



ACE UPDATE



End of Term

So we've come to the end of a very strange academic year! Young people have been unable to attend schools, due to the pandemic. They have had to learn at home - which has been a new experience for students, parents, teachers and ourselves.

ACE online was born to make sure we were doing as much as we could, to support young people in Butetown and Grangetown.

If a family didn't have the technology or the skills to 'go online', with the help of the Coronavirus Resilience Fund, our supporters The Waterloo Foundation, The Moondance Foundation, and Garfield Weston, we were able to give them tablets and where necessary, help them with how to use them!

Apart from a week's break, last August, ACEonline ran sessions continuously up until Christmas.

We are so grateful to our Facilitators, Fran and Robyn and John and Saeed - the background team, without whom this could not have happened!

Hopefully September will allow us to meet up again, face to face!!



ACE Cardiff has been working with Cardiff City Council, Technquest, and the Sherman Theatre to build a programme of events for young people in the Grangetown and Butetown areas of Cardiff during the Summer Vacation

We are collaborating on venues and some projects. The Sherman Theatre's Community Manager, Tim Howe, led 'Zoom' meetings with our Wed and Thurs group on June 31 and 1st July. He included a digital tour of the Sherman Theatre, with video and a commentary.

This was the lead into a programme of reading, discussing topics, writing and performing we are putting together with the Sherman Theatre team, loosely called Performance Arts! (con'td)

Exploring the Universe

ACE Cardiff is working with Technquest to deliver a number of workshops, as part of the Summer Programme, to help young people understand about the Universe we inhabit.

This builds on the fascinating sessions they ran in both Grangetown Hub and Cardiff & Vale College two years ago.

Due to Covid regulations, these will not include the fabulous inflatable Planetarium which was used in the previous sessions!



Parent's Forum

Expert Thurs

The Parents Forum has met twice this term, the first zoom meeting on the 18th February was well attended by 10 parents.

The second one on the 20th of May which we held to ask them about what they felt their young people would like to do in the Summer, was less well attended, with 4 parents but an interesting discussion about how to support parents.

Expert Thursday was developed to broaden young people's knowledge of the history and highlight people from the local area who had succeeded in whatever field they had chosen.

Our Development Manager, Saeed was a 'guinea pig' for the first session but continued with Gaynor Legall, who spoke about the area's history.

Meet the Team

Fran Pears

Fran was born in Tanzania, but spent much of her childhood in Cardiff. She did her degree in Lancaster University. After working as a Teaching Assistant in a college for students with Cerebral Palsy, she decided to train to become a teacher.

During her 30 years of teaching experience she has worked in Belgium and in many schools across Cardiff.

It was on her return from Belgium that she started volunteering for ACE. She led the sessions in Grangetown Hub until the pandemic struck and has led the online sessions during the Covid 19 restrictions.

When not teaching, Fran combines her two loves of singing and rugby by being a member of the Côr y Gleision—the supporters choir for Cardiff Blues.



The Summer Programme, in which ACE are responsible for organising the Reading session, Lights, Camera, Action (Performance skills to raise confidence, in collaboration with Sherman Theatre), Arts and Crafts and Explore Your Universe (Techniquet), all taking place at Butetown Youth Pavilion.

Monday	Reading Club	5-6pm
Monday	Reading Club	11am-12pm
Tuesday	Get On Stage	1-3pm
Thursday	Reading	11am-12pm
Thursday	Explore Your Universe	12-13pm
Friday	Arts and Crafts	11am-12pm

Techniquet's Explore Your Universe will be 3 sessions on 19th, 26th August and 2nd September

A volunteer induction session was run on 19th July at 6PM for new and experienced volunteers to allow them to meet each other, the team and know what is going on and what is expected of them in the summer role.

Sept RESTART

We hope we will be back to face-to-face meetings at both the Cardiff and Vale College in the week beginning the 13th Sept

ACE ESOL

(English for Speakers of other Languages)

The ESOL provision will continue throughout August, to support new students who have joined the courses.

Kate Cassidy, our ESOL lead, has also been supporting the Grange Pavilion in Grangetown. They are looking to put on similar provision. We will be helping, as much as we can.

Butetown Pavilion Parents Panel

ACE Cardiff has partnered with Butetown Pavilion Parents Panel to organise a trip to Manor Wildlife Park. As part of the collaboration ACE will contribute £200 to the cost of trip to help cover coach hire and ticket purchases.