

“Bringing People Together”

Building relationships between teenagers and their peers in a school environment

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Everyone!





Human Development Curriculum – hauora /wellbeing goals

- Physically: Consider physical needs and challenges for personal development
- Socially: Act cohesively in any group situation
- Mentally: Treat each other with respect, treat others as you would expect to be treated yourself
- Spiritually: To complete a challenge

Project Structure

- 6 weeks period – 2 sessions per week
- 5 schools involved
- 5 young people with intellectual disability
- 9 young people without a disability
- Aged 15-18 years
- Disability Awareness Training

Formative Evaluation

- Building new friendships was the main reason for participating in the project for IDEA young people
- 80% young people from Marsden did not know someone with an intellectual disability
- Limited and varied understanding of intellectual disability

Personal Outcomes

- Understanding disability
- Developing life skills for the future
- Gaining new experiences & opportunities
- The effects of disability on people & their families

Project Outcomes

IDEA Services Young People

- Improved self esteem
- New experiences & opportunities
- Extended knowledge, understanding and capabilities
- Building new relationships

Community

- Developing a culture where people are responsible, respect others and have confidence to achieve

Marsden Young People

- New experiences & opportunities
- Understanding of disability and barriers faced
- Develop valuable life skills
- Obtain NCEA credits

IDEA Services

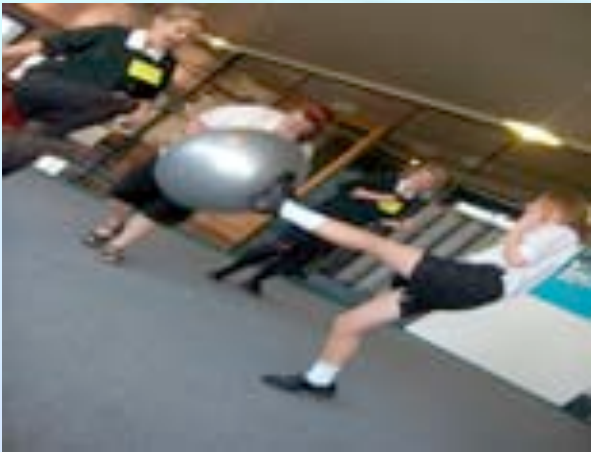
- IDEA Services mission supported – “Empowering People to live, learn, work and enjoy life”













Katie today



IDEA Young People Evaluation

- “I had heaps of fun and really enjoyed making new friends”
- “It was cool. We did some great stuff”
- “I want to do it again – it was awesome”
- “I feel really confident to make friends”

Marsden Evaluation

- They no longer give it a second thought when they meet a disabled person they will interact with them as though there is nothing wrong.
- Learnt to think on their feet i.e. be adaptable when events did not go to plan
- Developed more patience
- Became more responsible
- Really enjoyed seeing the positive improvement with the girls from IDEA
- Opened their eyes to new possibilities

Family Feedback

- “Nicola now confidently sits with other girls in school, rather than staying on her own”
- “Jasmin is now more comfortable with others”
- “Wonderful remarkable experience for Katie”
- “It was really lovely to meet all the girls and that all the girls got to know each other and that there was a lot a love amongst the girls”

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