

Report of: Community Voice and Influence

Report to: Inner East Children and Families Sub Group

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**Inner East – Have Your Say Youth Summit
Monday 10th December 2018**

Purpose of report

1. This report provides members with feedback, information and recommendations of the Have Your Say Youth Summit that took place on the evening of 10th December of 2018. The purpose of the event was for young people from the Inner East Community Committee area to attend and inspiring event, experience a selection of different activities and have a chance to meet their elected members. Consultation took place at the event and young people worked in groups to discuss which projects they would want funded for their communities in the Inner East wards to prioritise spend of the Inner East Youth Activity Fund 2019/20.

Background

2. The delegated youth activity fund requires the engagement and participation of children and young people in the decision making and evaluation of the fund.
3. The Inner East Community Committee agreed to host a youth summit to consult local children and young people with the support of the youth service, clusters and local partners.
4. Communities Team Officers coordinated the inspiring event, engaging with partners and host an activity and bring young people to the event.

Have Your Say Youth Summit

5. The Youth Summit was held at The Ebor Gardens Community Centre in the evening of Monday 10th December 2018. The event was promoted through partners, clusters, online via social media and through the youth service. 31 adults and 65 children and young people attended the event with 54 between the ages of 8-17 years old. Youth groups brought young people from the 3 different wards in the community area; Gipton & Harehills, Burmantofts & Richmond Hill and Seacroft & Killingbeck.

6. Richard Cracknell from the Children's Services Voice, Influence and Change team compered the event alongside Preet Matharu from the Communities Team. The officers were engaging and created an exciting yet informal atmosphere at the event which was very young person friendly.
7. Local young people performed at the event including; a choir performance from The Tribe Youth Group, dance performance from DAZL dance and break dancing with the Breakthrough project. A young leader from the Youth Service also gave a short inspirational speech about his experience of youth clubs and his ambitions to become a youth worker.
8. Activities and stalls on offer during the evening were delivered by partners including; the Youth Service, DJ skills with DJ school, Creative Technologies with Cyclops Power, Healthy Lifestyles with ACES, Radio skills with Chapel FM, The Works, Freedom for Girls and The Tribe Youth Group.
9. Reflecting on previous summit events in this area, we kept the structure of this year's event informal with a relaxed start time so young people had enough time to arrive and sample all the different activities. There was then a chance to welcome everyone to the event and for performances before a break for food prior to the consultation exercise. The event closed with some closing remarks by local councillors and a prize draw.
10. The focal point for the event was the consultation exercise facilitated by officers. The exercise included having a budget of £55,000 in monopoly money and a range of real activities as examples. The young people acted as representatives for young people in their area and had to spend their £55,000 and prioritise the activities. The young people worked in groups, discussing their preferences and which activities they would want to be funded. This gives an indication of the types of activities young people would like in the Inner East. **See Recommendations.**
11. Elected members from the Inner East Community Committee attended the event, including the Inner East Children's Champion, Councillor Salma Arif who formally opened the event.
12. The event provided a hot meal for all attendees free of charge, including curry, pizza, salad, fruit and cakes. There were also hot beverages and juice available.

Findings

13. Attendees had the opportunity to design their own activities and suggest different projects they would like for young people in the area. The young people worked in groups or individually and submitted different projects **See Consultation findings.**
14. Other suggestions and feedback mentioned by young people was for improvements to their community. Several young people suggested that the Ebor Gardens field be turned into a football pitch. Another young person submitted an idea for a playground with swings and slides to be built on Farm Road field.

15. Young people mapped where they live (blue dots) and where they hang out (orange dots). This shows that young people utilise parks and green spaces in their area and play in residential neighbourhoods **See Appendix 2.**

16. Young people were asked to also consider when and where they would like activities to take place, 41 young people completed questionnaires about this including sharing their individual preferences for activities. **See Appendix 1.**

78% would like activities both indoors and outdoors, 17% would like them indoors and 2% of young people would like activities outside (5% did not provide an answer for this question).

37% would like activities after school before 6pm, 27% would like them in the school holidays, 17% would like them on a weekend, and 15% would like activities in the evenings after 6pm (5% of participants did not provide an answer).

