

## **Universal Youth Service**

Universal Youth Service is an open access programme which provides a range of open access youth clubs and a range of specialist programmes such as Youth Council, Young Enterprise, The Duke of Edinburgh Awards, and holiday provision.

In our work the team have supported young people, including Looked After Children, in various ways, from engagement in youth clubs to holiday programmes.

In the Duke of Edinburgh Awards, we have a range of young people engaging in the programme with various needs.

The service has adapted the expedition and made reasonable adjustments for young people with disabilities where their school setting was not able to support them to complete the Award.

We engage with the young people to find out their needs and wishes for the expedition to ensure they reach their full potential in a safe and secure environment.

Adjustments included changing the route and preplacing kit so that the young people could carry less whilst still participating to the full extent of their abilities.

Young people with disabilities have been supported to complete the Award, which has increased their confidence and self-esteem.