

Ella's Idea

A Harry Potter workshop that can help people have fun whilst they grow up. You could make a wand or act out scenes or even play quidditch! It could be one pound per person and the money could go to children to make their lives better. A broom ride could be free, and it would be like flying a real broom and other rides could be free! You could also draw characters.



What we have done

The Leeds Library service hosted a Harry Potter: A History of Magic exhibition at Leeds Central Library from the 3rd December 2017 to 29th January 2018.

A number of workshops were held during the month of December which included:

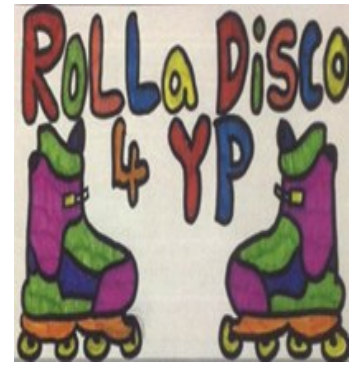
- Family friendly drop in with Dumbledore, magical wares and crafts, become a student at Hogwarts and owl flying
- Wand making
- Wizard game builder
- Sorting hats

The First Direct Arena showed Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets accompanied by a live orchestra on the 2nd December 2017 and provided free tickets for the winner and her family to attend.



Chelsy's Idea

My idea is to have a rolla disco in Millenium Square. This would happen once a year. It will generate a lot of publicity. People could bring their own skates to minimise costs. It will allow young people to gather and meet new people and make new friends. Also it will help people learn how to skate or help teach others



What we are doing

On Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th our city centre Roller Disco will be held at Leeds Kirkgate Market. The Roller Disco will be open 10am till 4.40pm on each of the three days, the first session of each day will be open for young people with special educational needs and disabilities and the second session for 5 to 8 year olds. The sessions at 12 noon, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm will be open to all ages and the final session each day (4pm) will be for teenagers (13 to 18 year olds) There will be a small charge of £2 per person per session.

For more information and to book your place at the roller disco visit:
<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/childfriendlyleeds/cfl-news/cfl-city-centre>

Chelsy will be officially opening the Roller Disco at 12 noon on Monday 9th April!

Jazmin's Idea

My idea is to make Leeds a better place for children by designing an indoor playhouse with an included peace garden where children can go to relax, draw and day dream. This playhouse will be permanent so adults will have to pay £1 to enter (a small price for happiness). There will also be a multi-cultural café where both adults and children can learn about different cultures through their food, talk together and bring our city closer



What we are doing

During the Easter holidays Leeds Play Network and SCRAP will be hosting an indoor playhouse in the St John's Centre. Vicki the Strategic Play officer has worked with a group of young people to develop Jazmin's ideas.

Wednesday 4th April, Thursday 5th April, Thursday 12th April & Friday 13th April

11am till 3pm

Unit 5/6 on the upper level of St John's Centre, Merrion Street, LS2 8LQ

For further information about the indoor playhouse at the St John's Centre visit www.leedsplaynetwork.org.uk

COME + PLAY

IN OUR CITY CENTRE PLAY SPACE

Leeds Play Network is a charity who believe that play is important. We work to support, provide and encourage more play for all children in Leeds.

We have created a play space in the city centre for children of all ages and their families. It's full of interesting, playful stuff to enable children to play freely and creatively. Den building, junk modelling, messy and creative play are just a few of the things that are available during term-time and school holidays.

Where to find us:
We are in Unit 5/6 on the upper level of St John's Centre, Merrion Street, LS2 8LQ (formerly Jumbo Records)

On the next holidays we will be open:
Wednesday 4th April
Thursday 5th April
Thursday 12th April
Friday 13th April

Time: 11.00am - 3.00pm
These sessions are linked through the Child Friendly City Centre Project

More information:
Check our Facebook page and website for future term-time and holidays dates and times:
www.leedsplaynetwork.org.uk
www.facebook.com/leedsplaynetwork
or give us a call: Tel: 0113 2499928

LEEDS PLAY NETWORK

Goodwin, Cameron, Joe, Samuel & Simon's Idea

Our idea is to create an enjoyable experience for children aged 7 to 16 in Leeds city centre through an interactive picture taking activity in and around the city centre. Children get bored when shopping with their parents so they can use an application to take pictures and earn points. The more points the closer you are to a prize (vouchers). The app will earn revenue for Leeds. Some images accumulate more points. One month the images could be football themed etc.