61% would like activities in their community, 27% of young people wanted activities both in and away from their community and 7% would like activities away from where they live (5% did not specify an answer).

27% of the young people were age 7-10 years and 44% of young people were age 11-13 years old and 24% were 14-17 years (2% did not provide their age). 39% boys attended the event and 51% girls (10% did not provide their gender or preferred not to say).

The top reasons given for what makes an activity good were; the social aspect that it is an activity with friends and with other people. Also, that it is something fun and they enjoy taking part in.

Recommendations

17. The discussions at the Have Your Say Youth Summit and feedback submitted by young people suggest the following youth activity fund priorities for 2019/20 focus on:

- a. Youth activities predominantly **delivered in the local area.**
- b. The majority of provision taking place regularly **after school**, with activities also taking place in the **summer holidays.**
- c. Activities are inclusive of friendship groups, encourage socialising and are an opportunity to have fun.
- d. Top 5 activities;
 1. Youth Club
 2. Dance
 3. DJ/ Production skills
 4. Sports (particularly football and boxing)
 5. Art

Other popular activities included; fun days, cooking, coding, music and cycling.

It is recommended that 'calls for projects' and project applications received for 2019/20 focus on these themes and activities.

Appendix 1: Preferences from consultation findings

What activities do you like?

Individual preferences

1. Dance
2. Sport
3. Arts and crafts
4. DJ/ Production
- Youth club
5. Cooking
6. Music
7. Drama
- Outdoor Adventure
8. Coding/ Minecraft
9. Fun days
10. Play scheme

What activities should be funded? Group results

1. Youth Club
2. DJ/Production
3. Scrap Art
4. Fun days with Inflatables
5. Coding/Minecraft
6. Cycling Skills
- Girls Summer fun
7. Multi Sports Camp
8. Skateboard Jam
9. Drama Workshop
10. Music project

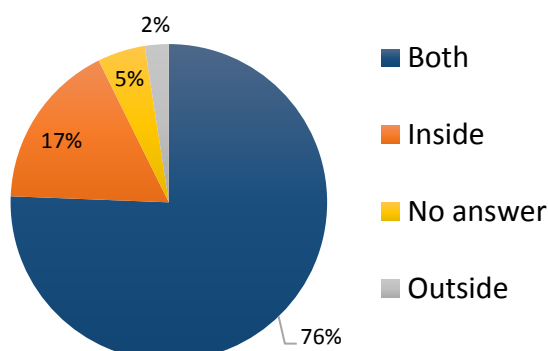
Other activities suggested

- Boxing x4
- Gym x4
- Cycling x4
- Hockey x2
- Swim
- Broadcasting
- Ultimate Fighting Champion
- Gaming Club

