

HAF Programme Summer Newsletter- August 2022

It has been a joy and a delight to visit some of this summer's Holiday Activities and Food Programmes and we are looking forward to visiting as many of you as possible before the end of the summer. You have been showing us how the massive amount of hard work that many of you have put in over the last few months has come to fruition and what amazing, generous and creative people you are as you have given your time and your expertise to deliver programmes which are exciting, inspiring, and aspirational to the children and young people who are attending.

We have also started to see first-hand how partners have developed their own partnerships with community organisations in their area, for example local supermarkets, food banks, churches, charities and businesses to enrich their programmes further. In addition, we have met some of the enrichment partners that you are working with to provide a range of additional activities such as art, theatre workshops, music and a range of sports and creative activities.

Thank you so much!

Network Meetings

We had our last network meeting in May and partners told us that it was a good opportunity to bring people together to share learning, celebrations and ideas. Partners are telling us how valuable these meetings are, and we now have many more partners than we had last year. In order that as many partners as possible can attend the network meetings we have booked the October network meeting for two dates and venues.

These are as follows:

- **Monday 3 October 2022- Aylesham Business Hub, Ackholt Road, Aylesham, Canterbury CT3 3AJ from 10:00 to 1:00pm**
- **Tuesday 11 October 2022 – Maidstone venue to be confirmed from 10:00am to 1:00pm**

The content of each session will be the same so please attend the network meeting that is most convenient for you.

It will be a great opportunity for partners to meet, share the things that went well in their programme, to work together to find ways to develop their programme further and to make useful contacts for the future.

You may book either session but due to capacity restrictions at the venues, places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. We are offering each programme two places and would ask that you would reply to let us know if you are able to attend, which date and how many places you would like to book by no later than **Friday 23 September 2022**.

If you have something that you would like included on the agenda for the network meeting, please let us know by emailing KentHAF@theeducationpeople.org

Monitoring and Case Studies

Some of you have started to send in short videos and photos of your programme which we are really enjoying and which we are saving in your monitoring folders. A picture can paint a thousand words and we are happy to receive some of your monitoring for the summer in this way, although you will still be required to complete the forms.

Call out for Video Clips and Case Studies

We have asked you to provide some case studies which demonstrate the impact of your work here in Kent and we attach a form for you to use.

The DfE is asking if we can share any video clips of your programmes in action, or things that you are proud of, so please let us know what can be shared more widely.

Additionally, The DfE has asked if you have any case studies on the following areas, to share these too.

- Working with children not attending school.
- Working with children at risk of exclusion.
- Working with the most vulnerable children and communities including refugees.
- Working with youth groups/organisations and young people.

The DfE proposes the following format if you are providing a case study around these specific areas and we will forward these to the DfE:

HAF Programme Club's Brief:

The link below will take you to an example case study:

<https://teaching.blog.gov.uk/2021/10/08/holiday-activities-and-food-haf-how-the-successful-programme-improved-the-mental-health-of-vulnerable-children/>

Suggested structure:

Intro

- Set the context for your HAF Programme.
- Give a bit of an overview of your HAF Programme.
- Intro into why you're involved/why it is helping to support children and young people.

Provide more detail/specifics on your provision and how it works for children/young people:

- How is the HAF Programme helping children and young people with their mental health and wellbeing?

- Is it supporting them to recover following the pandemic?
- Is it supporting them with their physical activity?
- If it is a sports provider – do you find sport helps bridge gaps/sbreak down barriers/improve confidence or team building skills?
- What skills does it help develop over the time they are at the club? Particularly over the summer holidays?
- How does the initiative help more vulnerable families/those on free school meals(FSM)?
- How can you support those with additional needs?

Concluding paragraphs - any other advice for other HAF Programme coordinators or teachers involved in the HAF Programme?

Photo Request

To bring your blog to life, please also provide two or three photos for use as the 'hero image' in the blog itself and for promotion on social media. Having a choice of photos allows us to select based on size, quality and fit.

Photos need to landscape and be sent to us in their original file format for example, JPEG, JPG, PNG. Ideally, we want a photo of you (the author) you in your day-to-day school setting. If however, your photo does show children in the education setting, you will need to follow your school's/trust's/college's permissions policy.

If you have examples to share within Kent and/or with the DfE please email them in to KentHAF@theeducationpeople.org and entitle your email case studies.

Once again, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for all that you have done for the children of Kent in your HAF Programmes over the summer. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Best wishes,

The HAF Programme Team – Christina, Nicola and Anne