

Holiday Kitchen Summer 2020

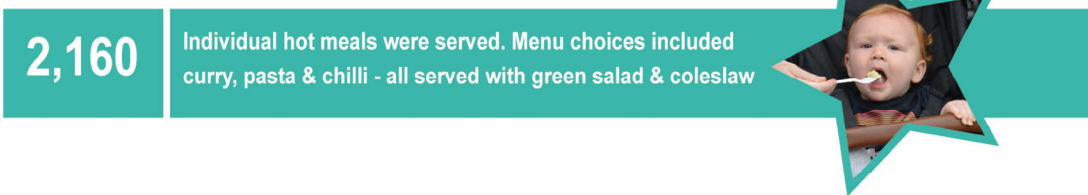
With many of the usual summer holiday programmes provided across our local communities disrupted by the Covid 19 pandemic, we were left struggling with how we might stay connected to the communities we support. The idea for the Holiday Kitchen was born thanks to a collaboration between community organisations, local councillors and Gloucester City Council, with the support of Gloucestershire Gateway Trust and Generation Events.

The purpose of the Holiday Kitchen was simple - to encourage local people to meet up in safe outdoor community spaces to socialise, share a free hot lunch, pick up some resources to help keep children creative and active and to access any further support they might need.

The project was funded by #feedgloucester, DEFRA, Podsmead Big Local, Active Gloucestershire, Gloucester City Council, Gloucester City Homes and local Ward Councillors.



All food was prepared at The Club @ Tuffley and was delivered and served at each site in a tuc tuc van, meaning it could be kept warm and served safely by volunteers from Generation Events.



craft packs were distributed - a different project for each week of the summer holidays - these were complimented by online instructional videos



items of equipment were given out to encourage people to keep active - including skipping ropes, frisbees, bean bags & balls



volunteer hours were given to the project - including preparing & serving food, setting up gazebos & seating areas & providing activities for those attending

"We have loved coming to the Holiday Kitchen - it has given us a reason to get outside & meet up with friends"

"It was a real opportunity to talk to people about the impact of COVID and in one family's circumstances we were able to talk about new employment opportunities within the area"

"We have been walking to each of the different sites throughout the week - it's been a great way for us to burn off some energy & then enjoy a good lunch"



Sports Days were organised by The Loop Project



books were given away to encourage participation in the Summer Reading Challenge



drama workshops were held by Strike a Light