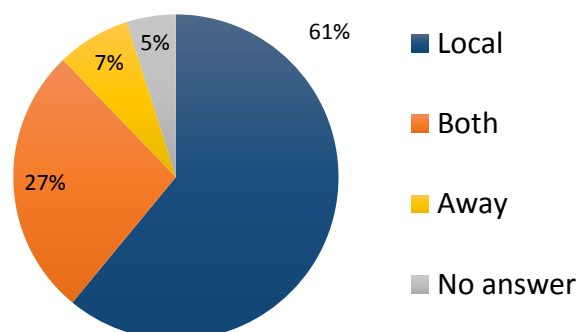
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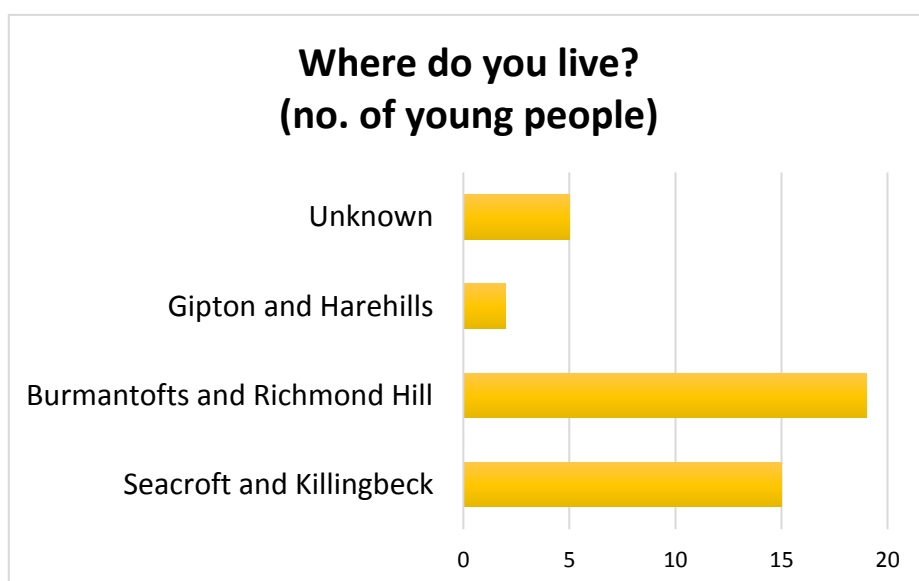
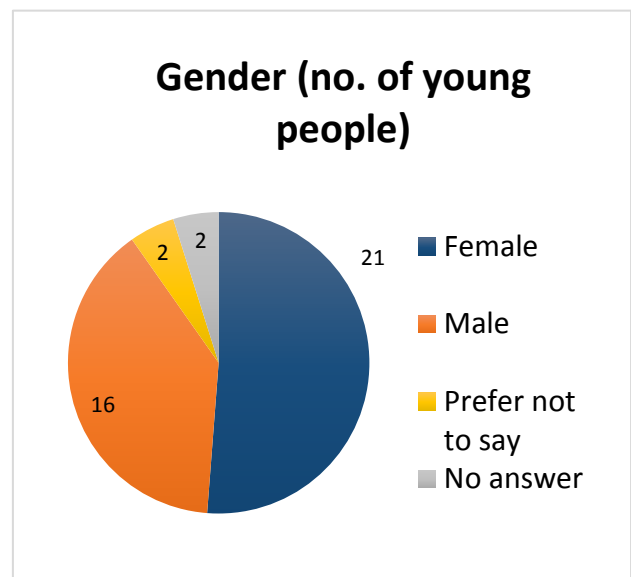
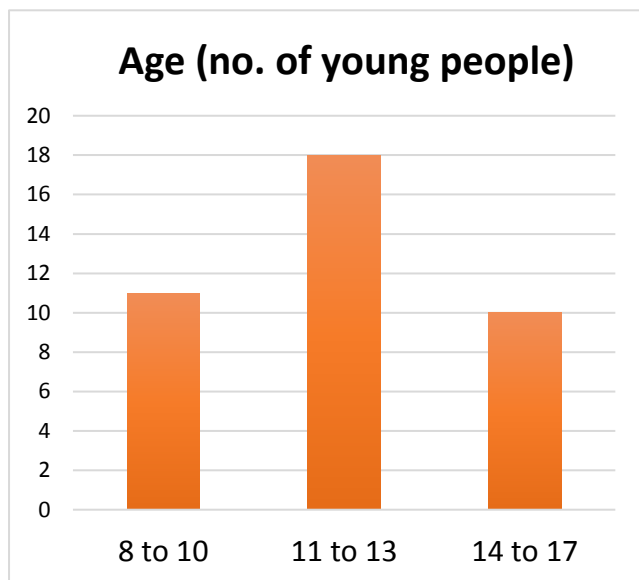
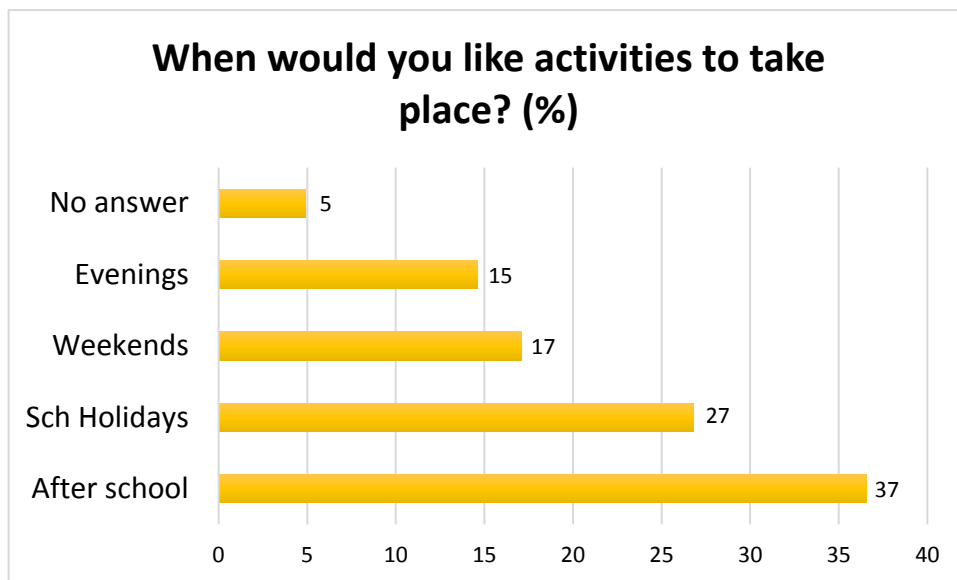
1. Social aspects
2. Something I enjoy/ is fun
3. Friends
4. Learn something
- Team work
- Good atmosphere

