



Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project

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Important Drop in Session Information for Parents/Guardians

WHYP is based in Whitehaven town centre. Our mission statement is:

“We are a local charitable organisation, dedicated to giving young people opportunities to develop their potential, to understand themselves and others, and to have a good time. We achieve that by delivering high quality, evidence-based youth work, in our town centre facility and through outdoor adventure.”

Our Youth Centre provides young people in the area with a wide range of activities to do throughout the year. The types of activities vary and the latest programme is always available via our website (www.whyp.org.uk), on our Facebook page, or by collecting a flyer directly from the project. All sessions are run by appropriately qualified staff who make the centre an engaging, safe and welcoming place to be. In return we expect all young people to abide by our code of conduct which includes recognising that they have a duty of care to themselves, and to others, to act responsibly while on our premises.

We run sessions for a range of age groups. Those aimed at secondary school ages 11yrs+ run as ‘drop in’ sessions. This means that we do not prevent your child from leaving the premises. If they do so, it is at their own risk. It is down to you and your child to arrange pick up arrangements to and from the centre. For sessions aimed at younger age groups we assume that young people will be collected by a parent/guardian unless we are informed otherwise. It is important to us that young people who attend our sessions are mature enough to understand the above and that parents/guardians are aware of the drop in nature of our sessions.

In addition to our weekly sessions we also run offsite activities including theatre visits, art based excursions, and adventurous activities such as climbing and canoeing. During these activities we assume the position of loco parentis and therefore directly supervise your child at all times unless otherwise agreed.

Any young person taking part in our activities requires a completed Consent Form. These are available from our office or can be downloaded from the website.

If you would like to discuss anything in this information sheet in more detail or would like to come and have a look around the premises, please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

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