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A BUSY SUMMER OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Members and leaders from both Dolphins Youth Club and the Youth Centre took part in a month long history and heritage summer programme during August. The aim of the activities was to show young people places of local history and heritage which are not normally accessible to members of the public and to raise their awareness of the historical significance of their everyday surroundings.

Overall, the young people had a chance to meet new people outside their circle of friends and learn about history and heritage whilst having fun. Furthermore, they were able to visit and learn from some historical sites which are out of bounds to the general public such as Gorham's Cave.

Throughout the activities the group was accompanied by Darren Fa of the Gibraltar Museum and other adults which provided support and local knowledge.

The week kicked off with a visit to Gorham's Cave to see the archaeologists in action, this was followed on Tuesday with a visit to Parsons Lodge and the Gibraltar Museum where young people had a chance of witnessing first hand how the deposits from the previous day at Gorham's Cave were being sieved through and stored for further investigation. On Wednesday the group went on a scuba diving try dive at Rosia Bay. Thursday saw the group visiting the Northern Defences where they were given a detailed explanation of its use dating from the Great Siege to World War II. Finally, on Friday the group went on a walk up the Mediterranean Steps and had a chance to Explore O'Hara's Battery.

In addition to the above the young people also took part in the "Walks through History" which the Gibraltar Museum organises every summer. This saw the group visit different sites including the 'Great North Road' Tunnel System, a visit to the Gibraltar Museum, Garrison Library and the City Hall. The group was also given a tour of the Rosia area to include the 100-ton gun, Rosia Bay and Parsons Lodge.

Our thanks go out to Darren Fa of the Gibraltar Museum and Dive Charters Gibraltar.

In addition to the 'History and Heritage programme', Dolphin's Youth Club held a week of arts and crafts for young people aged between eight and thirteen during the first week of August. Arts and crafts were combined with games and issues of the environment, more specifically trees, to deliver a programme that would be both fun and educational and would give the young people a safe space in which to enjoy themselves during the mornings. The project was well attended and we will be exploring the possibility of doing similar projects in the future.

Finally, the young people who had attended and helped with various projects over the summer culminated with a day trip to the Marbella Water Ski Park and Tivoli World.

Both Dolphins Youth Club and the Youth Centre are always on the lookout for new members. If you know of young people aged between 12 and 18 years who would like to know more about the club's programmes and days of opening, please contact the Youth Service on 20075020 or email gibyouth@gibtelecom.net