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Holiday Activity and Food Programme 2023 Annual Report



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Introduction

As we reflect on another year of serving our community through the Holiday Activity & Food Programme (HAF), the London Borough of Newham is pleased to present this annual report highlighting the invaluable impact of our collective efforts.

In collaboration with local organizations and dedicated staff, the Council has continued to provide vital support to families during the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays.

Through this report, we aim to capture the essence of our mission: to ensure that no child or family goes without access to nourishing meals and enriching activities during school breaks.

Our commitment to addressing food insecurity and promoting positive youth development remains unwavering, driven by the belief that every individual deserves equal opportunities for growth and well-being.

Within these pages, you will find a comprehensive overview of our programme's initiatives, achievements, and challenges encountered throughout the past year. From expanding engagement with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) families to enhancing the quality of our meal provisions, each section underscores our dedication to fostering a stronger, healthier community.

As we navigate the complexities of the present landscape, characterized by evolving societal needs and unforeseen obstacles, our resolve to serve with compassion and diligence remains steadfast. The council extends its deepest gratitude to all who have contributed to the success of the HAF programme.

Looking ahead, let us reaffirm our commitment to building a more inclusive and resilient community, where every individual can thrive regardless of their circumstances. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.



“ Research shows too many young people from disadvantaged backgrounds never got a chance. As a result, they lose out on the benefits – increased confidence which helps social interaction, a real aspiration to go into higher or further education, more soft skills and a sense of wellbeing and belonging. Playing team sports, doing voluntary work, joining a youth club or singing in a band are also vital in developing networks –which those from more affluent backgrounds often have ready-made.”

An Unequal Playing Field: Extra Curricular Activities, Soft Skills and Social Mobility.
A Social Mobility Commission Report 2023.

What is the Holiday Activity & Food programme?

Research has shown that the school holidays can be pressure points for some families. For some children that can lead to a holiday experience gap. Children and young people from low-income households are:

- Less likely to access organised out-of-school activities
- More likely to experience 'unhealthy holidays' in terms of nutrition and physical health
- More likely to experience social isolation









The HAF programme is a response to this issue. Evidence shows that free holiday clubs can have a positive impact on children and young people. They work best when they:

- Provide consistent and easily accessible enrichment activities
- Cover more than just breakfast or lunch
- Involve children and parents in food preparation
- Use local partnerships and connections, particularly with the voluntary, community and faith sector





Aims of the HAF programme

There are many benefits for children and young people who attend the programme. We want to encourage all HAF delivery partners to ensure a high quality experience that will result in children:

<p>Receiving healthy and nutritious meals</p> 	<p>Maintaining a healthy level of physical activity</p> 	<p>Being happy, having fun and meeting new friends</p> 	<p>Developing a greater understand of food, nutrition and other health-related issues</p> 
<p>Taking part in fun and engaging activities that support their development</p> 	<p>Feeling safe and secure</p> 	<p>Getting access to the right support services</p> 	<p>Returning to school feeling engaged and ready to learn</p> 

Families can also benefit, when the HAF delivery partners include their needs in planning and delivering their programme. This could be through:

<p>Providing opportunities to get involved in cookery classes</p> 	<p>Ensuring they are signposted towards other sources of information and support, such as health services or employment and education opportunities</p> 
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The core offer



Our expectation is that every HAF funded session should last at least four hours a day. We know that some individual partners want the flexibility to offer longer or shorter sessions in order to meet the needs of the participants.

All HAF programme sessions will offer children and young people at least one meal and access to healthy snacks. The meals offered will meet the school food standards which are set by the Government.

The funded provision must provide fun and enriching activities that allow children and young people to:

- Develop new skill or knowledge
- Consolidate existing skills and knowledge
- Try out new experiences
- Have fun and socialise

This could include but is not limited to:

- physical activities – football, swimming, table tennis or cricket
- creative activities – putting on a play, junk modelling or drumming workshops
- experiences – a nature walk or visiting a city farm
- free play – fun and freedom to relax and enjoy themselves

We expect all delivery partners to provide a balanced programme. For partners whose primary focus is set around a specific activity or sport, we expect them to ensure that children attending their provision benefit from a holistic and varied experience.

