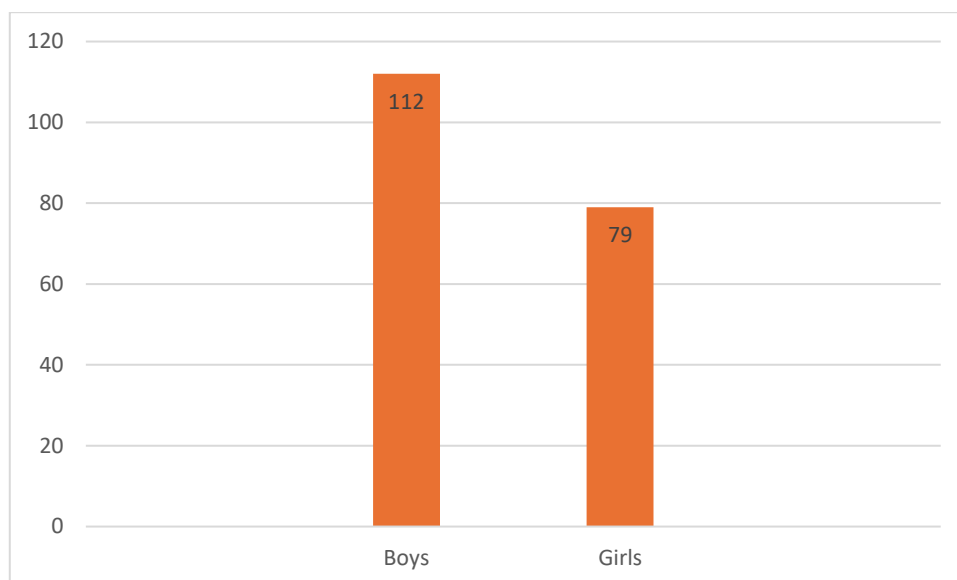


1. Introduction

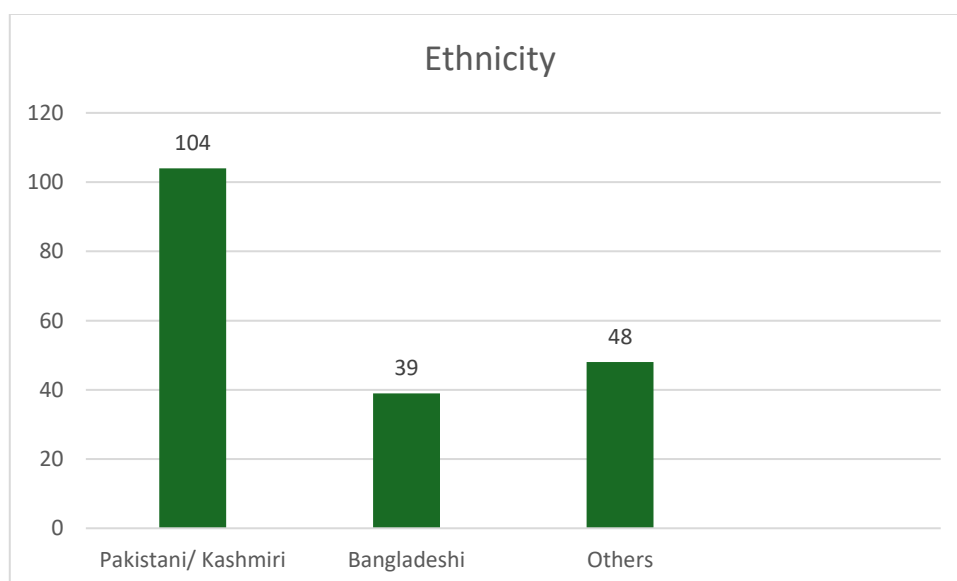
The Summer School 2025 program was designed to provide young people with an enriching summer experience that combined academic reinforcement, personal development, and life skills training. The program successfully engaged **191 young people on a daily basis**, offering them a structured, supportive, and inspiring environment.

