

GIVE IT A GO!

Thursday 6th July 2023
@John Charles Centre for Sport

Students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) across Leeds have continuously shared with us how they would like the opportunity to 'try out' different sports, groups and activities available to them in Leeds.

Since 2012, Leeds has had a vision to be a child friendly city. 12 wishes were developed by children and young people across Leeds to highlight what their priorities are for Leeds as a child friendly city. The 12 wishes were refreshed in 2022, with one of the wishes having a SEND focus:



Leeds is an inclusive city for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities

Children and young people feel there is more awareness and understanding of different disabilities and that there are more activities and places to go that are accessible to all.

On Thursday 6th July 2023; 69 students with SEND in Leeds attended the Give it a Go event at John Charles Centre for Sport. The event gave young people with SEND the opportunity to try out different activities and sports that are on offer to them in the city, known as short breaks and fun activities.

On arrival at the event, each student received a Leeds Local Offer bag which included a pen, activity booklet that provided information about the activities and how to book onto them after the event and an accessible play spaces booklet. Information about activities available in Leeds and accessible places spaces can be found on the Leeds Local Offer website <https://tinyurl.com/ThingsToDoLeeds>

The event was funded by the Community Committees and delivered in partnership by the Voice Influence and Change Team, Breeze Leeds and Active Leeds.



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ATTENDANCE

Schools who attended:

- Bishop Young Academy, Dovecote
- East SILC Temple Moor Partnership
- Green Meadows Academy
- Oulton Academy
- West 14
- West SILC



Activities available:

- Breeze inflatables
- Leeds Mencap
- Endorphins
- West Leeds Activity Centre
- Circus Leeds
- Accessible bikes
- Gym equipment
- Tennis
- Football
- Ping Pong
- Bowls

Information stalls:

- Leeds Local Offer
- Kooth
- Scope



STUDENT FEEDBACK

It was really fun and I don't really get chance to do these activities elsewhere.

It was my first time riding a bike!



I enjoyed being able to take part in the gym as this is something I normally don't get to do.

I didn't want to attend the event, I am so pleased I did as it was amazing!



SCHOOL FEEDBACK

Such a fantastic day, our students really enjoyed it, it was such a positive experience.

They even asked can we return if it is on again!

It was fantastic and really good for our students, they all really enjoyed themselves. Our leader was really clear about what we were doing and where we were going. It was really nice and well organised.

We just want to say thank you for such a fun day.

All the students loved the event.

The event was amazing and the best SEND event we have participated in this year. It was truly special to see students who usually disengage with PE in school really engaged with the activities, laughing and smiling all the way around.

Overall, one of the best events we have been to - thank you!

 **Green Meadows Academy** 4d
An amazing 'Give It A Go Day' yesterday with @Child_Leeds and @LeedsYouthVoice at @JCCS_Leeds 👍 Lots of 'first times' for our young people - a fabulous time was had by all developing new skills!
#WeMakeADifference



 **Joanna Purdie Cole** @jor... 5d

All the pupils and staff who went from @West_SILC had a fabulous day. Thank you for such an amazing experience!



WOW MOMENTS

Students who don't engage at school, fully engaging and enjoying all activities.

Students riding a bike for the first time!

Students who have never done PE before taking part in all activities on offer and loving them.

Students trying out activities they never thought they'd like or feared before.

Students joining in all the activities, especially those students who can be reluctant to try new things.

LEARNING FOR NEXT TIME!

Fewer activities with slightly longer time at each.

Scheduled toilet breaks.

Longer for lunch.

Movement to each activities - needs to be shorter.

More wheelchair accessible activities.

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