

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY FUND SEPTEMBER 2022

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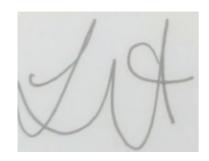
FOREWORD



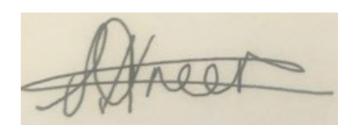
FREEDOM FOUNDATION WORKS TO EMPOWER CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE BY USING SINGING, SONG WRITING, AND DANCE TO HELP THEM EXPRESS THEIR EMOTIONS AND BOOST THEIR MENTAL HEALTH. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO THRIVE AND THROUGH THE CREATIVE ARTS THEY CAN EXPLORE THEIR IDENTITY, CELEBRATE DIVERSITY, AND HARNESS THEIR INDIVIDUALITY.

THE LAST YEAR HAS BEEN A CHALLENGING ONE FOR MANY FAMILIES SO THIS SUMMER WE COMMITTED TO HELPING THEM FIND NEW WAYS TO BUILD THEIR EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE, GET ACTIVE, AND MAKE HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE CHOICES THROUGH THE DELIVERY OF THE HOLIDAY ACTIVITY FUND.

WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE DEVELOPED PARTNERSHIPS ACROSS THE STATUTORY AND VOLUNTARY SECTORS TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR THE CITIZENS FO NOTTINGHAM.



LAURA GRANT DIRECTOR



STACEY GREEN DIRECTOR



OUR PARTNERS



FREEDOM FOUNDATION WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR THANKS TO OUR DELIVERY PARTNERS WHO HELPED US TO MAKE THE HOLIDAY ACTIVITY FUND A SUCCESS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS NOTTINGHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND DERBYSHIRE.



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SNAPSHOT









OUR IMPACT

HAF 2022 IN NUMBERS

157 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SUPPORTED



18 VENUES UTILISED



4 ALTERNATIVE PROVISIONS VENUES UTILISED



SEND SESSIONS DELIVERED



OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH FOREST



Nottingham Forest Community Trust

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH NOTTINGHAM FOREST COMMUNITY TRUST (NFCT) THAT HAS GROWN SINCE OUR INCEPTION IN 2018.

FREEDOM FOUNDATION ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE NFCT HAF PROGRAMME IN THE CITY AND HAVE HELPED REACH OVER 4,000 CHILDREN DURING AUGUST 2022.

OUR FACILITATORS INTRODUCE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO STREET-DANCE AND INSTIL THE IMPORTANCE OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN THEIR DAY TO DAY LIVES.



MEALS PROVIDED TO THE CHILDREN AND OUR FOOD PARTNERS



"WE'D LOVE WRAPS"

"THIS FOOD IS AMAZING!"

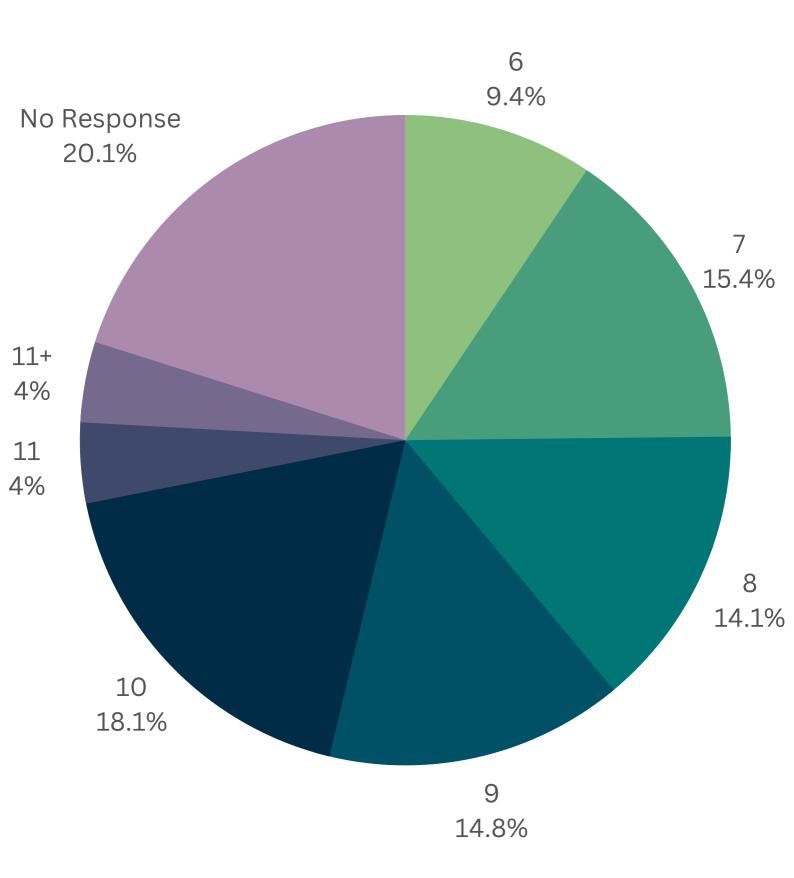


Steven's Deli-licious

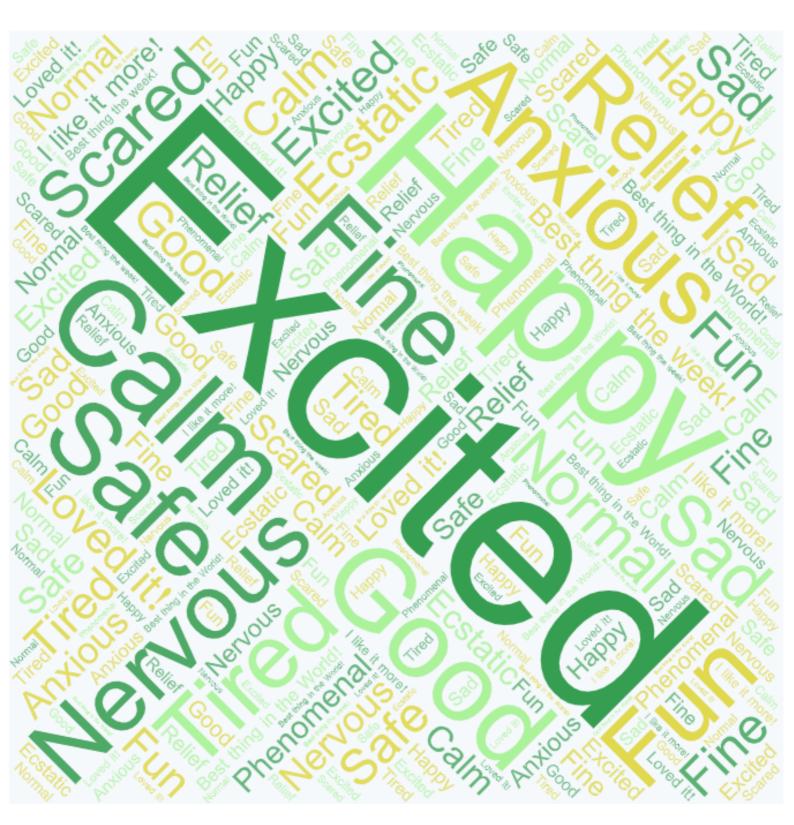
PRE-HAF

WHAT THE CHILDREN HAD TO SAY...

