

# GET INTO SUMMER



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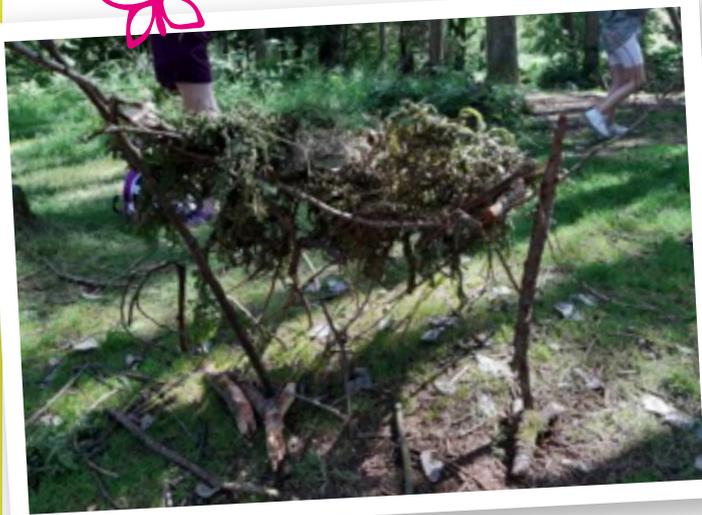
**Barnardo's  
Scotland**

Barnardo's Scotland were delighted to be one of the beneficiaries of the Get Into Summer fund, designed to give children and young people opportunities to connect up, play and have fun, after a challenging period where many have been impacted by Covid 19.

We had a programme of activities across 24 Local Authority areas including pop-up play, family fun days, therapeutic groups, trips to attractions and outdoor activities using our B-Wild therapeutic approach.

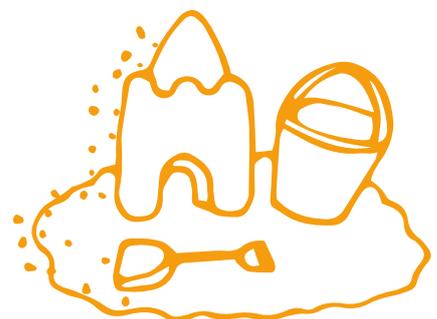
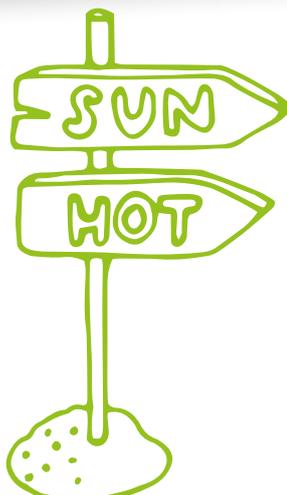
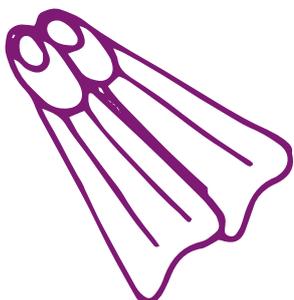
We actively removed barriers to participation, including the provision of food, providing childcare and meeting travel costs for our participants.

Having resource from Get Into Summer meant we were able to be more ambitious and offer high quality, high value experiences like camping and surfing lessons which, due to staff ratios and planning time, are usually out of reach.



“We have been able to greatly extend our reach, activities and support have been wide and varied and also well received by partners.”

Children's Service Manager Stirling



“Exceptionally helpful to have a dedicated fund for summer and mental health, it has made things so much easier. We have been able to extend our reach further – we just wouldn’t have been able to do this in a regular year.”