Holiday clubs must provide activities on a daily basis that meet the Government's physical activity guidelines. In line with this guidance, we expect:

- all children and young people participating in the HAF programme should engage in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity for an average of at least 60 minutes per day
- children and young people participating in the HAF programme should engage in a variety of types and intensities of physical activity to develop movement skills, muscular fitness, and bone strength
- children and young people should aim to minimise the amount of time spent being sedentary, and when physically possible should break up long periods of not moving with at least light physical activity

Meeting the physical activity requirement does not have to be in the form of a structured activity session, but might include active travel, free play and sports.

We expect partners to incorporate helping children to understand more about the benefits of healthy eating and nutrition into their programme. These do not need to be formal learning activities. This could include:

- getting children involved in food preparation and cooking
- growing fruit and vegetables
- taste tests
- discussing food and healthy eating during mealtimes
- including food and nutrition in other activities

Offering positive learning and development through the HAF programme activities creates stigma-free opportunities to support children and young people in learning about healthy lifestyles and exercise. This could cover, for example, the use of vapes, cigarettes, drugs, and how this can lead to issues including:

- economic
- social
- personal safety
- exploitation
- criminality

HAF programme delivery partners should be able to offer information, signposting or referrals to other services and support, that would benefit the children and young people who attend their provision and their families. Other services and support could include:

- Citizens Advice
- school nurses, dentists, or other healthcare practitioners
- family support services or children's services
- housing support officers
- Jobcentre Plus
- organisations providing financial education
- early years and childcare, including help to pay for childcare (for example, tax-free childcare)

There are many ways that partners can meet this element of the programme, for example, through trained and knowledgeable staff engaging with families during drop-off and pick-up times.

These sessions could provide advice on how to source, prepare and cook nutritious and low-cost food. This could be combined with the increasing awareness and understanding of healthy eating aspect of the programme, for example, by inviting children and their families to prepare and eat a meal together at a HAF programme session.

There are alternative ways of delivering this, for example, by providing participating children and young people with ingredients and recipes to take away and try at home with their families.

2023/24 Overview

In 2023/24, the London Borough of Newham received a core grant of £2,057,160 from the Department for Education to deliver the HAF programme across the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays. In Newham, there are 19,567 children and young people who are eligible to attend the programme as they are in receipt of benefit-related free school meals. However, we know this number is growing all the time. In addition, more families survive on very low incomes but either do not claim (around 16.2%) or are not currently eligible for free school meals (FSM).

The HAF programme contributed to reducing social isolation, increasing community cohesion, and improving physical wellbeing through physical activity and nutritional education. The programme provided healthy, nutritious meals to children during the 2023 school holidays and increased provision for SEND children and young people.

The expenditure of the overall programme was as follows:

Expenditure	Amount
Administrative Expenditure This includes all costs incurred in carrying out the administrative and management functions of the HAF coordination	£186,898.58
Programme Expenditure (this includes any equipment purchased to support the programme that meets the definition for capital expenditure, as set out in the HAF guidance on gov.uk)	£1,752,205.34
Other Expenditure This includes any expenditure that does not fall into the above categories such as training and publicity	£45,539.25
Total Expenditure for 1st April 2023 to 21st March 2024	£1,984,643.17

In 2023/24, we had an underspend of £72,516.83. The underspend was largely caused by lower than anticipated attendance figures during our Christmas HAF programme. As Delivery Partners are paid based on attendance, which encourages robust marketing and follow-up with non-attenders, we were able to save public funds from unfilled places. This underspend was returned to the DfE.