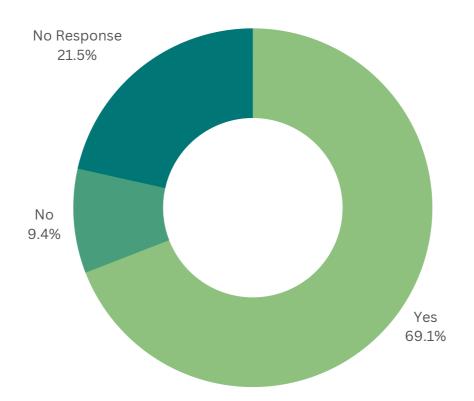
AGE OF CHILDREN



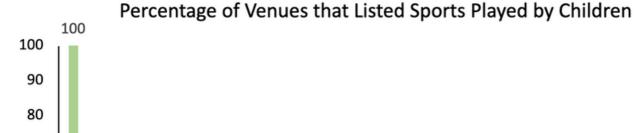
HOW DID THE CHILDREN FEEL ABOUT JOINING THE RELEASE CLUB?

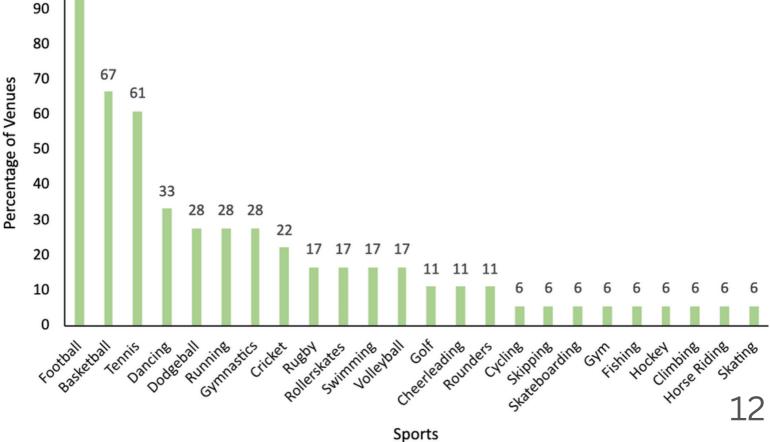


DO THE CHILDREN PLAY SPORTS?

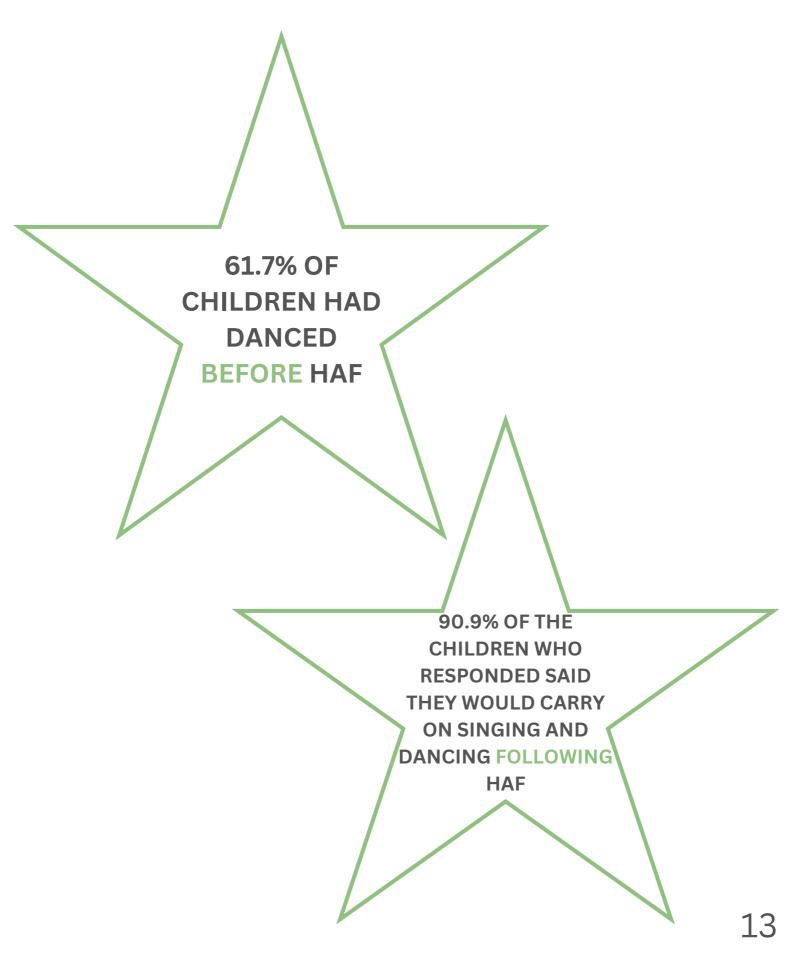


SPORTS PLAYED

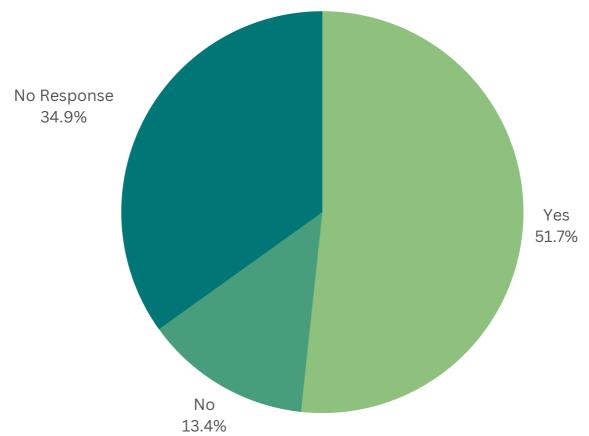




SONG & DANCE

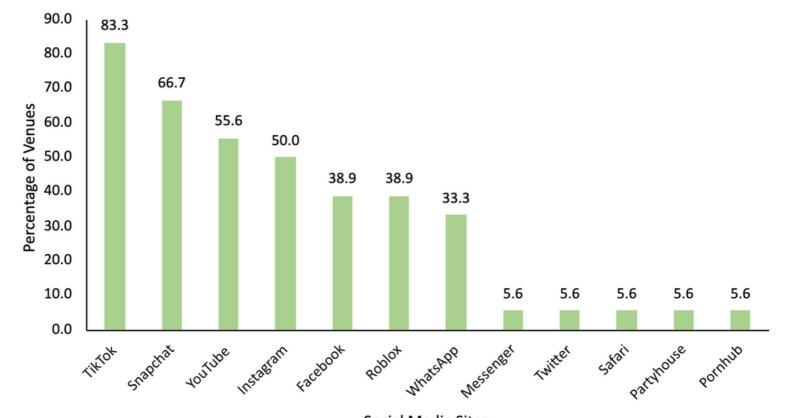


DO THE CHILDREN HAVE A SOCIAL MEDIA PROFILE?



SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS USED

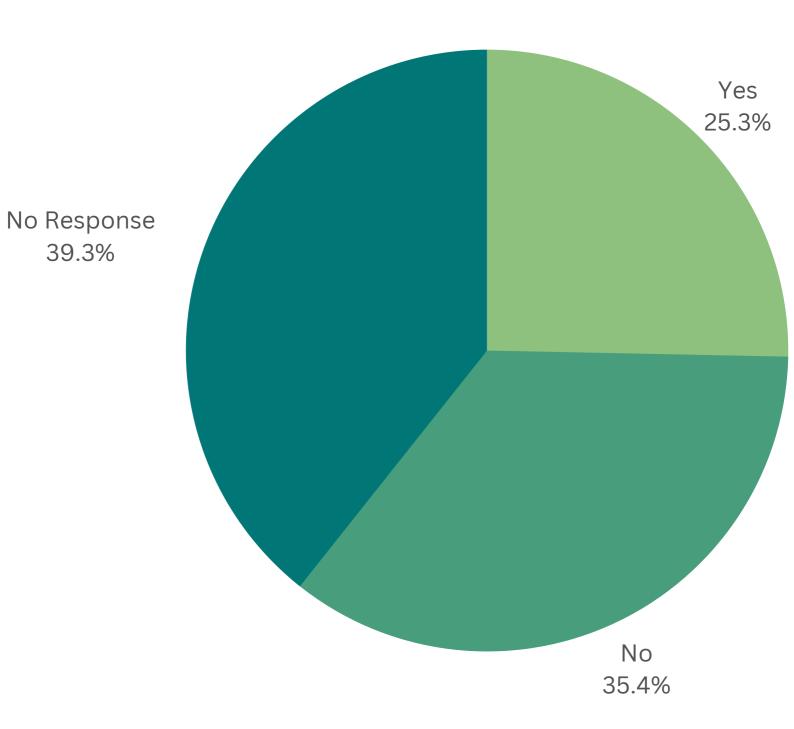
Percentage of Venues that Listed Social Media Sites



Social Media Sites

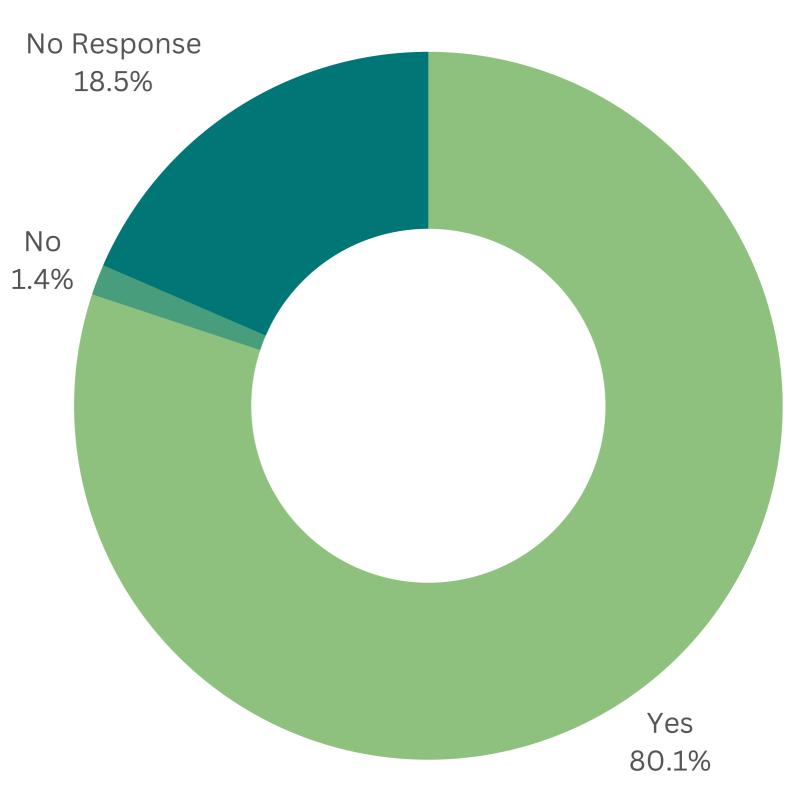
*TO BE NOTED * THE USE OF PORNHUB WAS NOTED BY AN ALTERNATIVE PROVISIONS VENUE WHERE THE YOUNG PEOPLE WERE AGED 11+

HAVE THE CHILDREN EVER FELT UNSAFE ONLINE?

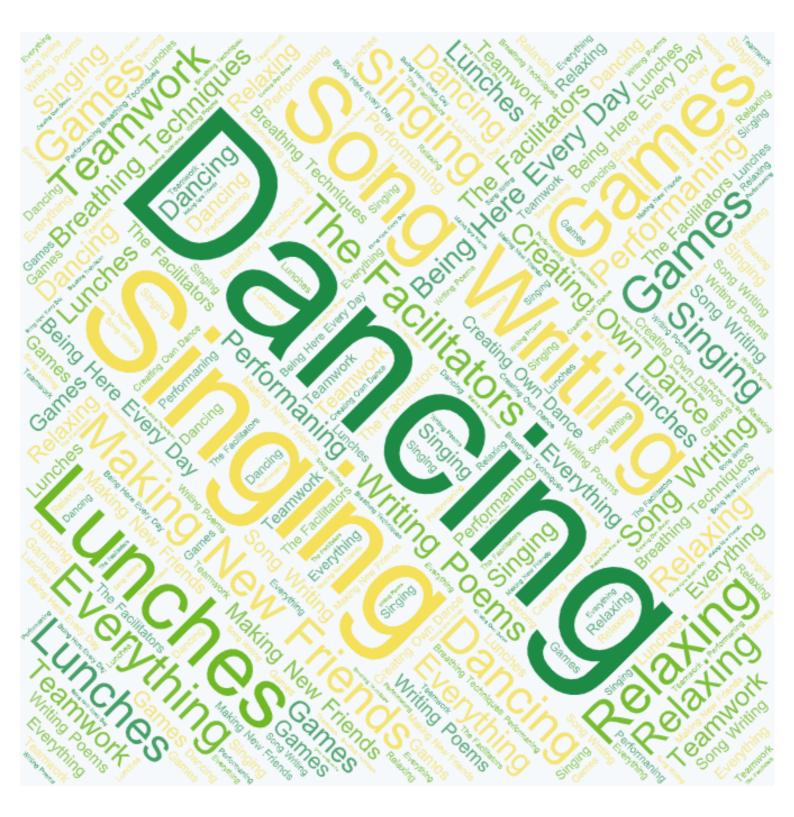


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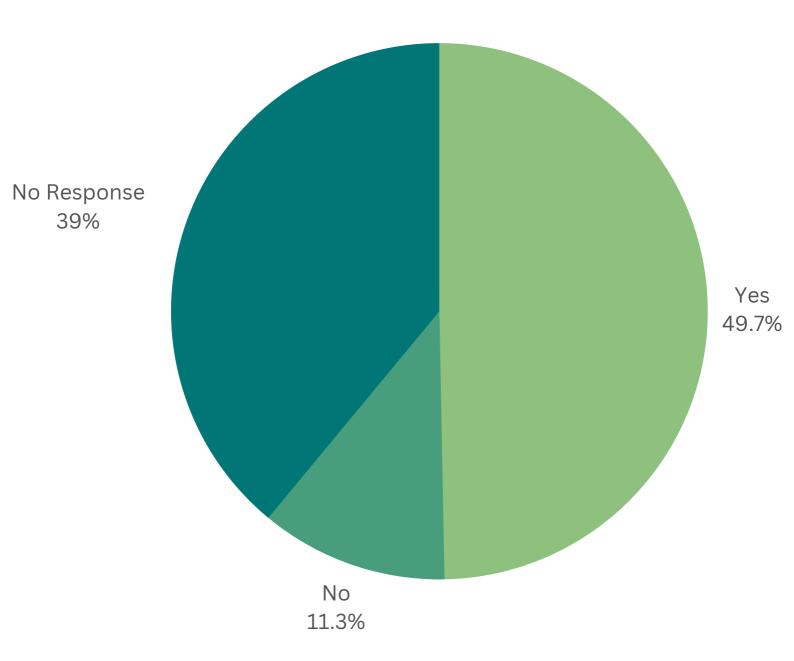
DID THE CHILDREN ENJOY THE RELEASE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME?