What we are doing

The idea of a snapp app by Goodwin, Cameron, Joe, Samuel and Simon will now be launched as an instagram in May 2018 ready for the summer!

The young people have been busy designing their logo and writing their first blog and have been deciding on monthly themes and monthly prizes for the best pictures.

The aim of Snapp Leeds will be to showcase Leeds through the eyes of young people and create a fun opportunity for young people to use their devices in the city centre.

Will's Idea

My idea is to have a mister tumble festival because there are a lot of adult things in Leeds, so I'm thinking something for kids.

It is good for children because it makes them have fun and enjoy themselves. This idea is good for Leeds because it is different to the other stuff that they have. This festival would include happiness, Mr Tumble coming and lots of other fun stuff for kids.



What we are doing

On Wednesday 8th August 2018 we will be hosting the Child Friendly Leeds Festival on Millennium Square.

The festival is currently in the planning stages and we will announce more details in the next month or two.

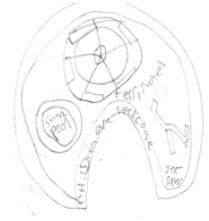
Abbie's Idea



It is a park in the heart of Leeds. Children from all over West Yorkshire can come and enjoy the weather, make new friends, play sport, listen to music, play on the equipment and buy some food from the hotdog stand or grab an ice-cream from the ice-cream truck.

Opemipo's Idea

Create a park for children , the park should be fenced and on the fence there will be stickers and pictures on it. For safety the park should have good visibility. The park should have a playground which has a seesaw, merry-go-round, swing set slide, jungle gym, trapeze, rings, playhouses and mazes, ferris wheel, chun-up bear



What we are doing

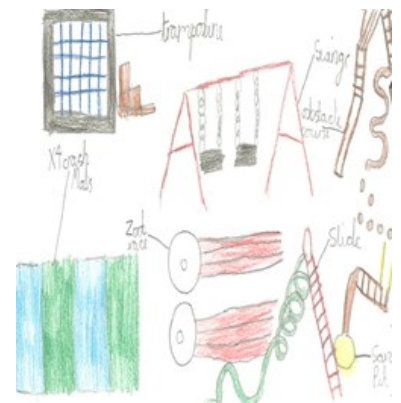
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- City centre park at Southbank
- Junk park
- Pop up parks

Leo's Idea

My idea is called 2nd hand park, what it does is use recycled materials to build a kids play area. It uses recycled metals, plastics, rubber and more that would of otherwise have been burnt or that would cause pollution.

The park includes a zonte race, slide, swings, obstacle course, crash mats and trampoline. My park is child friendly because if you are a kid and you see a park you are going to go running and you are going to start playing. I think it could be put on Commercial Street because it is a massive open space used for nothing but walking.



What we are doing

The team are in discussions with partner organisations to explore where and when we can create a junk park in the city centre. Leo will be invited to meet with the team in the near future to discuss his idea further.

Rumani's Idea

I'd love it if there was some park space in town. A lot of kids don't love shopping – it can be boring. IF there was somewhere good to play instead of just shop maybe we'd like going into town more. A park can be made from recycled materials like in the pictures – this would be awesome. I once went to a park in Oxford where there are water sprinklers – can we have these in Leeds?

More free events in Millennium Square and St Peter's Square or the Waterfront – like the beach you do in August. A den making event. Story telling festival

More fun stuff in the market – there's space but not much to do there. More dance shows, maybe a skate park. Sessions from the Works – they help kids learn to ride bikes or skateboards.



More festivals like Rhythms of the city. The best thing ever were the family Sundays at the dark arches where you had great live music, food and performances down by the canal. The Waterfront Festival is amazing – stuff like where families can easily afford to come.



A pay as you feel café space like the one at Hovingham Avenue – somewhere really light and relaxing to go with kids that isn't commercialised. Somewhere with outdoor space

What we are doing

The team is currently working on several park projects for the city centre, these include :

- City centre park at Southbank (near the Tetley)
- Junk park
- Pop up parks

We are working with Kirkgate Market to help them develop their events and activities in the event space for young people at the market.

During the six week summer holidays retailers across Leeds will be hosting our CFL Sunday's! This is an exciting development that we are working with the retailers to develop, and will send further updates in the near future.

We have organised for the real junk food project to run a pay as you go café in the Light the week commencing 6th August 2018. The real junk food project will be linking with Rumani's school, Bracken Edge Primary on the project.