Would you like activities inside or outside?



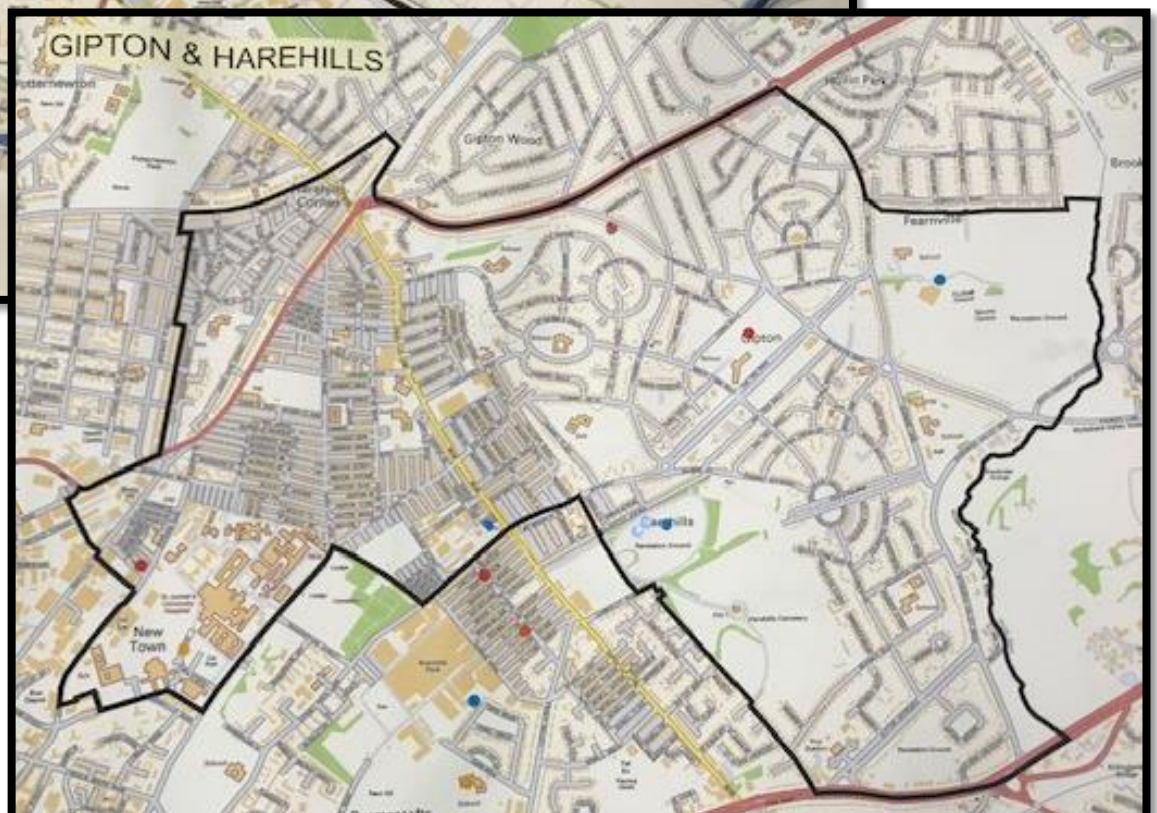
