Living offer after school Youth club and holiday club for children ages 12-18.

What they provide:

Provisions at Active Living include Pool, sports, art and crafts, cooking, photography, gaming, and off-site trips during the half-term holidays.

When is it available: Every Monday except bank holidays, 3pm to 6pm.

How much is the costs: £4.50 per person includes all snacks, drinks and a hot meal

Who to contact to book: Amy

2.0 Introduction – Why we inspected Active Living Youth Club?

We decided to inspect Active Living Youth Club (Monday 3pm till 6pm session) to capture the views and opinions of young people who attended the activity.

3.0 Methodology – How we inspected Active Living Youth Club?

The inspection took place on a Monday afternoon, 3 hour session. Young Inspectors went along to participate in the afternoon session that was being offered. Three young people took part in inspection.

4.0 Review analysis- What we reviewed

4.1 Staff

Two Young Inspectors stated that they were greeted nicely by Amy and her staff; one Young Inspector stated on their feedback that the staff were not very friendly or welcoming.

4.2 Fun and enjoyment

Two Young Inspectors had lots of fun during the session. There were a lot of activities offered, including Badminton which allowed for the young people to work on socialising and team work. Comment made by the young inspectors were; “my favourite part was spending time with my friends”, one Young Inspector had never attended before and said she “would definitely come again”. One Young Inspector commented that he “didn’t meet any new people and found it boring as (he) couldn’t play on the PlayStation or computer”. All the children in attendance go to the same school.

4.3 Accessibility

Accessibility was discussed with each Young Inspectors; generally it was felt that Active Living Youth Club is offered at a good price (£4.50 per 3 hour session at time of inspection). The building was all mainly on one level with ramp access for wheelchair users. One Young Inspector noted that “there is stairs going to where the adults work but we don’t go up there”. Two of the young inspectors noted the signage around the building was good and “exit signs clear”. One said “signs weren’t clear enough”.

4.4 Safety and Surroundings

Two Young Inspectors participating left feedback that said they felt safe and that the staff were very nice during the inspection. One Young Inspector commented “I was told about safety but not where the fire exits

are”. Another commented that she knows “what to do and where the exits are but we’re not reminded every week”.

4.5 Food and Dining experience

There are facilities available on site for food or drinks. The price includes drinks, snack and a hot meal.

5.0 Summary of Inspection - What the Young Inspectors found

Young Inspectors were asked to inspect the safety and surroundings, the staff, accessibility and the fun and enjoyment of the activity.

Two out three Young Inspectors felt they were safe throughout the session that they took part in. The Young Inspectors all commented on how friendly the staff were. Two of the Young Inspectors also expressed how they both would attend Active Living Youth Club again.

6.0 Recommendations – How the activity can be made better?

Overall the Young Inspectors were very happy with Active Living Youth Club. One Young Inspector was not happy as he is not allowed to play 16+ games on the computers or PlayStation, which has affected his feedback.

6.1 Young Inspectors views

Young Inspectors felt that the session overall was very good and the activities offered were excellent. One Young Inspector would like to stay another hour (7pm). Another Young Inspector would like to be able to use the computers.

6.2 Young Inspectors Lead recommendations

I feel that Active Living Youth Club is a great setting; the staffs are friendly and approachable. There are many activities available; suitable for all ages including games consoles and a dark tent for anyone wishing for some quiet time.

The provision of a hot meal is a great break between activities and they have access to the sports hall where they can participate in sports, such as badminton.

Active Living Youth Club is accessible to all and can accommodate advertised age range very well. The Young Inspector who was new to the group was told about fire procedures on entering the setting, but were not shown the fire exists, I would recommend that new starters to the setting should be shown the fire exists and emergency procedure explained to them on arriving. The Young Inspectors who had attended previously knew about the fire procedures and were the exits were but I feel regular reminders may appropriate.

6.2 Parents Feedback

Not available as this session was unsupervised by parents.

7.0 Overall award



3 stars awarded

8.0 Provider feedback