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### **Luce Foundation Residential Week at El Puerto de Santa Maria**

Last week a group of sixteen young people between the age of twelve and thirteen years took part in a week long residential on the fringes of El Puerto de Santa Maria, Cadiz. This group of year 8 students merged as a result of a five month project which included a variety of workshops and activities prior to the trip. The group were accompanied by youth workers, teachers from Bayside and Westside School and a neighbourhood policing officer.

The week provided many of them with a chance to try out new activities, many of which participants would not have the opportunity to undertake in Gibraltar or would not be naturally inclined to try out. These activities included kayaking, mountain biking, rock climbing, archery, high ropes course, evening team building activities and a visit to Cadiz City Centre.

The week provided them with a chance to spend some time away from their regular home environment and to enjoy the area; free from urban surroundings and experience something totally different in the company of friends.

A post-trip dinner and additional local activity will be organised in the coming weeks and the group has been encouraged to attend the youth clubs so they can further take advantage of the opportunities that the Youth Service offers.

The Youth Service would like to thank the Department of Education and the Royal Gibraltar Police who for some years now have supported this work led by the Gibraltar Youth Service.

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