

## **CRAIGMILLAR YOUTH CHALLENGE**

**SUMMER 2008**



Over 320 Local youngsters took part in the Craigmillar Youth Challenge Summer programme.

The participants, all aged between 8 and 17 years of age, were treated to a Summer of adventure which included horseriding, kayaking, DJ workshops, trips to Xscape indoor climbing centre in Glasgow, Science Centre in Glasgow and trips to Ratho Adventure Centre.

The kayaking involved youngsters taking an intensive three-day course which culminated in a 1 star SCU qualification and certificate.

Participants who chose the horseriding also had a full three-day course and gained beginners riding and stable management certificates for their efforts.

The ever popular Youth Challenge was delighted when they were awarded additional funding from the Prevention of Crime fund and the Summer Youth Work Fund from the City of Edinburgh Council. This extra money will now mean the Challenge which has worked with thousands of local youngsters over the years, will run until 2010 and will help participants to become youth leaders via a peer mentoring project, in partnership with Capro and Castlebrae High School. This project is funded by the Cashback for Communities Grant. The youth leaders will progress their outdoor skills and leadership skills and eventually be referred to work-related projects.

The next Challenge will take place during the Easter school break and is open to all Craigmillar youngsters aged between 10 and 15 years.

Group's leaders say the Easter challenges are a great way for younger members to get a taste of what's on offer during the Summer Challenge and would encourage anyone interested to get in touch now!

If you think you would like a 'Challenge' this coming Summer, then call Sandra at CAPRO on 0131 652 1557.