



Children and Young People in Our Care HUBs Project STOCKTON-ON-TEES

Academic Year 2022 – 23

Spring/Summer term 2023

AIMS

To continue to embed the networks and events in which the Children in our Care come together through their Schools. Hub events to provide an opportunity for CIOC to meet new peers who have similar experiences to themselves.

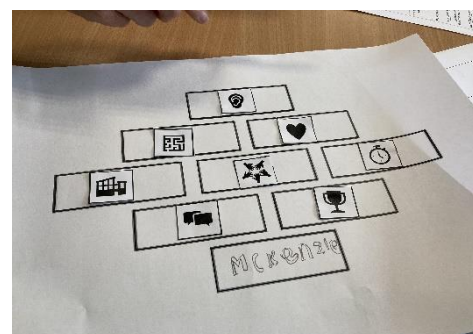
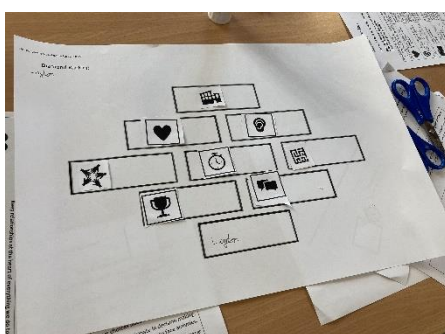
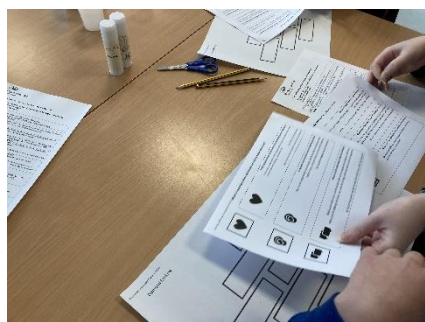
Hub Events and Covid-19 Pandemic

Again, in Autumn term 2022, the Covid-19 situation was still causing disruption. Therefore, the decision was taken to run a series of face-to-face events in the Spring and Summer terms of 2023.

The first sessions in January 2023, were used to support Local Authority colleague, Gemma Mann, who was undertaking some consultation work around young people's participation.

The Primary session was held at The Glebe Primary School and the Secondary session was held at The ARC in Stockton.

Pupils were involved in Diamond Ranking tasks focussing on their opinions about what is important when the Local Authority seek their views.



In the Summer term 2023, three full day Hub events were facilitated by The ARC in Stockton. The aim of these days was to involve the pupils with work with artistic colleagues that would lead to an exhibition in The ARC.

As previously, school colleagues were invited to join the events via email. Those that responded were sent an updated Risk Assessment, an invitation to give to pupils and consent forms for carers/parents to sign.

Materials and session leaders/artists for the event were provided by MSLTP.

At the end of the events, two evaluation forms were completed, one by the adults and one for the pupils involved.

As always Virtual School are grateful to school colleagues who ensured that their CIOC pupils were given the opportunity to participate, especially at the end of another busy year which has presented many challenges for schools due to the pandemic.

Primary Hub Events Summer 2023

Over the course of the three days the pupils were involved in

story writing,



puppet making,



film making,

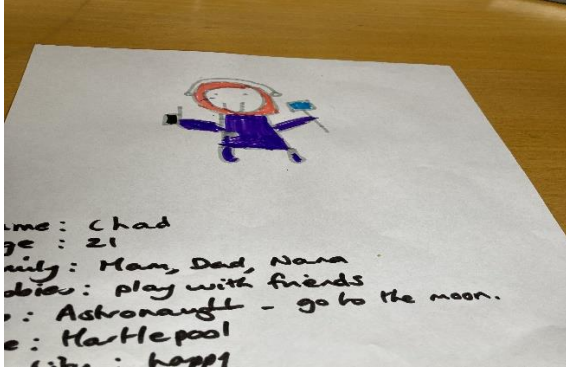


flag painting



Secondary Hub Events Summer 2023

The days with the Secondary pupils covered the same activities as those with the Primary pupils with the addition of a guitar teaching session.



The Exhibition

The work created was displayed in The ARC during July 2023. Pupils were invited to a viewing session along with Martin Gray, Director of Children's Services.



Feedback was gathered from pupils, school colleagues and carers who attended the Exhibition viewing session.

Pupil Feedback

What did you enjoy about the Hub Events?

The food! The art work and the filming
Everything!
Everthing!
Making the puppets
Puppets

Was there anything that could have been better?

I would have liked ice cream for dessert
No. It was perfect
No! x 2
No, I liked everything

Do you think the Hub Events help you in any way?

They are just enjoyable
Yes. They make me happy and I get out of school
Yes. They are helpful
Yes, the art is helpful
They make me feel happy

Do you have any ideas for events for next year?

Something more sporty. Football or basketball
Could we do something sporty. Hannah on film again
Making something like a football stadium
More art stuff
Pony

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the events?

No x 3
It has been fun
They were really good. I want to come back



School colleague feedback

What do you think went well at the events?

Yes went well

Enjoyed the film making session – all the children enjoyed their roles in this activity

Were there any ways in which the events could have been better?

Pizzas went down so well – it might have an idea to have that every time

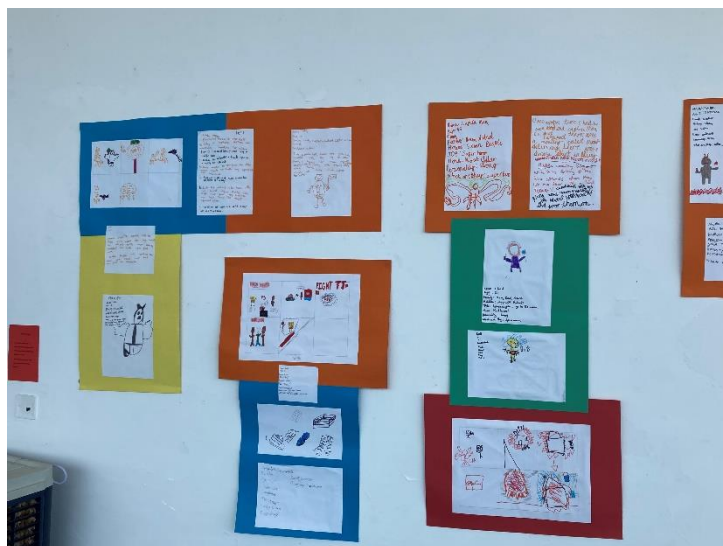
More schools

How effective was the organisation?

Well organised

In what ways do the pupils or school benefit from the Hub events?

Pupils see that there are other children/young people who are also in care



Any further comments (Please share any ideas you have for future events)

Outdoor learning – team building/problem solving activities. The barrage is a good venue.





Carer feedback

Do you think your child/young person enjoyed the Hub Events that they attended?

Yes he enjoyed the sessions. The film making he really enjoyed but also the story writing. The exhibition was a good idea.

Were there any ways in which the events could have been better?

Get togethers with carers would be good in the future, a chance to see what the children have been doing.

Absolutely, he talked a lot about the people he met and the positive interactions – more than the actual activities. The interactions were important to him and important for him to have.

Do you think your child/young person benefitted in any way from attending the events?

He's not really into art so sitting with others has been good for him – calming. He's such an easy boy, he will go anywhere.

Not aware of anything – just keep up the good work

Do you have any ideas/thoughts about what should be included in future events?

Active activities

Anything that engages him and empowers him.

Any further comments

None recieved