WHAT DID THE CHILDREN ENJOY MOST ABOUT THE RELEASE PROGRAMME?



DID THE RELEASE PROGRAMME HELP THEM TO WRITE DOWN THEIR FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS?



THE CHILDREN GAINED AN UNDERSTANDING ABOUT BEING SAFE ONLINE...

"DON'T TEXT PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW"

"DON'T TELL PERSONAL INFORMATION OR LOCATION"

"DON'T SAY YES TO ANYTHING YOU DON'T WANT TO"
"DON'T WATCH ANYTHING INAPPROPRIATE"

"DON'T MESSAGE PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW"

"IF UNSAFE SPEAK TO POLICE/CHILDLINE/TRUSTED ADULT"

"DON'T TRUST ANYONE WITH YOUR PUBLIC AND PERSONAL INFORMATION"

"BE KIND ONLINE"

"BLOCK PEOPLE AND REPORT THEM"

"DON'T TALK TO STRANGERS"

"ALWAYS TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF SOMETHING STRANGE HAPPENS ONLINE"

"DO NOT ADD PEOPLE YOU DO NOT KNOW"

"DON'T GIVE OUT PASSWORDS"

"DON'T CLICK LINKS WITHOUT CHECKING"

"DON'T POST PICTURES OF SCHOOL UNIFORM"

"HAVE ALL ACCOUNTS ON PRIVATE"

THE CHILDREN LEARNED A LOT ABOUT THEMSELVES...

I CAN DO STREET DANCE

TEAMWORK

I AM REALLY CONFIDENT

IMPACT OF MUSIC

I AM GRATEFUL

I CAN BE WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP

I AM MYSELF AND THERE ARE ALWAYS PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT ME

I KNOW HOW TO DANCE

I AM LOVING

THAT I CAN ACHIEVE ANYTHING

EVERYONE IS GOOD AT SINGING AND DANCING

I AM PROUD OF MYSELF

I AM AMAZING

I CAN DANCE AND SING

I AM LOUD

THAT I CAN HAVE CONFIDENCE IN ANYTHING I DO

I AM UNIQUE

I LEARNED I CAN SING

TO BE CONFIDENT

I CAN MAKE MY OWN AFFIRMATIONS

I CAN WRITE POEMS AND STORIES

I LEARNED ABOUT MY EMOTIONS

I AM A GOOD LEARNER

THAT I CAN BE MYSELF

I AM BRAVE

I LEARNED THAT I AM GOOD AT WRITING

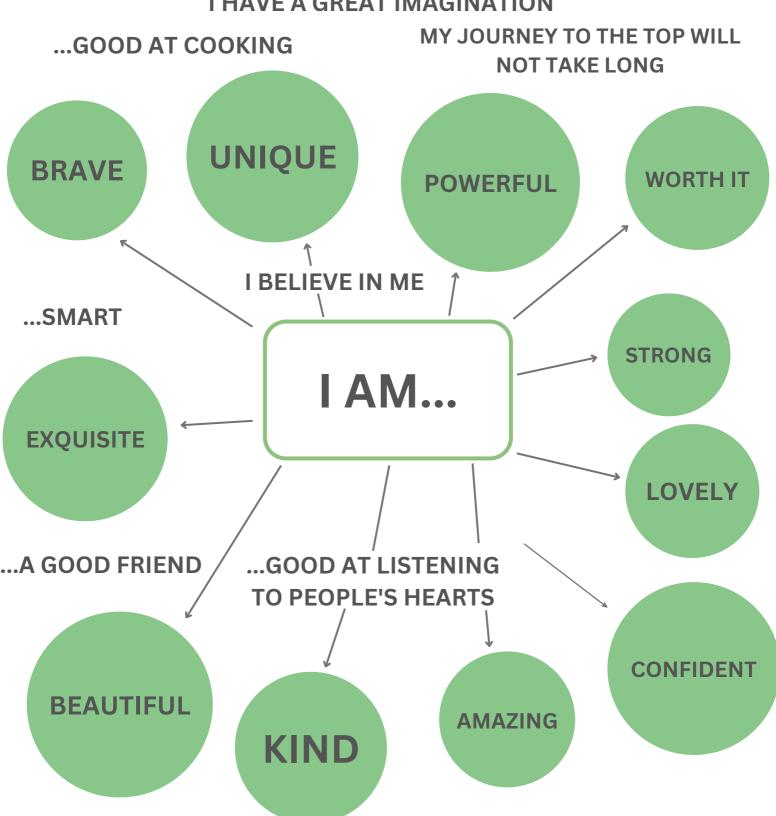
THAT I AM CREATIVE

I CAN DO ANYTHING I PUT MY MIND TO

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THE CHILDREN LEARNED ABOUT AFFIRMATIONS AND GAVE THEIR OWN EXAMPLES...

I HAVE A GREAT IMAGINATION



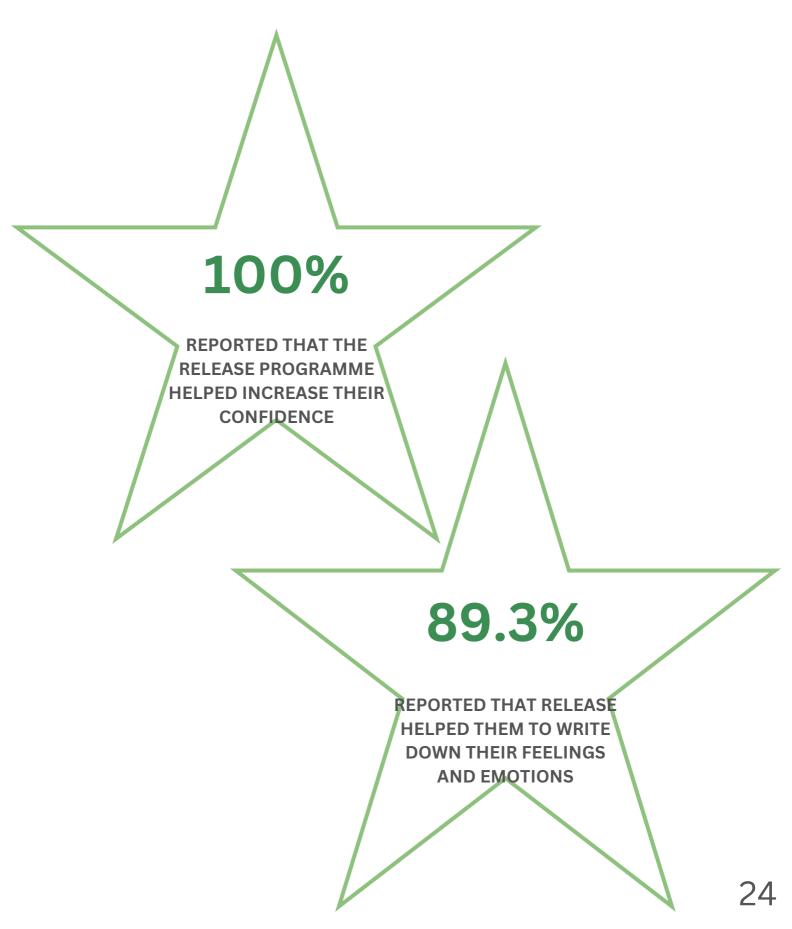
"A LOT OF AMBITION WILL GET YOU FAR, YOU ARE STONG, YOU ARE 22 KIND, SO GO ALONG"