During 2023/24, the council partnered with 26 voluntary, community and faith sector organisations, as well as delivering programmes by internal services such as Youth Empowerment, Libraries, Youth Justice Services, 0-19 Children's Health and Disabled Children and Young People's Services.

We were able to deliver dynamic programmes which helped bridge the holiday experience gap that children and young people from low-income families may face during the school holidays. With most of our delivery partners based in the borough, the programme also actively contributed to community wealth building. Partnerships with public health, housing, SEND short breaks, and children's health teams enabled efficient signposting for families to additional support.

More primary school aged children than secondary school-aged young people were supported during each HAF programme delivery period. This is consistent with programmes across the country.

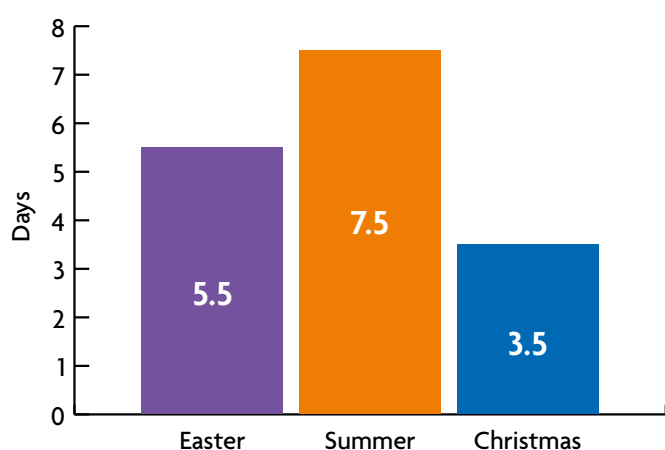
Holiday Period	Number of Primary aged children	Number of Secondary aged young people	Total	% Difference to 2022/23
Easter	1594	403	1997	-23%
Summer	3385	1925	5310	+ 24.6%
Christmas	2064	964	3028	+5.4%

During the 2023/24 HAF Programme, we delivered a number of programmes designed specifically for children and young people with targeted and specialist SEND. However, we asked all HAF Delivery Partners to ensure that they made a minimum of 12% of the total places on their HAF Programmes available to those children and young people whose SEND needs enabled them to access universal provision.

Holiday Period	Number of SEND Participants (self-declared)
Easter	126
Summer	295
Christmas	453

Programme Attendance

Average days per holiday



During the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays in 2023, we served almost 80,000 meals to children and young people. In addition to this, many more meals were given to families to take home to eat later in the day and to reduce food waste.

The council serves more than 4.1 million meals each year to children and young people in schools and staff in their central offices.

The HAF programme supports the council in ensuring that children and young people who are eligible to receive benefit-related free school meals, have access to healthy food during the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays.

Our HAF Programmes were marketed to families through a variety of channels, including information being sent out with the annual Council Tax letters, updates in the weekly Resident newsletter and in the Newham Mag. The Programme is also featured on the Newham website, Well Newham website and Local Offer web pages.

REIN HAF Case Study

REIN facilitated two programmes during 2023 (Easter/Winter), in which we engaged with more than 200 young people and families to provide healthy meals, positive relationships, cooking experiences and physical activities across the holiday periods.

We received positive feedback from parents/carers and young people regarding their experiences throughout these programmes, the activities and trips provided and the food options available to eat during our programmes and for families to take home, which was especially helpful to local people during the cost-of-living crisis.

We saw extremely positive outcomes for one young person who attended their first HAF programme at REIN during the Easter period, who initially struggled with social anxiety and had an unhealthy relationship with food.

During their first experience, the young person was able to develop positive peer relationships, as well as eating new, healthy and nutritious food options throughout their time with us. This encouraged the young person to engage in additional programmes, experience trips and new activities for the first time, as well as becoming a source of support for other young people attending our programme for the first time.

