

Heart of Newhaven – Primary Schools Workshop (18/6/19)

1 Overview

On 18 June 2019 a half-day workshop was hosted at Victoria Primary School, with pupils joining from Holy Cross Primary School, Trinity Primary School and Victoria Primary School. 27 pupils in total attended and were encouraged to mix and work collaboratively throughout the day. A variety of activities were carried out to encourage the young people to consider what they would like to see as part of a multigenerational centre within the Victoria Primary School building. A summary of the key activities is below.

2 Mapping Exercise

Pupils were given a map of Newhaven. They were asked to locate their home and school on the map, and then mark the route they took to school. The pupils were then given time to reflect upon their journey to school and the things they see in the community.

The pupils then continued to mark on the map areas they liked the most and what they liked the least. It was noted that having a variety of options available to them in Ocean Terminal, visiting Victoria Park and making use of the space there and the sporting and gym facilities were commonly mentioned as something that the pupils liked the most.

Pupils reported that areas being fenced off, littering within the wider areas such as Granton and Leith Park and the design of certain building frontages are widely disliked. The full list of responses can be found listed in the table below.

Like		Dislike	
Ocean Terminal (lots of things to do) x6	My house x5	Holiday Inn (it's ugly) x4	Fences to keep us out x2
Victoria Park x4	David Lloyd Gym x3	Victoria Park x2	Asda x2
The sea x2	The Edinburgh Sculpture Workshop x2	Litter in Leith Park x2	Mean people
Park Road park	Newhaven Lighthouse	Granton Park (because of littering)	The Dudleys (streets in the area)
Leith Citadel	Holy Cross Primary	Granton Park (because of littering)	Litter in the sea (because it kills animals)
Vue Cinema	The ice cream shop	The fishmonger (because they eat fish there)	Waterfront Apartments
Asda	Spider Park		

In the final part of this exercise, pupils were asked to think about what activities they do that they travel out of Newhaven for. The responses included travelling out of Newhaven to visit the theme park in Glasgow, swimming at the Commonwealth Pool, skiing, visiting the theatre and art galleries, going to the trampoline centre and football pitches, visiting Fountain Park entertainment centre and travelling to visit family and go on holiday.

3 Victoria Primary School as a Multi-Generational Centre

Pupils were familiarised with Victoria Primary School and that there is potential for a community group called The Heart of Newhaven to put forward a proposal to turn the building in to a multi-generational

centre for the community. The pupils were asked to consider what they would like to see happen, and encouraged to capture their thoughts and ideas on post-it notes.

The most popular suggestions from pupils on what they would like to see were a library which is accessible for everyone, sporting facilities such as a place to play football and go to the gym, a café, eateries and places where they could visit different kinds of animals.

The pupils were then asked to consider other people within the community of Newhaven, and what they may like to see. The PAS team explained that a multi-generational centre would work best when it connects people of all different backgrounds and is inclusive of all varieties of people for example age, disability, ethnic/cultural background, faith, interests and hobbies.

The most highly ranked suggestions from the pupils on what they felt other people might like to see were a place where people could go if they have any concerns or wish to talk to someone, a hub for arts and crafts such as knitting and cookery and a space that offers different facilities such as shops, cinema and a gym.

Looking at the responses from the students on both topics, it would appear that the key ideas are a space where everyone could go to read books such as a library, sporting centre that could allow people to participate in team sports and space that is open to anyone to meet up over coffee to socialise or participate in clubs. A full list of responses from the pupils can be found in the table below.

“What we would like”	Votes	“What we would like”	Votes
Aquarium – replace the bad fishmonger	3	The main building it could be a museum of the school because it's old and a mini park for little ones	
Pizza Restaurant x3	3	Sports centre x5	
Library x5	4	Play centre x2	
Football pitch x6	2	Arcade x2	2
Café x8	5	Park	
Theatre		Homeless shelter x2	
Coding class		Things like the gala but it would be people can choose who is the gala queen and gala king	
Museum x4		Hockey club	
Gym x5	1	A place where anybody can perform	
Mini golf		Nandos/restaurant	
Rugby		Sculpture/art gallery x4	
Care home x3		Trampoline park x3	
Fish shop		Apple store x2	3
Jewellery shop x2		Water park	
Park		Rise	
Sweets shop		Gravity	
Anchor building. It could be a café and in the playground it could be grass and picnic tables		Animal petting zoo x6	2
Skate Park		Technology club	
Operation theatre	1	Shops x2	2
School's history x4	1	Aquarium x3	3
Cinema x5	2	Animal rescue centre x3	
Gaming studio		Pet training centre	
Swimming pool x6	1	Hair and beauty	
Dancing		Recycling centre	

“What we would like”	Votes	“What we would like”	Votes
Minecraft		Vets	2
Music lessons		Cooking centre	3
Fire station		Toy/joke shop	
Hospital		Nursery	
Restaurant x3	1	Mental health hospital	
For people who are sad and have problems they can come and calm down		Houses	
Police station		Cultural space	
Clares shop		Seafood restaurant	1
Baking club		Cooling centre	
Music studio		Support centre for special needs	
Art club		Ice cream parlour	5
Spa x3		Hotel	

“What others would like”	Votes	“What others would like”	Votes
Pet friendly x2	2	Yoga x2	1
Cinema x3		A centre to play games with the elderly	
Baking x3	3	Calm dancing centre for elderly and you to come too	
Board games x3		Care home for people with dementia	
Sewing/knitting clubs x5	2	Calm dancing place	
Book binding		Meeting up place for old people x2	1
Library x4	1	Swimming pool x2	
Quizzes x2		Hot tub	
Restaurant x2	2	Singing show	
Old folks home x2		Watch MasterChef on tv	
Sailing		Play centre	
Indoor golf x2		Shops	
Art room or clay	1	Sleeping x2	
Drawing		Trampolines	
Nursery x2		Rise	1
Gym x4	3	Music x2	
Preparations for Brexit/emotional talks	6	Spa x2	
Gardening x4		Dance centre x3	
Bowling		Somewhere for all ages	
Cards for old people x2		Eat pizza	

4 Skills Learnt and Shared

Following the previous exercise where pupils were asked to consider other people’s needs and wants, they were encouraged to think about what they could learn from other people who may have different backgrounds, and what they could possibly teach them in return. Their thoughts were captured on post-it notes and are listed below.

- Music
- Animal care
- Knitting class

5.2 Holy Cross Primary School



This proposal focussed on providing a space for yoga and dance lessons such as conga class for everyone with an interest in health, fitness and wellbeing. Further suggestions included a care home for the elderly population, a community café, and a video game room for those who are interested in digital arts. The warning against littering and using bins instead suggests the children would want for the centre to be clean, while also indicating littering as an issue affecting Newhaven.