We will keep you updated on our progress!

Central Library Games Group's Idea

Safety

- *Free wifi on the streets of city centre so young people can still contact family and friends if they get lost or find themselves in an un-safe situation if they have no money or phone*
- *Bus drivers to have training dealing with young people who are vulnerable (may not have money for the bus etc.) Bus drivers can be rude to young people*
- *Youth workers patrol, making sure we are safe from drunks and drug users*

Events and Activities

- *Free local bands festival in Kirkgate Market aimed at young people*
- *Free / low cost gigs for under 18s. Half price tickets for gigs*
- *Junior sporting event in city centre – power lifting for example*
- *Free film showings on Millennium Square on summer weekends/evenings or screen bands which are performing live in city venues*
- *Re-launch Tuesday night club in City Centre*
- *More games groups*
- *More free events open to all, everything costs too much!*

Travel

- *Buses are a lifeline to young people visiting the city centre, they have no option but to use them. Young people feel strongly about non regular service and cost*
- *Cost for many, is prohibitive. Young people cannot earn and if parents don't give, or cannot give money for busses then young people are stuck and cannot access the city centre. Cut weekend fares drastically for 11 to 18 year olds*
- *Give young people volunteering opportunities where they receive a free bus pass for however long they are volunteering (not just money back for bus fares on the day)*
- *Free city centre bus to underprivileged area for young people at weekends*
- *Free bike hire*

Physical Environment

Park to go where it feels safe and welcoming. Youth work patrols. Area for young people where they wont get shouted at for making noise. Somewhere out of the way

What we are doing

Free Wifi

Leeds City Council provide free wifi spots on Millennium Square and Briggate as well as in 130 public buildings across the city such as Carriageworks, Town Hall, Leonardo, Thoresby, Civic Hall, Children's Centres, Community Centres, One Stop Shops and Libraries. There are currently small on street signs to indicate the free wifi spots.

A number of non LCC related public spaces also provide free wifi such as Trinity Leeds, Leeds city train station etc. and all these are clearly marked.

Throughout Leeds there are street information boards, when these are redesigned City Development will look at including free wifi signage on the relevant boards.

BT are rolling out link kiosks in Leeds, which will replace the old telephone boxes in the city centre and provide ultra-fast wifi, mobile device charging, UK landline and mobile calls, access to maps, directions and local services.

All free wifi spots and the link kiosks will be highlighted / included on the child friendly city centre map which is being developed as part of the Child Friendly City Centre wider project.

Free bike hire

There are a number of free bike hire schemes across the city. These will be communicated to families via the Child Friendly City Centre webpage and added to the Breeze webpage.

Youth Work Patrols

The Youth Service provide outreach youth workers on a Friday & Saturday evening, 5.30pm till 10.30pm in Leeds City Centre. As well as the outreach work the youth service provide a number of city centre youth groups which young people 11 to 18 years old are able to participate in.

The youth service provision is promoted on the Breeze website and a flyer advertising the provision will be sent to communications to be added to the Child Friendly City Centre update page.

Transport

The Leeds Youth Council are working on transport as their local campaign as this was voted as the main issue for young people in Leeds 2017/18 following the Make Your Mark ballot in which 17,013 young people in Leeds voted.

A working group of Leeds Youth Councillors has been set up to look at transport, and they will be meeting with transport providers and partners across the region in May 2018.

Free films of the big screen

We are currently working with Leeds Young Film, Millennium Square, the Carriageworks and Kirkgate Market to increase the number of films aimed at children and young people being shown over the Easter and summer holidays 2018.

For the 19th year the Leeds Young Film Festival is taking place across the city from 28th March to 5th April and films will be shown at city centre venues including Kirkgate Market exhibition space, Carriageworks Theatre, Leeds City Museum and the Vue Cinema at the Light. View the programme and book tickets to see films, and participate in dozens of workshops www.leedsfilmcity.com

We can also confirm that we have organised for the winning films from the children and young people's Golden Owls Film Competition in Leeds to be shown on Millennium Square big screen between 10am and 12 noon on Saturday and Sunday 14th and 15th July.

Additional Projects

As well as the ten winning ideas we have a few other projects that we are working on that covers all ten ideas!

Child Friendly City Centre Map



We have been consulting with children and young people in Leeds to find out what they would like to see on a city centre map i.e. free wifi, child friendly cafes, changing places, green spaces etc.

All the feedback received is now with our design team who will be starting to put the map together!