CHILD CASE STUDIES

UP TO TWO CHILDREN FROM EACH VENUE WERE ASKED ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS... HERE IS WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY

STATISTICS

FROM 30 CHILDREN WITH AN AVERAGE AGE OF 10



WHAT DO THE CHILDREN THINK THE RELEASE PROGRAMME HAS HELPED THEM WITH?

HELPED TO PUSH MYSELF

SOCIAL ANXIETY

FEELING MORE POWERFUL AND CONFIDENT

CONFIDENCE

NEW SKILLS

HELPED ME TO SING LOUDER

IT HAS INCREASED MY CONFIDENCE WITH DANCING IN FRONT OF AN AUDIENCE

MAKING NEW FRIENDS

MY ANXIETY

TO SING IN FRONT OF EVERYONE ELSE

LISTENING

SINGING AND DANCING BETTER

THE AFFIRMATIONS HAVE HELPED ME TO REALISE I CAN DO GREAT THINGS

EXPRESSING EMOTIONS

COURAGE

MADE ME HAPPY

DANCING SKILLS

GETTING HELP TALKING ABOUT MY DARK SECRETS AND HELPING ME
WITH MY THOUGHTS 25

FURTHER COMMENTS

RELEASE IS BETTER
THAN SCHOOL

RELEASE HAS HELPED
ME TO REALISE IT IS
NOT GOOD TO ISOLATE
YOURSELF!

RELEASE HAS HELPED
WITH MY MENTAL
HEALTH AND
UNDERSTANDING NOT
TO SPEND TOO MUCH
TIME ON YOUR PHONE

IT'S REALLY FUN AND
I'D LIKE TO COME
AGAIN

CAN WE HAVE MORE?

I LOVE RELEASE!

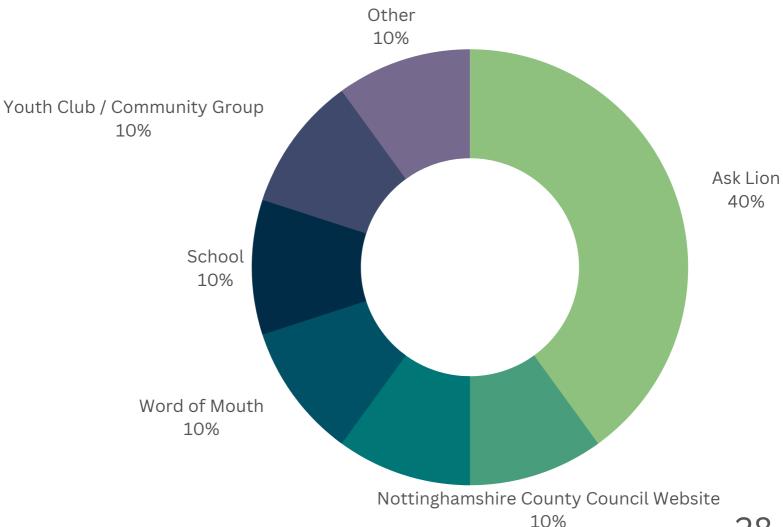
WHAT THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS HAD TO SAY...

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

80%

DID NOT KNOW ABOUT FREEDOM FOUNDATION AS AN ORGANISATION PRIOR TO BOOKING ONTO THE RELEASE PROGRAMME

WHERE DID THE ADULTS HEAR ABOUT THE RELEASE PROGRAMME?



ADULT OBSERVATIONS

50%

REPORTED THAT THEIR
CHILD PARTICIPATED IN
SINGING AND DANCING
ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO
JOINING RELEASE

90%

REPORTED THAT THE
RELEASE PROGRAMME
HAS HELPED THEIR CHILD
TO DEVELOP NEW SKILLS
AND ABILITIES

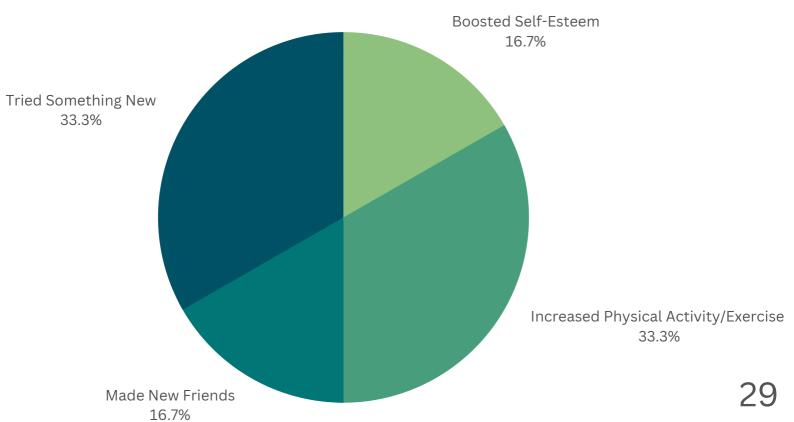
100%

RATED A 4 OR 5 (OUT OF 5)
WHEN ASKED "HOW MUCH
DID YOUR CHILD ENJOY
THE RELEASE
PROGRAMME?"

80%

HAVE NOTICED A
DIFFERENCE IN THEIR
CHILD DURING AND AFTER
THE RELEASE PROGRAMME

THE ADULTS REPORTED HOW THE PROGRAMME HAS HELPED THEIR CHILDREN



PRACTICALITIES

100%

REPORTED THE BOOKING PROCESS TO BE 'VERY GOOD'



70%

RATED THE FOOD
PROVIDED TO BE 'GOOD'
OR 'VERY GOOD'



100%

RATED THE VENUE TO BE 'GOOD' OR 'VERY GOOD'



EXPERIENCE



"MY CHILD IS MORE "THANK YOU FOR **CONFIDENT"** THIS YEAR"

> WOULD RECOMMEND THE **RELEASE PROGRAMME TO**

100%

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

"MY DAUGHTER LOVED IT"

"KEEP UP THE AMAZING WORK!" 32

ADULT CASE STUDIES

UP TO TWO PARENTS/GUARDIANS FROM EACH VENUE WERE ASKED ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS... HERE IS WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY

OBSERVATIONS MADE BY THE ADULTS FOLLOWING THE RELEASE PROGRAMME

A LOT MORE CONFIDENT

THEY HAVE SHOWN THEY CAN TALK IN FRONT OF PEOPLE THEY HAVE NOT SPOKEN TO BEFORE

MY CHILD DOES NOT STOP SINGING

MY CHILD STILL HAS TO WORK ON NOT SMILING

TALKING MORE AT HOME

CHILD HAS OPENED
UP MORE ABOUT
THEIR LIFE AND
HOW THEY SEE
THINGS

100%

HAVE SEEN CHANGES AND INCREASED CONFIDENCE WITH THEIR CHILD FOLLOWING THE RELEASE PROGRAMME

INCREASED
CONFIDENCE IN
SHARING THEIR
STORY/JOURNEY
WITH 'SAFE'
ADULTS

MATURED QUITE A BIT

CONFIDENCE WHEN
PERFORMING IN FRONT OF
OTHERS HAS INCREASED

CHILD HAS BECOME MORE
WILLING TO JOIN IN WITH OTHERS

MY CHILD SEEMS HAPPY

CHILD HAS RELAXED

CONFIDENCE HAS GROWN

HE USED TO WANDER QUITE OFTEN,
HOWEVER, HE ATTENDED TO TABLE
WORK, DANCING, SINGING, AND
DRAWING AT LEAST FOR A SHORT
PERIOD OF TIME
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WRITING
THOUGHTS,
IDEAS, AND THEIR
JOURNEY DOWN
ONTO PAPER

SEEING FRIENDS THEY KNOW

ENJOYED CIRCLE
TIME. THEY HAVE
LIMITED ATTENTION
SPAN, HOWEVER,
THEY TRIED TO TAKE
PART IN CIRCLE TIME
BY EXPRESSING THEIR
NAME (SEND CHILD)

SINGING

MAKING THEIR OWN
DANCE MOVES

CREATING BEATS AND BASKETBALL SHOOTOUTS

PERFORMING AND DANCING

FORMING
RELATIONSHIPS
WITH PUPILS
AND STAFF

PARTICIPATING IN
THE WHOLE
GROUP ACTIVITIES
AND BEING
ENGAGED DURING
SESSIONS IN
GENERAL

SELF-EXPRESSION THROUGH SPOKEN WORD

DANCING

HAVING FUN!

INTERACTING WITH PEOPLE THEIR OWN AGE

THE PERFORMANCE

WHAT DO THE
ADULTS THINK
THEIR CHILD HAS
ENJOYED MOST
ABOUT THE
PROGRAMME?

THE FREEDOM TO
EXPRESS HIS
THOUGHTS AND
FEELINGS IN A WAY
THAT SUITS THEM

BUILDING CONFIDENCE

EXPRESSING THEMSELVES
THROUGH RAP

MAKING NEW FRIENDS

RELAXED ENVIRONMENT

EXPRESSING THEMSELVES THROUGH DANCE

LEARNING
NEW DANCES
AND WRITING
TECHNIQUES

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WHAT DO THE ADULTS THINK THEIR CHILD HAS LEARNED FROM THE PROGRAMME?

HOW TO BE MORE THEMSELVES

DOING THINGS
OUTSIDE OF THEIR
COMFORT ZONE

HOW TO WORK AS A TEAM

ALL THE
ASPECTS OF
PERFORMING.
BROADENING
KNOWLEDGE

HOW TO TAKE
THEIR TIME
WHEN SINGING

HOW TO PUT
WORDS IN THEIR
HEAD ONTO
PAPER TO
CREATE A MUSIC
TRACK

IT IS OK TO BE ME

THAT THEY HAVE
CHOICES AND
CHANCES, HOW
TO SPOT THEM
AND ACHIEVE
GOALS

HOW TO BE POSITIVE

HOW MUSIC

CAN EVOKE

DIFFERENT

EMOTIONS

HOW TO WORK IN
A TEAM, CARE
FOR EACH
OTHER, AND
RESPECT
OTHER'S VIEWS

IT'S GOOD TO
HAVE
CONFIDENCE,
TRY YOUR BEST,
HAVE FUN!

TO BE MORE OPEN

TO BE HAPPY

PERSONAL SKILLS. MAKING CONNECTIONS WITH NEW PEOPLE

SOCIAL SKILLS

HOW TO GET ON WELL WITH OTHERS SELF-EXPRESSION.
THINKING ABOUT
DIFFERENT
EMOTIONS.
TRIGGERS FOR
CERTAIN
BEHAVIOURS

HOW TO TAP
INTO THEIR
FEELINGS AND
FEEL MORE
CONFIDENT

HOW TO TAKE TURNS AND SHARE

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IT HAS BEEN A GREAT 2 WEEKS!

IT IS GREAT FOR THE KIDS

ABSOLUTELY, A FANTASTIC PROGRAMME LED BY VERY EXCELLENT FACILITATORS



IT WILL BE REALLY HELPFUL TO
BUILD UP THEIR PERSONALITY
AND TO TAKE PART IN DAY-TO-DAY
LIFE ACTIVITIES IN THEIR LIVES

YES, THERE'S NOT A LOT TO DO IN THIS COMMUNITY

FURTHER COMMENTS MADE BY PARENTS/GUARDIANS

"WE NEED MORE YOUTH GROUPS RUNNING. THE COMMUNITY GIVES A SAFE PLACE FOR CHILDREN TO GROW, MAKE FRIENDS, AND HAVE FUN. IT STOPS THEM GETTING SUNK INTO CRIME LIFE."

"I WOULD LIKE TO BOOK THIS FOR NEXT YEAR"

"THANK YOU
FOR PROVIDING
SUCH A
WONDERFUL
AND EXCITING
CLUB!"

"IT HAS BEEN
REALLY NICE TO
SEE THEM FEEL
SAFE, SUPPORTED,
AND ENJOYING
THEMSELVES."

"CHILD HAS
ENJOYED EVERY
DAY COMING AND I
THINK THEY HAVE
BENEFITTED A LOT
FROM THIS"

"THANK YOU FOR SUCH AN AMAZING JOB IN A SHORT TIME" "THESE ACTIVITIES
GIVE MUCH
VARIETY TO THEIR
LIVES. THEY WILL BE
ABLE TO GROW UP
WITH MUCH
CONFIDENCE."

"THEY HAVE ENJOYED EVERY MINUTE OF THE SESSION" "MY THREE
CHILDREN HAVE
FOUND THIS
AMAZING, THEY
HAVE LOVED IT."

"THE
FACILITATORS
WERE NICE AND
ENCOURAGING
THANK YOU."

PARENT/GUARDIAN TESTIMONIALS

MY DAUGHTER HAS ENJOYED ALL OF IT, ESPECIALLY MEETING NEW FRIENDS. SHE HAS LEARNED NEW BOUNDARIES OF COMFORT - AMAZING PROGRAMME.

MY SON ENJOYED BEING ENCOURAGED AND INCLUDED, FOLLOWING THE SESSION HE HAS BEEN HAPPIER AND MORE CONFIDENT.

ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL CLUB! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR KEEPING MY GIRL ENTERTAINED, HAPPY AND MOST OF ALL POSITIVE ALL THROUGHOUT THE WEEK!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH! MY DAUGHTER, ALTHOUGH NOT OVERLY HAPPY WITH THE DANCING, ABSOLUTELY LOVED TAKING PART IN THE SINGING.