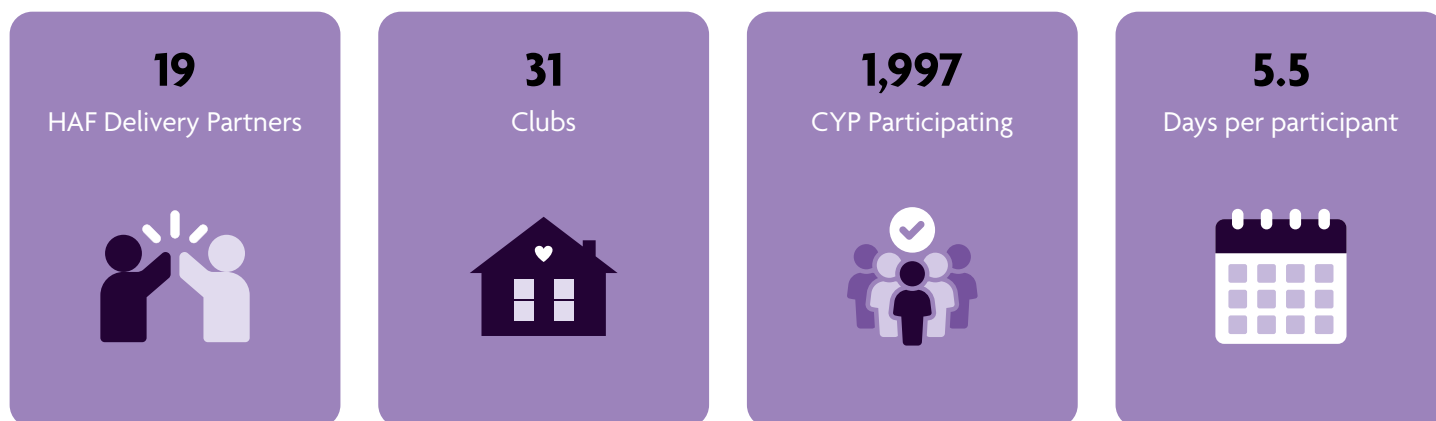
This young person's confidence increased throughout their time on our programmes, we have been able to support the young person and their carer during our HAF activities and afterwards, this has had an all-round positive impact on the young person's physical and mental health and wellbeing.

They look forward to taking part in our future programmes each year.

REIN HAF Team



Easter 2023



During the Easter programme, children and young people were provided with at least one meal daily, meeting the Government's school food standards. A number of programmes also offered breakfast in addition to a healthy meal.

Every menu was reviewed by the school food strategist in advance of the programme to ensure that all children and young people were being served meals that were healthy and delicious.

Our HAF Programme Delivery Partners designed their menus to accommodate the dietary and cultural requirements of the local community, as well as prioritizing environmental sustainability.

A highlight of our Easter programme included an entire vegetarian menu which exposed meat-eating children and young people to a range of new dishes, as well as having a positive impact on the environment by moving away from a meat-based menu. A balanced vegetarian diet can reduce the risk of obesity, heart disease and diabetes.

The programme also offered a wide range of enriching activities, including sports, art workshops, animal sessions, storytelling, and performance-based workshops.

Additionally, children and young people had access to various trips and visits, including Fairplay House, Old MacDonald's Farm, the cinema, theme parks, and trampoline parks.

The Easter 2023 HAF programme catered to a diverse group of children and young people by offering a range of activities and support services tailored to their needs. Over 654,900 minutes of physical activity were provided, ensuring each participant engaged in at least 60 minutes per session. To accommodate those observing Ramadan, low-intensity activities like yoga, meditation, and gentle walking were incorporated.

For those not fasting, the programme included a variety of sports such as football, fencing, tennis, dodgeball, and boules. Additionally, nutritional education was a key component, delivered through engaging methods like cooking sessions, food quizzes, taste tests, and lunchtime discussions. This approach helped participants gain confidence in trying new foods and understanding their nutritional value.

