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### **Gibraltar Youth Service Enjoy Busy Start to Summer**

The Gibraltar Youth Service has enjoyed a busy start to the summer, participating in educational outings and organising community and fundraising activities.

#### **Educational Outings**

Last week, youth club premises across Gibraltar were closed for the EU Referendum. The Gibraltar Youth Service took this opportunity to provide members with a variety of informal educational off-site activities.

Twelve young people from across the four youth clubs took part in an overnight camping adventure in Facinas. The group laid and followed nature trails, and learned about ancient hunter-gathering techniques. Young people dyed white t-shirts using plants found in the wilderness, swam in a spring water lake and made bread from scratch for their dinner.

Other Youth Service members participated in local activities throughout the week, including bowling, pizza making, and paddle boarding. These workshop-style activities enabled young people to develop life-skills such as team-work and creativity in a social and fun environment.

#### **Community Barbeque at Laguna Youth Club**

Last Thursday, the Gibraltar Youth Service held a community barbeque evening at Laguna Youth Club in order to raise funds for Calpe House and to cover some of the costs of the group travelling to London in August.

Youth Service members organised the barbeque and a variety of activities for everyone to enjoy: some even volunteered as DJs!



The hugely successful evening was greatly supported by the community as well as participants from all youth clubs, demonstrating a true community spirit. The Gibraltar Youth service would like to thank everyone who supported the event in anyway.

### **Mini Fun Day at Casemates Square**

On Saturday, the Youth Centre's over 16's continued fundraising for their Life Skills project by hosting a Mini Fun Day in Casemates Square. Despite the heat, the group encouraged some children to enjoy time on the bouncy castle and adorn themselves with glitter tattoos.

The group have been working with the Youth Service developing their independence, citizenship and employability skills. These fundraising events offer opportunities to practice public speaking, customer service, and problem solving and budgeting in a safe environment.

The Life Skills project members are now preparing for a Summer Party in August and a National Day raffle, which will be held in September. Any donations and support from local businesses are very welcome. Please contact the Youth Centre on 20041948 or email: [sarah.wadsworth.gys@gibtelecom.net](mailto:sarah.wadsworth.gys@gibtelecom.net)

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