

Appendix C – HAF Programme 2021 feedback from providers

I worked as an assistant coach on the health and fitness sessions during the summer holiday. I enjoyed helping to run the sessions with the children and young people, especially the cricket and football sessions. I have now begun a college course studying for a BTEC in football coaching and development and am grateful for the opportunity I had over the summer to develop my coaching skills. The training opportunity and induction which we had was great also.

Thank you, Ethan

I worked at parks in Bamber Bridge, Lostock Hall and Leyland. I helped out with various sports including archery, the climbing wall, football, cycling and, cricket, and, worked with all age groups. I thoroughly enjoyed my time with the HAF programme and found all the coaches to be friendly and supportive. I really enjoyed working with the 9/10 year olds the best as they fully interacted with us and got the most out of all the sports. Although, I think I had the most impact with the smallest of children and made a 'best friend' whilst entertaining them in the rain at Lostock Hall with a cone and a tennis ball.

As I am doing A Level PE the scheme has given me experience of a role that is available working with sports.

Thanks for giving me chance to work with you all this summer, would love to return to next year.

Many thanks,

Harry

During my time with HAF I supported sports sessions such as cricket, dodgeball, basketball and archery and also free play sessions and craft sessions. I enjoyed working in the different settings, of parks and schools, and experiencing how delivery differed in each of them.

I noticed many of the younger children needed support to eat their lunch, such as explaining what the food was, and how they would often only eat very small amounts but would eat some more with encouragement. I did notice how many of them were keen to eat the fruit.

I enjoyed all aspects of the sessions. Colleagues were all supportive and welcoming to work with. The activities were fun to take part in and simply talking to the children was enjoyable. The most challenging part could be the noise in inside school sessions!

Working at HAF in South Ribble has reminded me that I like working with children in active environments

Jacque

The opportunity for children to attend these sessions was brilliant, the variety of options with different sessions and locations on the huge timetable was amazing and something we should be proud to have been able to assist in offering. Our most popular sessions were the morning swims. It's brought more regular faces to the centres with Mums also joining in and having a swim with their children.

Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre

We were extremely pleased to be contacted in regard to providing food for the participants in the Summer Camps across South Ribble. This work was particularly welcome as we like many businesses recover from the effects of the pandemic. It provided a much-needed boost to our sales helping us deal with our outstanding liabilities and providing extra work for my employees who had recently returned from furlough.

Once again thank you for considering us and giving us the opportunity to work with South Ribble.

Halls Catering

The Summer camps meant that children that came from families with financial constraints were able to access a daily meal, but most importantly gain the social interactions to be able to play, exercise, be creative, be outdoors and make friendships within their own communities that many have missed out on especially the past 18mths. It also allowed parents to re-connect socially and with our service in particular build up small, local networks to enable them to have support locally and improve general mental health and well being of families. The services were inclusive and meant that local children were not missing out on activities or sessions that their families would have not been able to afford on a private basis. These kind of support services and activity camps are absolutely invaluable to so many families and offer a lifeline to many and a positive experience to children to be able to enjoy and interact with each other as well as building creative skills and confidence.

CNOS

We were asked to take part in the HAF program during this summer holidays for 4 weeks, This was a great experience that we enjoyed every minute off. We got to meet children that would never have been given the opportunity to learn martial arts without the program, the kids loved the courses so much some that were only supposed to be coming as a one off ended up booking on and attending the majority of the course. The Program was Definity an eye opener to us of how local these children are to us who without the program wouldn't have had a full meal that day. I hope the HAF program continues in the future as I think it would be a massive let down to children in all areas of the country if this opportunity was to stop.

Thanks for asking us to be involved it was a pleasure and we look forward to continuing to provide these sessions.

BoxClever

The HAF programme is a fantastic scheme that The Base have been delighted to be able to deliver in partnership with SRBC. School holidays can be a huge burden on families and being able to provide activities and food for children and young people throughout the holidays helps relieve the pressure as well as giving us the opportunity to continue our wrap around support for the families in our community.

The Base Community Centre