The programme also featured a targeted and specialist SEND offer, with three SEND HAF clubs across the borough. These clubs provided small group settings and 1:1 support, ensuring that children with special educational needs and disabilities received the same core elements as those in universal settings. Activities included physical exercises, games, arts and crafts, food preparation, and nutrition education.

Beyond the fun and educational activities, the HAF programme also offered vital support services for families. Many sought advice on coping with the cost of living crisis and were directed to The Newham Food Alliance for assistance. Families with SEND children were referred to the Newham Parent Forum for additional guidance on education and short breaks. Overall, the programme not only promoted physical and nutritional well-being but also provided essential community support.

It was great that as well as the information from staff, we can also get ingredients from their foodbank.

I like making the bread myself, watching it get bigger.

It's like I've been on holiday! I've tried so many new things.

I went to one of the cooking sessions and found out that the Renewal Programme run basic IT classes, so I have signed up for those starting in April.

I was given information about the foodbank. I am on a low income so any support I can get is greatly appreciated.

I learned how to ride a bike and I love it.

The food is so tasty I wish my mum could cook like this.



Young People's Charter

How we are implementing this across the HAF Programme
newham.gov.uk/children-families/newhams-young-peoples-charter

CHANGE

Champion change

We are implementing the HAF Champions Steering Group



CREATIVITY

Be creative

We are constantly looking for new ways to deliver the HAF Programme to ensure maximum uptake. This year we utilised new ways of providing our SEND offer.



RELATIONSHIPS

Build relationships with us

The HAF Team encourage all HAF Delivery Partners to work with children and young people to co-produce programmes.



COMMUNITY

Recognise our part in the community

We recognise the voice of children and young people through co-production of programmes and feedback loops.



HEALTH

Prioritise our health

Our programmes supports physical health but we are now upskilling HAF Delivery Partners to be Mental Health First Aiders



DIVERSITY

Celebrate diversity

We ensure that HAF Programmes are inclusive for children and young people with SEND. We have provided HAF Delivery Partners with Autism Awareness training.



KEEPING US SAFE

Prioritise our safety

Our HAF Delivery Partners are trained in safeguarding, conducting risk assessments, First Aid and soon to be Mental Health First Aid qualified.



INDEPENDENCE

Support our independence

The HAF Team encourage a culture of co-production and child/young person led activities. Children and young people are the best people to tell us what's important to them.



ENVIRONMENT

Protect the environment/our home

We encourage sustainability through the contract with our HAF Delivery Partners, ensuring meat free days and reducing single use plastics.



QUALITY

Aim for the highest quality

We take regular feedback from children and young people whilst we are conducting quality assurance visits. The implementation of the HAF Champions Steering group will further ensure a child/young person led approach to quality improvement.



PRIVACY

Respect our privacy

We operate a robust GDPR policy.





Summer 2023

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HAF Delivery Partners



39

Clubs



5,310

CYP Participating



7.5

Days per participant



The HAF Summer programme offered children and young people the opportunity to take part in activities from Mondays to Saturdays throughout the six-week holiday period. This year's programme saw record participation, with over 58,000 sessions available, and 41,137 of those sessions attended.

HAF Delivery Partners provided 52,872 lunchtime meals and an additional 11,753 breakfasts or second meals was served by four Delivery Partners.

Each menu was approved by school food strategists to ensure they met Government school food standards.

A notable highlight was the involvement of England Lioness Lotte Wubben-Moy, who funded and created a football-themed colouring book for the Women's World Cup (20th July – 20th August 2023), an altruistic project within the borough.

The criteria to receive the colouring book was HAF Delivery Partners who were offering:

- Breakfast as part of their programme
- Who were able to set up a screen/TV to show the Women's World Cup games, specifically on England's match days

We were able to send 1,000 copies to four Delivery Partners who collectively delivered eight HAF clubs across the holiday period.

This coincided with a collaboration with our Library Service, who had received 40,000 copies of Rebel Girls in honour of the Women's World Cup, which they allocated a portion to the HAF Programme and we were able to distribute 2,500 copies across all of the clubs run by Newham.