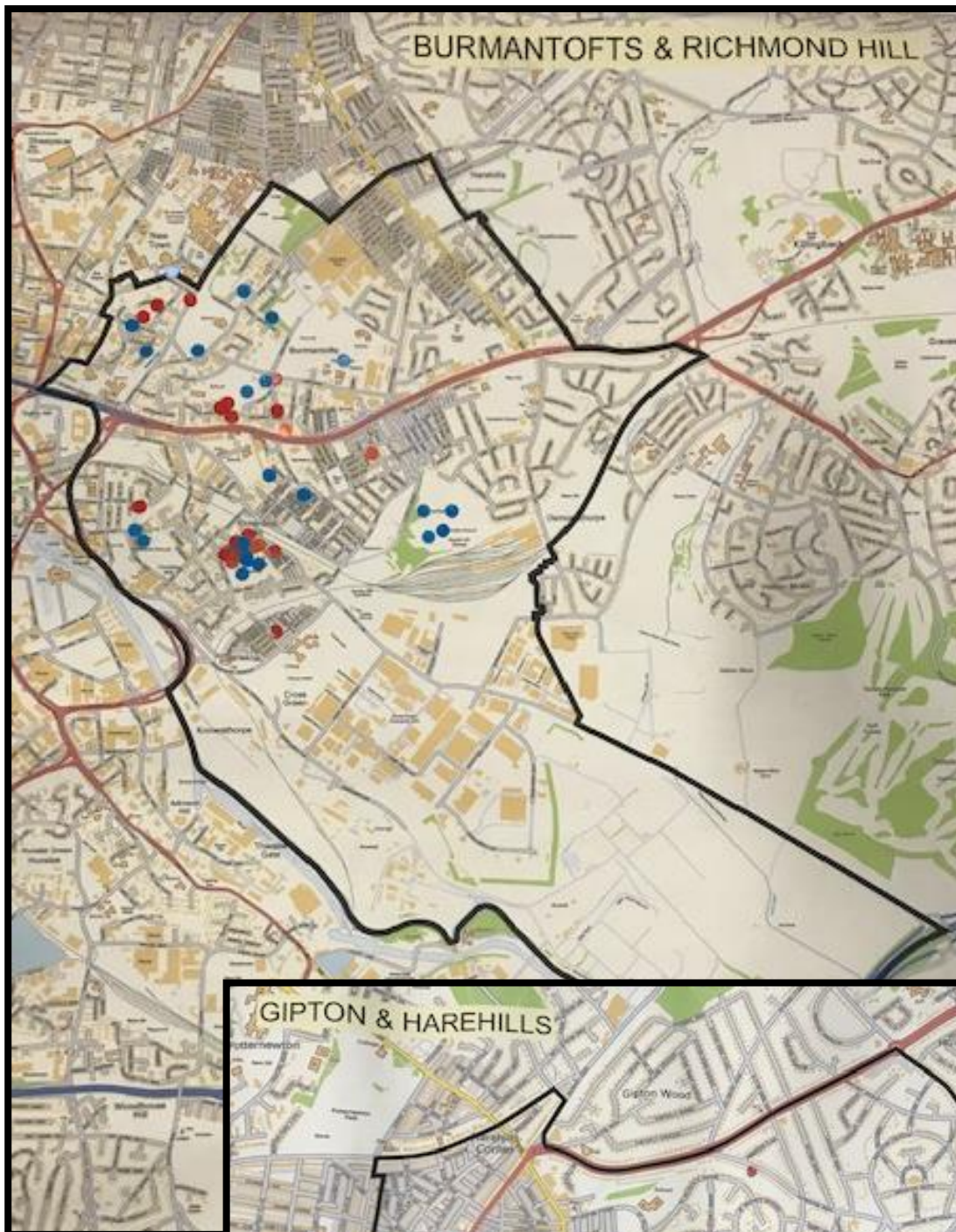
Would you prefer activities in your local area or away from where you live?

