The Experience Project Family Easter Party









We had a fantastic day with over 100 children and adults in attendance celebrating Easter with games, crafts and chocolate eggs. There was a real sense of community spirit and we are delighted that many residents have started to volunteer at the Project, making a real difference in their neighbourhood.





The Experience Project Showcasing our Mission and Work in the Community



Visit to Care Home next door dropping Easter gifts to residents and care staff



Staff and Volunteers



Visit to wards at Southend University Hospital with thank you packages to Doctors, Nurses, Paramedic Crew and other staff





Our pop-up Charity Shop supplying donated books, toys and clothes to the residents who visit our food-fun bank or pop in during the week





Healing Sensory
Room designed to
tackle stress and
anxiety and improve
mental health and
well-being

The Southend and Leigh Circuit would like to express their gratitude to the Enovert Community Trust who grant-funded a solar installation at the Whittingham Mission Centre for The Experience Project, as well as The Solartherm UK Team for delivering the installation. It is a huge leap forward to achieving net-carbon zero by 2030. If any churches in our Circuit are interested in learning more about solar installation please get in touch with us.









Silver Eco Church Award Certificate

This is to certify that

The Whittingham Mission Centre, Southend-on-Sea

has won a Silver Eco Church Award in recognition of their efforts to care for God's earth in each of the following areas (as applicable):

Worship and Teaching

Management of Buildings and Land

Community and Global Engagement

Lifestyle

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We extend huge congratulations to the Experience Project for their recent achievements, as well as grateful thanks to the Essex Community Foundation (ECF) for awarding us a grant and the High Sheriffs' Awards for the fantastic evening in Chelmsford. This grant has been awarded from the High Sheriffs' Fund (£1,000), the Leeze Charitable Fund (£1,667) and the Police Property Act Fund (£2,300) which are administered by ECF. This will help us educate vulnerable children and young people in the Southchurch area of Southend about the dangers of involvement in drugs and gangs.

The Southend and Leigh Methodist Circuit and The Experience Project would like to acknowledge and offer sincere thanks to the Garfield Weston Foundation for their support in awarding us a grant for the work we do in Southend. The fund provided will enable us to continue the vital work amongst our communities.





Supporting the NHS at The Experience Project

Our team have been out and about again. This time they visited Southend Hospital. We delivered 65 food parcels to various wards to show our thanks and appreciation to the wonderful NHS staff. They were overwhelmed and very grateful for their goodies.













Christmas at The Experience Project

The Christmas spirit was well & truly entered into at The Experience Project Christmas Party. Food was shared, games were enjoyed, faces were painted, crafts were created, carols were sung & joy was all around. The volunteers & staff at The Experience Project really go above and beyond to create a beautiful & happy event where everyone is welcome.









THE EXPERIENCE PROJECT



Summer Sports Day

A warm sunny August day greeted the community on the Whittingham estate as The Experience Project hosted its Annual Sports Day.

With faces painted in the respective colours, Team Blue, Team Red & Team Yellow assembled on Bournes Green Park opposite The Experience Project. The children gave it their all taking part in several races: a three-legged race, egg & spoon, dressing up, a welly throwing contest and more! Not to be outdone, the adults skillfully took part in the Sack Race.

With refreshments on the horizon, it was time for the last event: the highly anticipated Tug of War. Having learnt from last year, a supreme amount of effort & tactics were deployed by both teams. Everyone's efforts were recognised with medals and the obligatory water fight.

Thank you to all the project staff & volunteers for a happy & enjoyable event. A special thank you to the staff at Whittingham House Care Home who volunteered their time to prepare the hot food.