In addition to the daily schedule of educational, creative, and recreational activities, a set of specialized training programs were introduced to equip participants with essential life skills. These were Safeguarding, Leadership, First Aid, Team Building, and Employability Skills.

Young people by gender



Ethnicity



2. Objectives

The main objectives of the Summer School were:

- To create a safe and stimulating environment for young people during the summer break.
- To promote physical well-being and teamwork through structured sports and outdoor activities.
- To develop life skills, leadership, and social responsibility among participants.
- To create an inclusive, supportive space that encourages participation from diverse backgrounds.
- To enhance participants' academic, creative, and personal development.
- To provide certified training in key areas such as safeguarding, leadership, and first aid.
- To foster teamwork, problem-solving, and employability skills to prepare young people for future opportunities.
- To encourage community participation and personal responsibility.
- To support children and young people experiencing poverty through providing healthy and nutritious meals during school break.

3. Program Structure

The program ran for **Four weeks (21st July – 14th August 2025)**, four days a week, from **11:00 AM – 4:00 PM**.

4. Daily Program Activities:

Please refer to the attached programme

5. Venue

Denbigh High School, Alexandra Ave, Luton

6. Age range

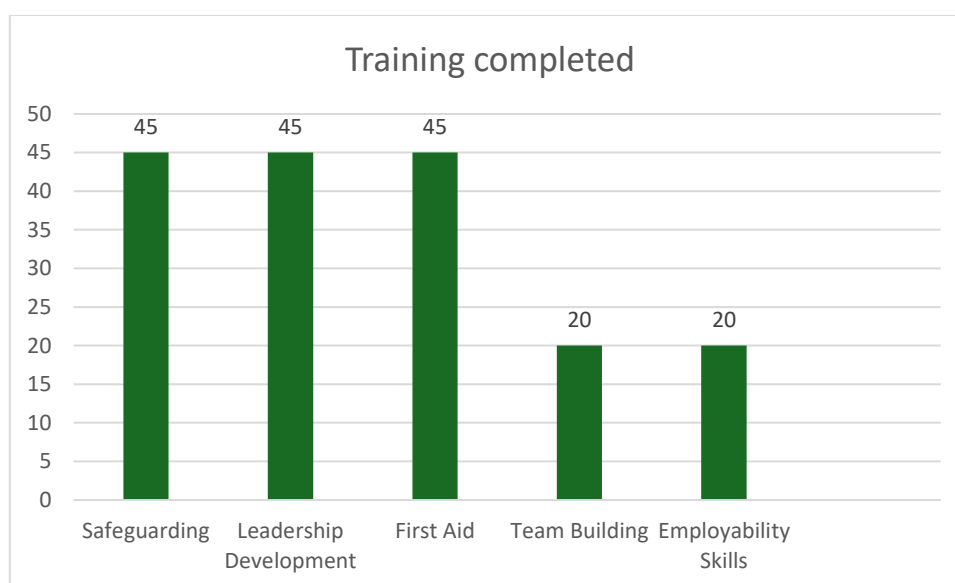
8 – 19 years

7. Specialized Training Participation

A total of **175 young people** completed structured training in addition to the main summer school program:

- **Safeguarding Training:** 45 participants
- **Leadership Training:** 45 participants
- **First Aid Training:** 45 participants
- **Team Building Workshops:** 20 participants
- **Employability Skills Workshops:** 20 participants

Each training was tailored to its focus area, equipping participants with practical knowledge and certificates of completion where applicable.



8. Staffing and Delivery

- **Project Coordinators:** 2
- **Training Facilitators (Specialist modules):** 15 (safeguarding officers, leadership coaches, certified first aid trainers, IAG/career advisors)
- **Volunteers & Support Staff:** 55 (mentors, activity leaders, admin support)

The program benefitted from the involvement of experienced educators and industry professionals, ensuring high-quality training and mentorship.