The books encouraged children and young people to learn more about famous female footballers and prompted positive conversations regarding the role of women in sport and prominent females in the public eye.

During our Summer HAF programme, our Delivery Partners were able to deliver skateboarding, circus skills and canoeing in addition to traditional physical activities. Our partners also found specialist physical activities for children and young people to participate in during offsite trips and visits, including climbing the O2, skiing at The Snow Centre, and Airsoft sessions in Greenwich.

As part of our Summer HAF Programme, a community fun day event was held in Central Park, East Ham. The day offered exciting children and young people's entertainment but also support for the whole family. We engaged lots of partners including Housing, Health and Money Management advisors, who spent time with residents to share more about the services that are available for them in the borough. The event attracted more than 700 residents on a warm sunny day, with lots to do for all – arts and crafts, henna design, dancing, food but most importantly – fun.

HAF Delivery Partners also provided ongoing advice and signposting to families needing further support, including food provision and housing, an area families need continued support with, directing them to local food banks and the Homelessness Prevention and Advice Service.

I had lots of fun. I love it so much here. I have learnt how to do boxing and went canoeing. And I have made new friends and I definitely want to come back next time.

Oh my gosh, the indoor skiing was amazing, it was real snow! I fell down so many times but it was my most fun day!

The Zipline was scary, but I liked it.

It was good the children were able to have a variety of healthy food each day.

I am glad I did the first aid course, as I feel more confident to be able to help my mum if something happens to her and I really enjoyed working with university people on climate issues

Thanks for the events and helping to provide my child with inclusive activities especially in these testing times.



Ambition Aspire Achieve

Case Study

Specialist SEND Provision

R is a wonderful young person who has been a valuable member of our HAF club for the last couple of years. When he first joined, his mother was pregnant with his baby sister and he has repeatedly mentioned to our staff, that this club has since allowed him to escape the sometimes-hectic household he lives in. R regularly throws himself into a various number of our activities and trips we organise throughout the year, including watching Great Britain's swim team qualifiers and sightseeing on the London bus tour.

The only thing R loves more than our trips is our food. As an overweight young person who enjoys the wonders of eating we always cook our lunches in house, to ensure we provide him with the most delicious and nutritious food whilst ensuring that all of our meals are fully halal, adhering to his religious beliefs. However, at Abbey Hub we understand the importance of a healthy diet and for that reason, recently, we have put more emphasis on teaching the young people about proper nutritional practices. We do this in an incremental fashion to ensure the children understand how to eat well. Firstly, our staff introduce foods to the young people by playing games like the "vegetable tester" where they have to tell us what vegetable is being held up. This allows young people to diversify their range of vegetables whilst making them more confident when identifying food. We then bring them into the kitchen and do more practical work with them by getting them to help us make healthy meals like chicken vegetable wraps (R's favourite). Lastly, we have constructed our own recipe cards which we give to each young person in hopes they practice what we have taught them outside of Abbey and maybe even relay this information onto their friends and family.

Additionally, as well as a healthy diet, we aim to promote an active lifestyle. We do this by providing clubs like cycling, boxing and cricket, all of which R has decided to get involved in, with him showing a particular liking to cricket. All of this is our attempt to making living a truly healthy lifestyle fun and achievable for young people like R whilst also providing them with the knowledge needed to carry on these habits outside of Abbey.