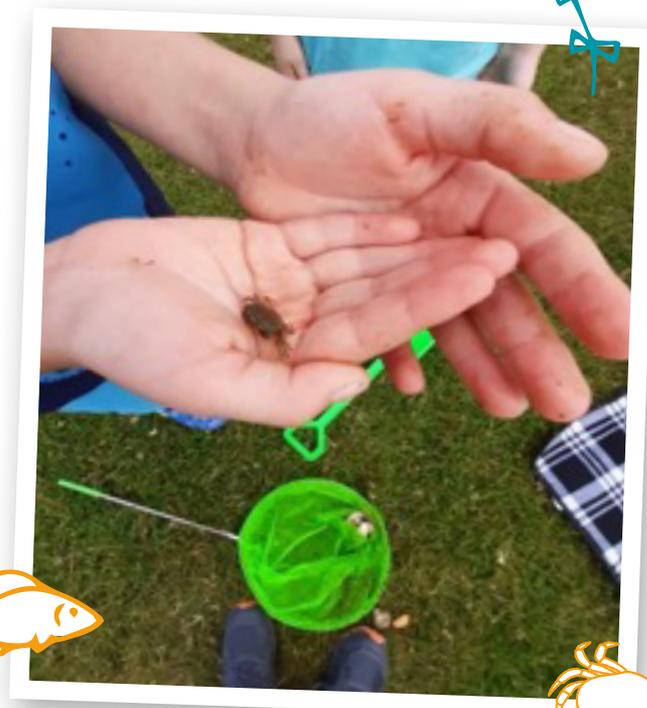
Children’s Service Manager Clackmannanshire

Over the summer period we reached 1578 children and young people and 365 families across 41 Barnardo’s Scotland services.

Feedback from children, young people, families and staff was extremely positive:

Parent:

“I don’t know if you were able to get feedback from my son but he said to me that he wishes he could come here every week until he died! How’s that for feedback!? Also, just generally that is the most engaged I’ve seen him so just wanted to pass that on to you guys – he seemed to love it!!”



Young person:

“I have really enjoyed coming to the group. I have made new friends and had the chance to go out and try new things. I feel less alone and like I’m being listened to.”

Parent:

“It’s been an amazing 7 weeks. As a family we have loved every minute of it and made new friends.”



Young Person :

“See if Barnardo’s are doing this again, we get to come, eh? I really want to do this again...”

Staff member:

“It was amazing and the young people loved it. All of the young people we are supporting this summer have autism. They are all socially anxious but are having a great time and loving the new experiences.”

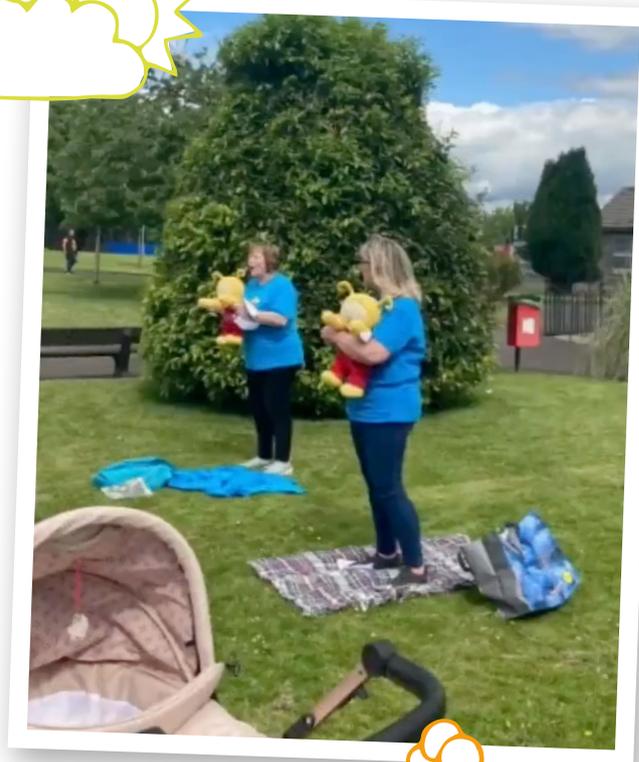
Staff member:

“The activities have made such a difference to the families as this has given them an opportunity to go out and do something nice with no cost to them, it has been so difficult for them all during the pandemic.”

Having new and exciting opportunities to offer children and young people was fantastic. This worked well as children and young people were engaging with staff who they already had strong relationships with, enabling them to feel safe which in turn meant they have been able to be brave and try new things too.

We have learned so much from our involvement in Get Into Summer 2021 and hope to build on this in our plans for Summer 2022.

Big thanks to Scottish Government for the funding and to the staff across Barnardo’s Scotland for all their innovation and creativity in bringing our programme to life.



“I’ve never done anything like this before”

**1578 young people**

Here is a short video we created to capture our adventures.