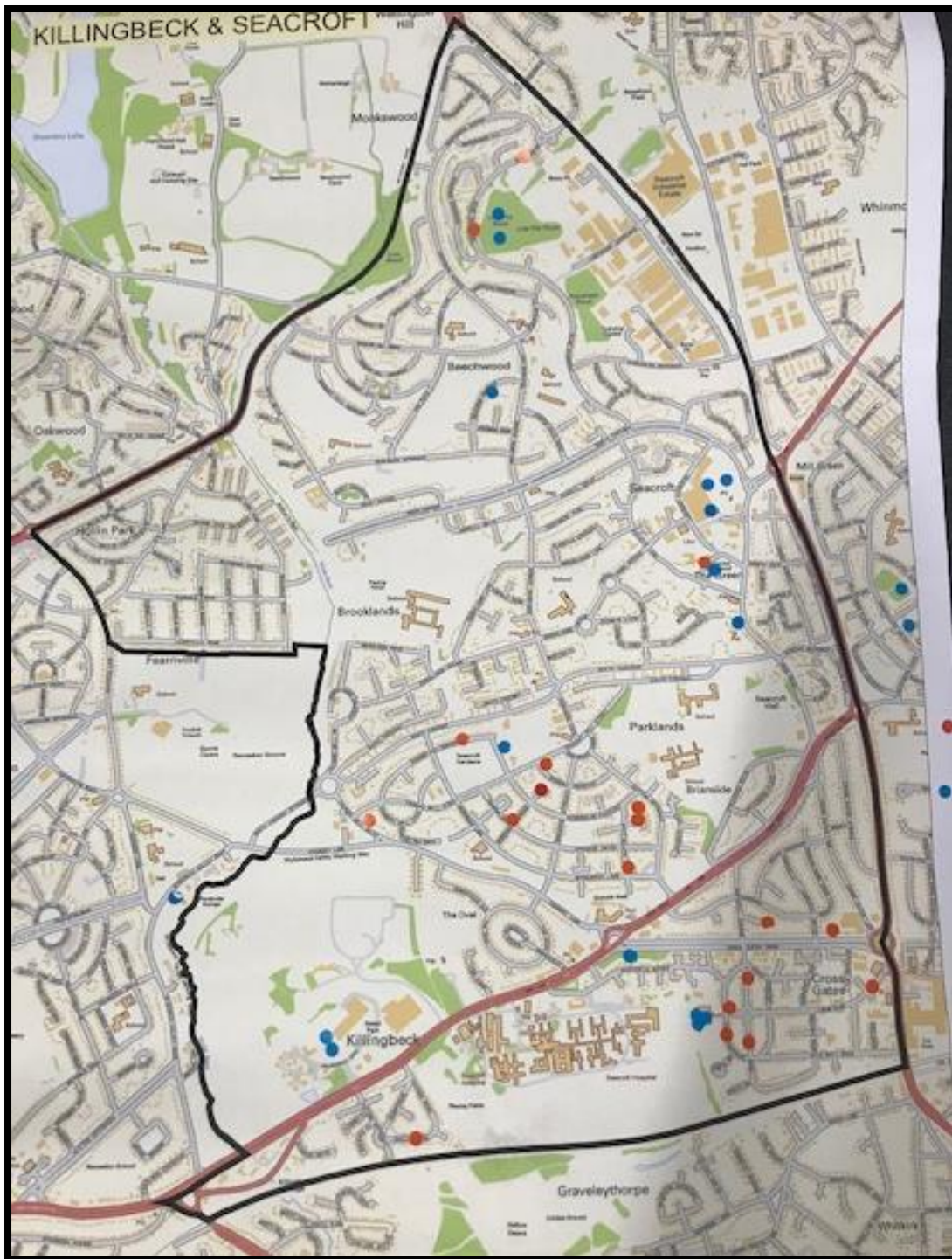




Please note: Location data was collected by the young people providing their postcode or street name and some answers provided were incomplete or inconclusive.

Appendix 2: Ward maps





Appendix 3: Photos of the event

