

YOUNG INSPECTORS



Young Inspectors report on: Girls Night

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With the views and voice from Young Inspectors

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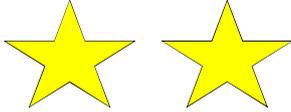
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The 'Young Inspectors Scheme' has been developed to capture the voice of children and young people who have a disability and/or additional needs giving them the opportunity to contribute in shaping and developing the service.

The Young Inspectors reviewed the Short Breaks service based on the following areas deemed important to them. The inspection is part of an agreement between Short Breaks and the provider highlighted within the Short Breaks agreement. This is what the Young Inspectors found:

Report Summary

Inspected areas	Overall (star rating) out of 3 Stars	Did they meet Young Inspectors needs
Staff		See 4.1
Fun and Enjoyment		See 4.2
Accessibility		See 4.3
Safety and surroundings		See 4.4

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1.0 Details about the provision that was inspected

Girl's Night is a club that runs on a Thursday, normally based at The Work Station but due to darker nights this venue has changed to St Catherines School, Girl's night is an opportunity to make new friends and learn new skills including arts and crafts, hair and beauty in a fun, friendly and relaxed environment.

Overview of the organisation/service:

Girls Night is a club for Girls – This is due to change to teen nights from April 2017 who provide arts and crafts sessions including hair and beauty fun. This will change in future and the teens are given a timetable of each week to make them aware of what will be upcoming.

What they provide:

Girl's Night provide a fun, friendly relaxed environment for Girls to learn new skills including hair and beauty fun and arts and crafts.

When is it available: Various dates on a Thursday 5.30-7.30pm

How much is the costs: £4 per person, per session

Who to contact to book: Rachel Thomson

2.0 Introduction – Why we inspected Girl’s Night?

We decided to inspect Girl’s Night to capture the views and opinions of young people who attended the activity.

3.0 Methodology – How we inspected Girl’s Night?

The inspection took with 4 Young Inspectors.

4.0 Review analysis- What we reviewed

4.1 Staff

Young Inspectors stated that they were greeted nicely by all the staff at Girl’s Night. They all left feedback to say they found the staff friendly, happy, fun and helpful.

4.2 Fun and enjoyment

Young Inspectors all had lots of fun during the session. All four of the Young Inspectors felt happy and would attend the session again, one of the young inspectors had attended the session regularly time proceeding to the inspection. “The hair is my favourite thing to do” was one of the comments left by one of the Young Inspectors. Another Young Inspector who attended commented that “I enjoyed all of it”.

4.3 Accessibility

Accessibility was discussed with each Young Inspectors; it was felt that when Girls Night is held at the St Catherine's school location it was not accessible to wheelchair users as the buildings are set on various levels with no ramp access. There was no lift available. Each of the Young Inspectors also noted that there was no signage around the building to indicate that it was 'girl's night'. One of the Young Inspectors commented; "the club would be better if it was a later start time and the price could be £3 instead of £4".

4.4 Safety and Surroundings

The Young Inspectors that participated in Girls Night felt that they were safe when attending and that the staff were friendly and happy to join in or help with the activity. All of the Young Inspectors commented that they were not told about any safety.

4.5 Food and Dining experience

There are no facilities available on site to purchase food or drinks. Snack was provided – a plate of biscuits and a drink. One of the Young Inspectors was gluten free which was not catered as the organisers had not been made aware by the Young Inspectors lead.

5.0 Summary of Inspection - What the Young Inspectors found

Young Inspectors were asked to inspect the safety and surroundings, the staff, accessibility and the fun and enjoyment of the activity.

All Young Inspectors said they had enjoyed the session and all would like to attend again. Two of the Young Inspectors had attended the club previously and both had different views of the new activity timetable – one commented that she had preferred it when girls night was taking part in hair and beauty treatments rather than arts and crafts.

6.0 Recommendations – How the activity can be made better?

The Young Inspectors commented that the setting could be improved by moving locations making it more accessible to wheelchair users and signage to identify which session was taking place.

6.1 Young Inspectors views

Young Inspectors felt that the session overall was excellent and all attending would attend again.

6.2 Young Inspectors Lead recommendations

Girls Night is a great club, I am aware that girls night will become more inclusive and change to Teens creative Thursday as of April 2017, I am also aware that the accessibility for wheelchair users would not be an issue when the session is ran from the other location in the industrial estate and Susan did explain that they use St Catherine's as a location when the nights are dark due to lighting issues in the industrial estate, once the location issues have been addressed I feel Girls Night or Teens Night will promote inclusion for a wide range of children with differing needs, ages and abilities, promoting equal opportunities to all participating.

The price of the session is £4 which I believe is a fair price for a 2 hour session and includes the materials in order for the participants to take home their crafts.

6.2 Parents Feedback

Not available as this session was unsupervised by parents.

7.0 Overall award



3 stars awarded

8.0 Provider feedback

Firstly, we would like to thank the Young Inspectors for coming to visit Girls' Night and for their comments.

In response to the various areas highlighted:

We are aware of the accessibility issues with our current site and as such we do not advertise the night as being accessible to participants who need wheelchair access. Unfortunately, St Catherine's no longer has use of The Work Station.

Young people are made aware of safety issues as and when needed and there are various safety signs around the site that are in both written and Widget form. However, we will review this to see what improvements can be made.

We have put together a timetable of activities that is given to parents, so that participants are aware of the activities happening each week. Art and Craft is the most popular session hence why there are run more often than cooking or hair and beauty.

We are really pleased with the feedback from the Young Inspectors' report – especially as all those that inspected the session said that they would like attend again.