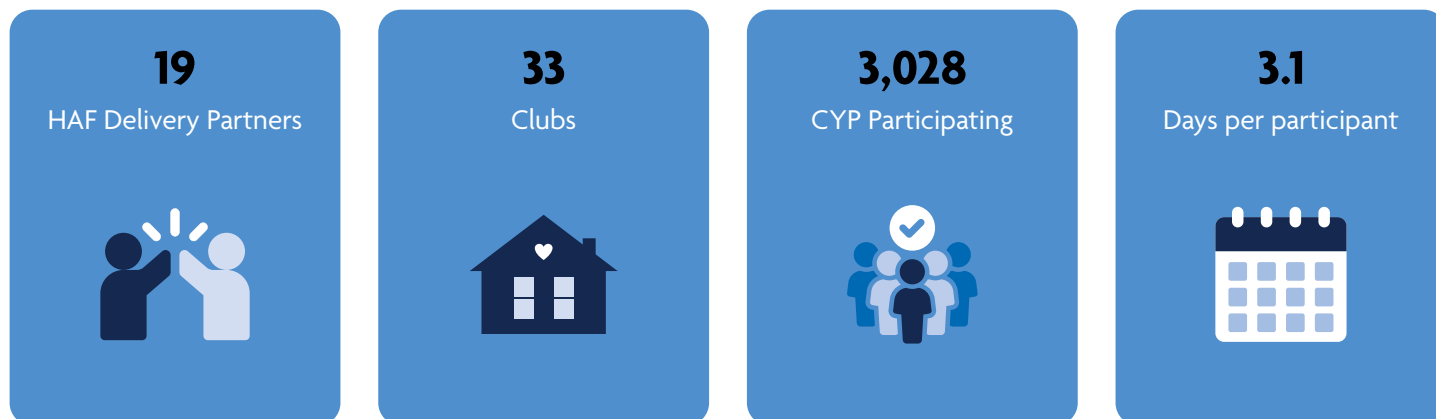
Lastly, it would be unfair to discuss all the ways we have helped R without mentioning all the value he provides to us. He is an invaluable member of our HAF community and has a strong influence within the wide friendship group he has created. He has an infectious personality putting a smile on the face of everyone he speaks to.

Marie, Abbey Hub HAF Team





Christmas 2023



Celebrated worldwide as a joyous occasion and a time to give, the HAF Team at the Council and our Delivery Partners worked to ensure that children, young people and their families had a warm, welcoming club to attend during the festive period when traditionally, many services would be closed.

The HAF Programmes delivered ensured activities created happy times for over 3000 children and young people, beginning with a fun-filled Christmas Party at the start of the school holidays. This celebration embodied the Council's core value of 'we are one council, one team' and our ambition to build a fairer Newham. Fostering community spirit and creative inspiration for the year ahead, 430 children, young people and their families receiving benefit related free school meals, gathered together with a variety of Council Services hosting stalls focused on Housing, Health, Money Management Advice, all aimed at supporting families, as well as great entertainment including a magician, photo booth, party entertainer and Santa Claus. Participants enjoyed nutritional meals and shared special moments with their families.

We took a new, collaborative approach with colleagues in the Disabled Children and Young Peoples Service, to engage with the families of SEND children to enhance our provision. By engaging with whole family groups, we were able to attract more SEND children to the programme, expanding beyond our limited SEND providers. To illustrate an example of our collaborative efforts, we worked in partnership with the Theatre Royal Stratford East to ensure that SEND children and their families could attend an accessible performance of their annual pantomime show. This accessible performance catered to children with learning needs and/or physical disabilities, allowing them to enjoy the show without fear or worry about making noise or disrupting other theatre-goers. Additionally, there were plenty of wheelchair spaces available in the stalls, ensuring a comfortable experience for all. Cross-sector work such as this enables children and young people to enjoy lives of choice and opportunity.

It was useful to have the chat about healthy foods and make sure we are on the right track for keeping our kids healthy.

I liked trying the pomelo, it was really nice and like a mix between an orange and grapefruit.

I never usually have breakfast, but now i know how important it is for my body

The nutrition packs were cool. I took them home, and my family and I talked about how to make healthier meals together.

I did not know that there was this information available, so it was nice to find out about this.



