

A Brief History of
Loanhead After Schools Club
1995—2005



October 1995 — Loanhead After School Club opens its doors for the first time with 6 children on the register and 3 staff

August 1998 — Irene Hogg begins work as Project Coordinator

January 1999 — Numbers steadily increase with an average of 35—40 children each day

October 1999 — Breakfast Club opens at Loanhead

September 2001 — Roslin Satellite Club opens

October 2002 — Roslin Breakfast Club opens

April 2003 — Work begins on extension to Paradykes Community Wing, LASC make a new temporary home in the Nursery building.

September 2003 — Out each Crèche Service and Community Nursery opens in the refurbished Community Centre, now named Loanhead Community Learning Centre.

LASC recognition for quality service awarded by the Scottish Out of School network with a Aiming High Level 3 Award. At the time Loanhead were the first out of schools service in Edinburgh and the Lothian to be recognised, and were one of only 5 in Scotland

August 2004

February 2005 — LASC achieved the Investors in People Award 300 children now registered

April 2005 — Teen Club Opens

October 2005 — 10th Anniversary Celebrations

LASC 1995—present

Acting Chair Persons Report

Looking back over the last year it is clear to me that LASC have achieved a great deal. With the recognition of “Investors in People “and our Quality Assurance “Aiming High Scotland” award to name just a few. We continue to go from strength to strength, and who would have thought we would have come this far since our club started with only 6 children registered and one After School Club 10 years ago. We now have a register of 300 children throughout our seven projects. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the dedication of our staff team and the support of our Board of Directors this is without a doubt a team partnership for the benefit of our children and parents of the organization.

Linda Stoddart
Acting Chair

Managers Report

This year sees us celebrating our 10th anniversary. We can look back over this time with pride. We as an After School Club have been at the fore front of delivering a quality out of school care service in Midlothian. Our achievements over this time have been second to none we are quite rightly seen as an example of good practice. Over the past 12 months our main achievements have been ;

- Achieving a level 3 award from Aiming High Scotland. This is an award scheme delivered by the Scottish Out of School Network in recognition of quality After School Clubs. We “aimed high” and achieved the highest level, and were , at the time of gaining the award one of only five in Scotland.
- Achieving the Investors in People award. This award is presented, not for the quality of care our children receive, but for the investment and opportunity for our staff.
- All of our staff are either qualified or are currently training to be qualified. At present we have staff training for their SVQ level 2 , 3 and 4 in Playwork and assessor training.
- Gaining sponsorship for our breakfast club supplies from Scotmid

An excellent care commission report. Once again this focuses on the quality of care our children receive. Our most recent report contained no recommendations or requirements, which means that the Care Commission, our regulatory body, are satisfied with the quality of care the children receive. These external awards are an indication of the high quality care we have come to expect from our after school club. It is a reflection on the commitment of the entire staff team that we are consistently achieving these high standards.

I am pleased to be able to officially thank our superb staff team who have worked steadfastly over the year to enable us to get where we are today. Also the continued commitment and support from our Board of Directors have given us without them there would be no After School Club.

I look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

Irene Hogg
Manager

Review of aims for 2004—2005

Development area 1

Review existing equipment, undertake stock take, remove/replace all broken/damaged equipment — Achieved in part
Ongoing process—staff have been working hard to reorganise the equipment. This has not been achieved in full due to relocation of nursery and the additional building being undertaken.

Development area 2

Weekly meetings to be held with children to further increase their involvement in the planning process — Achieved
Ongoing—staff regularly ask children about activities /events through circle time and informal chats

Development area 3

Hold regular open sessions for parents to increase awareness of what we do — Not achieved

Development area 4

Increase awareness of staff, of their skills, experience and qualifications to parents — Achieved
Notice of training etc given through newsletters, notice board with staff achievements on display.

Development area 5

Improved communication with parents, have newsletter available via e-mail — Achieved in part
Regular newsletter distributed to parents, available on website, no requests for newsletter to be sent by email

Development area 6

Introduction of Scottish Health at Work Scheme — Achieved in part
Staff have been involved with the scheme and have planned several activities.

Development area 7

Participation in Investors in people Award — Achieved February 2005

Our Staff Team 2004—2005

Irene Hogg—Manager

Veronica Wood—Administrator

Mary Stables—Office Support Assistant

Tracey Joyce—Development Worker

Wilma Fleming—Senior Play Leader

Vicky Lynch—Play Leader

Eilidh Denholm—Play Leader

Samra Akram—Play worker

Vince Maule - Play Worker (until April 2005)

Vera Power—Play Worker

Linda Dunsire—Play Worker

Laura McGinty—Play Worker

Yvonne Todman—Play Worker

Christine Todman—Play Worker

Johnny Hogg—Play Worker (since May 2005)

Linda Anne Topple—Breakfast Club Play Worker

Rachel Coombs—Play Worker

Susan Clark—Play Worker (since May 2005)

Lesley Smart - Play Leader (until Oct 2004)

John Hogg—Driver

Our Committee 2004—2005

Mandy Wilson—Chair

Linda Stoddart—Acting Chair

Janet Philp—Treasurer

Lynn McFadyen—Secretary

Carol Young

Paul Henderson

Carolyn Cockram

Suzanne Connell

Linda Whitson

Christine Boal

Lynn McNeil

Kathleen Stables

Connie Williamson

Hazel Smith

Carol Bald

Joanne Adair

Gill Gillan

Sue Gibbs

Anne Grant

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