



Newsletter Aug 2019

We've been busy over the last few months! Find out what we've been up to...



We've been busy at The Den over the last few months – one of our rooms has had a makeover, we've opened a Bug Den, said goodbye to two of our fabulous Den Assistants and are now recruiting some new ones! Our Youth Clubs have been packed with games, baking, discos and art and we've had a new project, Dagenham to the Den, look at gender and equality and what it means for young people today.



Earlier in the year we held our annual Easter Fun Day, attended by over 200 people as well a live gig night, with our Stanley Sound Hub members providing the entertainment. You may have also spotted the Sound Hub members on BBC North East and Cumbria, who came along to interview our young people and film a session! Click [here](#) to view!



Top: Healthy Futures Youth Club. Top Left: Bug Den. Bottom Left: Sound Hub (BBC)





Top Left: Waterslide at Camp
Top Right: Town Mayor's award
Bottom Right: Day in Whitby



Steve and Gwen Grey, who are hugely important to The Den and Stanley Woodcraft Folk, were awarded the Town Mayor's award in the Spring in recognition of 30 years of working with young people in Stanley. Congratulations to them both on this fantastic achievement, we are super proud of you!

Woodies also spent a sunny week camping in Yorkshire in July for their Summer Camp. They enjoyed ice creams in Whitby and went thrill-seeking at Lightwater Valley. There was plenty of swimming in the sea and an awesome water slide, as well as all the usual camp favourites like campfires.



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