Challenges and Solutions

In 2023, the HAF Team and our HAF Delivery Partners encountered fundamental challenges, particularly with eligibility checking and the integration of a new booking system. The system was designed as an online, centralized platform for families to book multiple programmes, but many families were more accustomed to direct booking with HAF Delivery Partners or faced digital exclusion. To address these issues, we provided training sessions for our HAF Delivery Partners. These sessions equipped them to better support families in using the booking system, including demonstrating its translation services to accommodate our diverse community.

Additionally, many HAF Delivery Partners were operating in isolation, not utilizing shared resources or encouraging families to attend other HAF programmes, limiting the variety of activities available to children and young people. To overcome this, the HAF Team aimed to foster collaboration among Partners. In November 2023, we hosted our first in-person HAF Delivery Partner Away Day. This event featured workshops on the booking system, nutritional education, and food delivery, and provided an opportunity for partners to network and understand each other's programmes.

This initiative yielded immediate benefits. Two HAF Delivery Partners, located nearby each other, decided to share a caterer. This collaboration relieved a first-time Partner of the challenge of finding a reliable caterer who met the School Food Standards. The partnership has since grown to include a third HAF Delivery Partner. By building stronger relationships, partners are now better able to direct families to other HAF programmes, ensuring continued support throughout and beyond the school holidays.



Forward Look in 2024/25

As we enter the final year of funding for the HAF programme, our goal is to equip HAF Delivery Partners to best support HAF-eligible children and young people moving forward.

Recognising that the remarkable efforts of our HAF Delivery Partners will form the legacy of the HAF Programme, we are committed to providing ample learning and development opportunities. Planned initiatives include bid writing, a Mental First Aid course, and the establishment of a children and young people's steering group (Newham's HAF Champions) to foster a culture of co-production among our Delivery Partners.

We continuously learn from each cycle of the HAF programme, with a primary focus on ensuring that our quality assurance monitoring tools drive ongoing improvement across the programme. Maintaining the high standards in programme quality - covering venue, safeguarding protocols, participant well-being, activities, food, trips - remains our top priority as we move into 2024/25. We plan to introduce a peer review process among our partners and involve HAF steering group participants in reviewing programmes to ensure they meet the standards our children and young people deserve.

In 2024 we will continue to ensure our HAF Programme offers experiences to improve social mobility, ensuring that children, young people and their families have access to new and exciting opportunities. We are working towards specialist programmes in music production with industry professionals who can inspire young creatives to pursue their passions.

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme in 2023 made significant strides in bridging the holiday experience gap and supporting the well-being of low-income households and children receiving free school meals. By addressing challenges, leveraging partnerships, and incorporating feedback, the program aims to set a lasting legacy for future iterations.





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Thank You to all HAF Delivery Partners

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the amazing HAF Delivery Partners who have delivered exceptional services throughout the past year. Your dedication and hard work have made a profound difference to countless children and families within our community.

With thanks to our local schools, community centres, and faith-based organizations for opening their doors and providing safe, welcoming spaces for our programmes. Your commitment to fostering a nurturing environment has been instrumental in ensuring the success of these programmes.

We also wish to acknowledge the tireless efforts of the dedicated volunteers who support the programme. Your passion and generosity have not only brought joy to many children but also provided much-needed support to parents and families. From organizing activities to preparing meals, your contributions have been invaluable.

Our sincere thanks go to the numerous catering teams and food providers who have gone above and beyond in preparing healthy, delicious meals. Your creativity and care in crafting nutritious menus have played a crucial role in promoting the well-being of our young participants.

Finally, we are grateful to the children, young people and their families who have participated in our programmes. Your enthusiasm and feedback have been inspiring and have driven us to continually improve and grow.

Together, we have created a community of support and care that extends far beyond the school holidays. Thank you for your unwavering commitment and for making this past year a success. We look forward to continuing this journey with you and building even brighter futures for our children and young people.

We can't wait for you to see what our HAF 2023/24 Programme has in store for you!

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Please get in touch if you are interested in joining us as a HAF Provider or to support our steering group to help shape future programmes.