9. Outcomes and Achievements

General Program Outcomes

- **191 young people engaged daily**, representing a consistent turnout.
- Improved literacy, numeracy, and ICT confidence.

- Increased participation in sports and creative activities.
- Stronger social connections and friendships formed.

Specialized Training Outcomes

- **Safeguarding (45 participants):** Increased awareness of child protection, personal safety, and community responsibility.
- **Leadership (45 participants):** Participants gained practical skills in communication, decision-making, and leading peers.
- **First Aid (45 participants):** Young people learned life-saving techniques, including CPR, wound care, and emergency response.
- **Team Building (20 participants):** Improved problem-solving, group communication, and resilience.
- **Employability Skills (20 participants):** Participants developed CV-writing, interview, and workplace skills to prepare for future employment.

Community Impact

- The closing ceremony showcased participants' achievements and was attended by families and community stakeholders, including elected Councillors and the Deputy Mayor.
- Parents reported improved confidence and responsibility in their children.
- The program strengthened community bonds and highlighted the potential of young people when given structured support.

7. Challenges and Lessons Learned

- **High Demand for Training:** More young people expressed interest in the Summer School and specialized modules than available spaces, indicating a need for expansion. (Note: our target was 150 young people, due to demand and all places were taken in the first two days, hence management decided to increase the number to 190)
- **Resource Strain:** Large daily attendance placed pressure on indoor and outdoor facilities, and materials.
- **Scheduling:** Balancing core academic sessions with specialized training required careful coordination.

Lessons Learned:

- Future programs should scale up training capacity.
 - Parent and community involvement can be strengthened through workshops and volunteering opportunities.
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8. Recommendations for the Future

- Expand the number of places available in specialized training, particularly Leadership and Employability Skills.
 - Build partnerships with local businesses, colleges, and training providers for ongoing skill development opportunities.
 - Develop a structured mentoring program linking older youth with professionals.
 - Introduce accreditation (where possible) to increase the value of the training for participants' future education and employment.
 - Secure multi-year funding to ensure sustainability and growth.
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9. Conclusion

The Summer School 2025 achieved remarkable success, with **191 daily participants** benefitting from a dynamic mix of academic, creative, and recreational activities. Beyond this, **175 young people completed specialized training** in safeguarding, leadership, first aid, team building, and employability skills.

The program not only enriched participants' summer experience but also equipped them with critical life skills, contributing to their personal growth and future readiness. With continued investment, expansion, and community support, the Summer School has the potential to serve as a model youth development program for years to come.

The following is a short video link highlighting the summer school activities:

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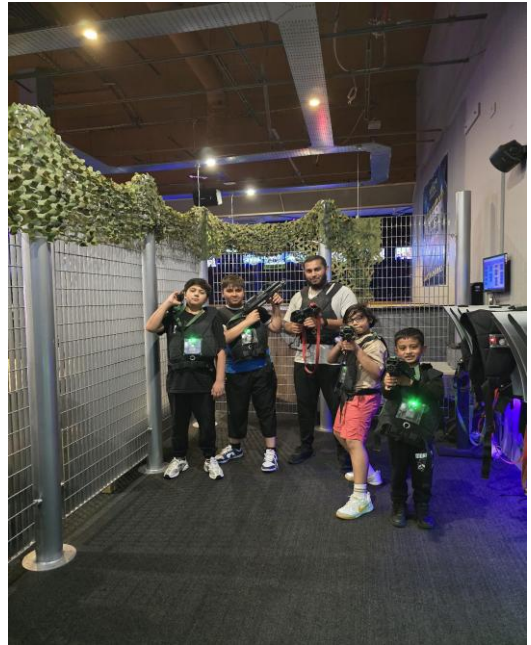


First Aid Training



Summer School Activities





Presentation Ceremony: Celebrating and rewarding volunteers and young people's achievements.





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