

Western Bay Building Skills Programme



Introduction

The Western Bay Building Skills Programme was developed to give young people involved in the youth justice system the opportunity to develop their personal and team building skills. We offer a service where we can design and build wooden bespoke play areas and equipment for schools and community groups throughout the Western Bay area.

Through this process of engagement the young people involved in the programme gain valuable experience and knowledge in project planning, construction skills, budgeting, health and safety, community regeneration and the most importantly, they gain valuable work experience that can be utilised after they have completed the programme.

The Western Bay Building Skills Programme can offer a low cost solution to schools and community groups in obtaining a high quality bespoke product that is designed and built with the direct input from the young people who it is designed for in the first place.



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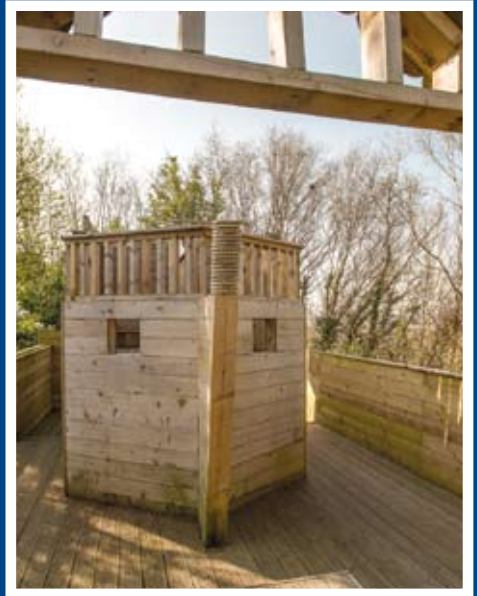
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Brynmenyn Primary School

Brynmenyn Primary School decided to use the Youth Offending Service to develop our disused and redundant garden. One key factor in our decision was that they provided a service which included design ideas and was excellent value for money. We also considered the fact that the youths they work with would benefit greatly from having something constructive to focus on.

All the boys that took part were always polite and took great pride in their work, whilst at the same time developed useful skills. The work was carried out to a very high standard and supervision levels were appropriate and well managed.



The end result was a superb area, which is well used by all pupils for quiet time, role play, active learning and imaginative play. All pupils including the upper juniors love to play on the ship and in the castle. In fact it has become a great way to manage behaviour at playtime as good behaviour is rewarded the following break time.

Thank you to the whole team.

Clare Dale

Headteacher
Brynmenyn Primary School



Litchard Primary School

Our Nursery has had an incredible wooden structure constructed by the local Bridgend Youth Offending Service (YOS) in its Nursery soft play area directly outside the classroom. The school already had close links with the team via the “Groundwork Trust” who had already worked at the school revamping and improving our Nature Reserve. The team, led by the same person, Tyrone Hughes liaised with the school to improve an existing pergola which was positioned in the Nursery area after a new Nursery was built three years ago. It served no practical purpose, provided no shade and was on the verge of being taken away.

Tyrone, together with a professional tradesman, designed a bespoke “Castle” using the pergola as the frame. From the outset all Health and Safety regulations were taken into consideration in relation to the construction. When the building work took place, the young adults were fully supervised and were very well mannered. The team constructed the “Castle” two days per week and also during the holiday periods. The project took six weeks from start to finish. The school paid for the materials but the labour and management of the project was free of charge.

The quality of the work is first class. Litchard has a ‘Castle fit for a prince and princess’ that provides a covered area from rain and sun for 30 pupils. We are now planning our next project!

Head teacher

Litchard Primary



Nantymoel Primary School

A large wooden play area in the shape of a castle, complete with 13 foot high turrets has been created at our school thanks to the work carried out by Tyrone Hughes and small number of young volunteers. The construction also featured a wooden train that children can climb around and play inside.

The new play area is really popular with our pupils and they were involved in the process from the start, by having input on what they would like to see built.

The project benefitted two groups: a school who received a superb addition to our playground for the cost of materials and a group of youngsters who were encouraged to demonstrate commitment and diligence in order to complete a project that they could be proud of.



Alyson Jones
Headteacher
Nantymoel Primary School



Y Bont

“It was fantastic to have the team at Y Bont. They were amazing. They were courteous at all times and left everything spotless. The team were accommodating to the needs of the setting on a day to day basis and all children’s needs were considered in the building of the ark. The team kept us well informed on the whole process. They went above and beyond and exceeded our expectations. A fantastic resource for outdoor learning has been provided which can be used all year round. Y Bont cannot thank the team enough.”



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