I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW MY BOYS ARE ABSOLUTELY OBSESSED WITH YOUR CLASSES, THEY COME HOME EVERY SINGLE NIGHT WANTING MORE!! THEY ARE 7 AND 9 AND COULDN'T BE MORE DIFFERENT, SO TO CAPTURE BOTH OF THEIR IMAGINATIONS IS SIMPLY BEYOND ME!! SO THANK YOU SOOOOOOO MUCH!!

MY CHILD HAS BECOME POLITER AND KINDER TO FRIENDS AND PARENTS.

INITIALLY WAS RELUCTANT TO GO, HOWEVER, AFTER DAY 1 WAS VERY HAPPY AND WANTED TO GO EVEN AFTER THE 4-DAY PROGRAMME.

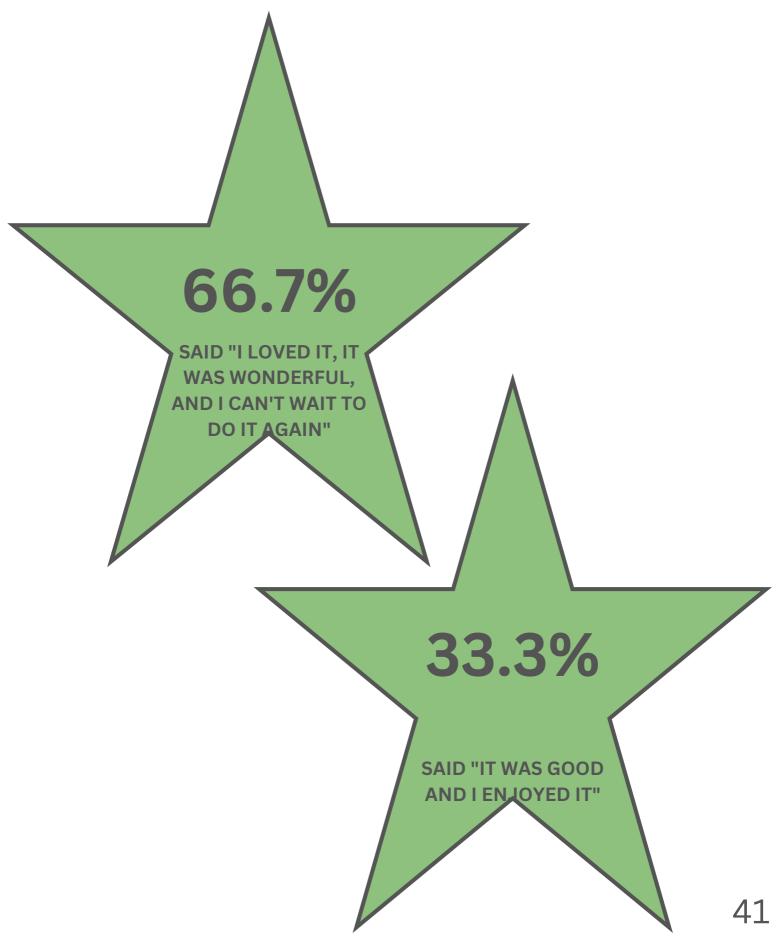
MY CHILD HAS BEEN VERY HAPPY AND DOES NOT WANT THE PROGRAMME TO END. HE HAS ENJOYED EVERY MINUTE.

MY CHILD HAS NOT STOPPED TALKING ABOUT RELEASE AT HOME.

I CANNOT TELL YOU WHAT AN AMAZING TIME MY CHILDREN HAVE HAD THIS WEEK! THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THE FACILITATORS. THEY HAVE BEEN SLOWLY ENCOURAGING THE CHILDREN OUT OF THEIR COMFORT ZONE AND NURTURED BY THEM. VERY GRATEFUL TO THE FOUNDATION.

WHAT THE FACILITATORS HAD TO SAY...

HOW MUCH DID THE FACILITATORS ENJOY THEIR EXPERIENCE OF THE HOLIDAY ACTIVITY FUND?



HOW DID THE FACILITATORS FIND LEARNING AND DELIVERING THE PROGRAMME CONTENT?

LOVED DELIVERING IT AND FOUND IT INTERESTING
TO LEARN AND I ALWAYS LIKE TO HEAR FEEDBACK
ON HOW I CAN IMPROVE

DELIVERING THE PROGRAMME WAS GENERALLY
GOOD BUT A LITTLE STRESSFUL AT TIMES

I FOUND THIS STRAIGHT FORWARD. I LIKE THE CREATIVITY THAT IS ALLOWED WITHIN THE DELIVERY OF THE RELEASE PROGRAMME (FOR THE FACILITATOR AND CHILDREN ATTENDING)

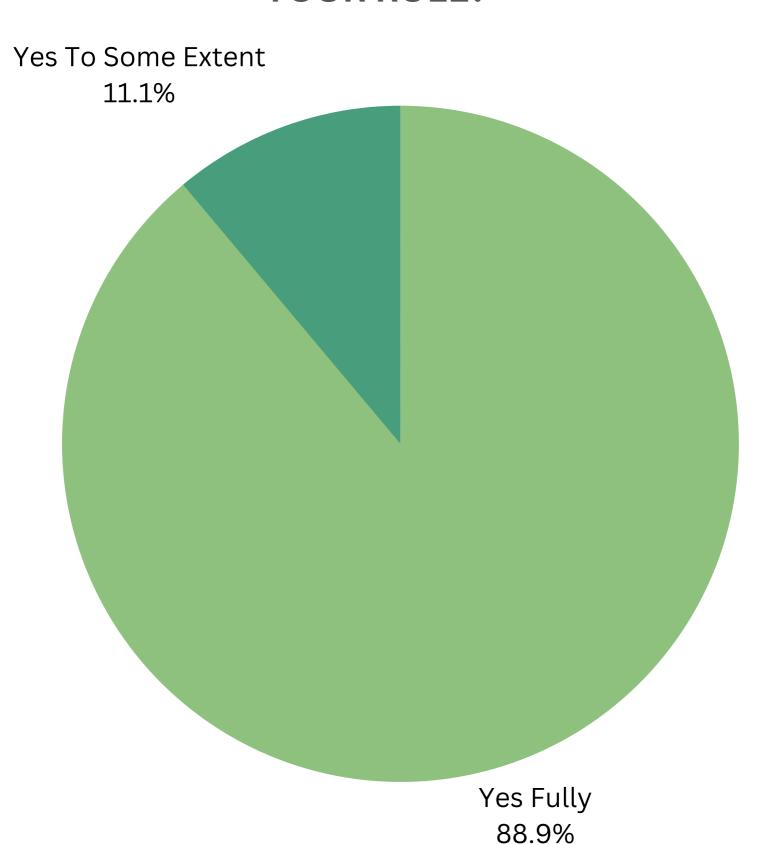
SIMPLE. STRAIGHT FORWARD. I HAVE DELIVERED SEVERAL TIMES.

THE PROGRAMME CONTENT RESONATED
WITH ME SO WAS EASY TO LEARN

I THOUGHT THE ACTUAL CONTENT OF THE PROGRAMME
WAS REALLY GOOD AND REALLY PROGRESSIVE. I FOUND IT
OPENED UP REALLY IMPORTANT CONVERSATIONS WITH THE
YOUNG PEOPLE. I REALLY ENJOYED DELIVERING THIS
CONTENT!

IT WAS SO REWARDING AND IT HAD GREAT CONTENT.

DID THE RESOURCES PROVIDED SUPPORT YOUR ROLE?



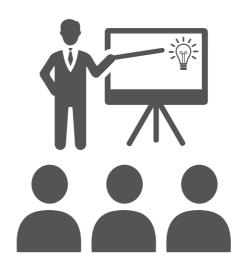
TRAINING

88.9%

REPORTED THE FREEDOM
FOUNDATION TRAINING
PROVIDED HELPED THEM TO
FEEL FULLY PREPARED FOR
THEIR ROLE

88.9%

REPORTED THE SAFEGUARDING
TRAINING PROVIDED HELPED
THEM TO FEEL FULLY PREPARED
TO DEAL WITH SAFEGUARDING
ISSUES



88.9%

REPORTED THAT THE FIRST-AID
TRAINING PROVIDED HELPED
THEM TO FEEL <u>FULLY PREPARED</u>
TO DELIVER FIRST-AID IF
REQUIRED

87.5%

REPORTED THAT THE SEND
TRAINING PROVIDED HELPED
THEM TO FEEL <u>FULLY PREPARED</u>
TO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH
ADDITIONAL NEEDS

ACCESSIBILITY AND USER-FRIENDLY?

100%

REPORTED THE
SAFEGUARDING TRAINING
TO BE VERY EASY TO
UNDERSTAND/ACCESS AND
VERY USER FRIENDLY

- YOU'RE NEVER FULLY READY FOR A SAFEGUARDING SITUATION, IT CATCHES YOU OFF-GUARD BUT I FELT SUPPORTED.
- THE TRAINING COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MORE ACCESSIBLE/USER-FRIENDLY. IT WAS REALLY EASY.
- I THINK IT WAS FINE AS IT WAS
- VERY ACCESSIBLE
- MAYBE INCLUDE EXAMPLE SCENARIOS (WITH THE CORRECT CENSORSHIP)
- MAYBE INCLUDE MORE QUIZZES RATHER THAN JUST INFORMATION

- AGAIN YOU ARE NEVER FULLY READY FOR IT BUT THE FIRST-AID TRAINING WAS VERY GOOD
- IT WAS VERY LONG
- VERY ACCESSIBLE
- THE TRAINING DOES NOT NEED TO BE MORE
 ACCESSIBLE, IT WAS EASY TO FOLLOW AND FUN TO DO

88.9%

REPORTED THE FIRST-AID TRAINING TO BE VERY EASY TO UNDERSTAND/ACCESS AND VERY USER FRIENDLY

77.8%

REPORTED THE SEND TRAINING TO BE VERY EASY TO UNDERSTAND/ACCESS AND VERY USER FRIENDLY • I GOT ON THE WRONG VIDEO CALL LINK SO MISSED THE FIRST BIT BUT PICKED IT UP FINE!

FURTHER COMMENTS



FEED-FORWARD COMMENTS: ADULTS AND FACILITATORS

"BETTER ADVERTISING" - PARENT/GUARDIAN

"DELIVERING THE CONTENT WAS LESS EASY AT THE HAF CLUB DUE TO THE SHORT SESSIONS WITH THE CHILDREN" - FACILITATOR - SUGGESTS THAT LONGER SESSIONS WOULD BE MORE BENEFICIAL FOR DELIVERING THE CONTENT THOROUGHLY

"PERHAPS FURTHER MARKETING
TO RAISE AWARENESS" PARENT/GUARDIAN

TEACHER TESTIMONIALS

THE GROUP WERE AMAZING
TO WORK WITH, THEY
SHOWED GREAT ENERGY AND
ENTHUSIASM THROUGHOUT. I
ESPECIALLY ENJOYED THE
SONG WRITING, ALLOWING
THEM TO EXPRESS
THEMSELVES IN A POSITIVE
WAY WAS VERY REWARDING

I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU
AGAIN FOR THE SESSIONS
THAT YOU RAN AT THE START
OF AUGUST FOR NOTTINGHAM
EDUCATION WHICH WERE
VERY WARMLY RECEIVED BY
BOTH STAFF AND STUDENTS THE STUDENTS DIDN'T WANT
THE WEEK TO END! (HEAD OF
PROVISION. SENCo)

EMAIL SENT BY A PARENT AFTER ATTENDING A RELEASE SESSION

Dear Ladies & Gents

I would be extremely grateful if you could circulate this ode of gratitude to your fellow employees. Right now this club, it's just a fun kiddies club for laughs and loves! It is genuinely urgently needed respite care for both myself and my husband!

I struggle daily with Bipolar Disorder, Type 1 Diabetes, and Historical Chronic Pancreatitis and my brain continually toys with the idea that suicide is the answer to all of my family's problems! I know that my 7 & 9 year olds have seen more pain, hurt, and distress than more people will ever see in their entire lives! I take over 30 medications daily and my children have found me unresponsive several times resulting in hospitalisation!

This isn't just 'A Club' this is respite care for my entire family! This isn't just 'A club', it's a reminder to my children that they are, JUST THAT!!! JUST CHILDREN! For 4 hours daily they are FREE!! FREE from the constrain on their 'POORLY MUMMY' free from that school yard bully, who saw me injecting insulin and then circulated the rumour I was a heroin addict and got me banned from picking my own children up from school, just incase those rumours were true!!!

So for 4 days this week my children have soared free, laughed loudly, and run wildly!!

So for 4 hours today, my children have breathed soooo deep and soooo sweetly, that for those 4 hours today YOU!! YOU !!! HAVE ALL given our sweet little boys the chance to live a NORMAL LIFE!! Today might have been that first beautiful spark of light, of positivity, of freedom, of joy that may have saved them from a life of pain! A life free of victimhood! A life devoid of emotional anchors that may well have stunted them from aiming to cut that beautiful pure light short! Today you really did save a life! If I'm honest... It was my life that you saved because today, like most days in recent history, I felt like this should be my last! BUT, today my children ran into my arms, screaming, laughing, infecting my entire spirit with sooo much warmth, love and joy, that it wiped today's slate clean! You pressed reset on that button that has ALWAYS been too far from my reach! You truly delivered my boys, my beautiful children, the chance to be free to play, to laugh, and to live their very best life!! This is no gimmick, no T-shirt or bumper sticker!

I will NEVER be able to repay you because I found your group, I filled the form out and secured a spot for them! I, ME, MISERABLE, self loathing self, managed to turn my usual, low, horrible self to seek help... To find a different future path to my boys and boy did you accept the challenge you absolutely BEASTED IT!!! You transformed my family and I will NEVER EVER be able to thank you for what you have done to my family! Thank you, THANK YOU SOOOOOO MUCH. I know, life doesn't just flip 360, BUT THE STEPS HAVE BEEN MADE! The thoughts have been imbedded, the new routes have been planted and those smiles, will NEVER be forgotten!!!

Thank you!

From the bottom of my newly warmed heart!!

THANK YOU!

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