## CLD youth services Summerfest 2020

# Community Regeneration

CLD Youth Services are very excited about sharing their plans for the Summer..... " Action Packed- Summerfest 2020! "

We are delivering themed activity packs for young people P1-S6 in Armadale, Whitburn, Forrestbank, West Calder, Stoneyburn, Fauldhouse, Winchburgh, Bridgend and Livingston Station. Packs will be delivered every Monday afternoon in July and themes can be found on the flyer below. Check out our Facebook page for times in your area

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West Lothian is the home of internationally recognised pieces of Public Art, with over 80 artworks dotted around the region.

Take an alternative form of daily exercise and walking by following these unique public art trail routes in Livingston, Bathgate, Broxburn & Uphall.

To find out more visit https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/ publicart





6th July: Beach Party 13th July: Festivals 20th July: Camping 27th July: Environmental

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Creative

Competitions

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Check facebook for bag pick up times in you area Packs P1-S6

Limited numbers

West Lothian CLD Youth Services

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School holiday special 26th June 2020

# open spaces

## what can you do?

Over the summer, there are many, many things that you can do outdoors to look after your health and to have fun!

Here are just a few to get you started...

- To help you find a new green space to explore near you try out Scotland's greenspace map. Or find a woodland through the Woodland Trust
- Go for a walk somewhere new.
- Dust down your bikes and go for a bike ride. You can plan your route with Open Cycle Map.
- Take up fishing or angling through West Lothian Angling Association and dip your lines • in the water at Eliburn Reservoir
- Try out geocaching, a treasure hunting game where you use your phone as a GPS to • hide and seek out containers in your local area.
- Check out the West Lothian orienteering courses and try to find all the posts, or make up your own course (with post numbers in different orders, etc) Orienteering in West Lothian

### While your out & about

here are a few ideas for things to do on the way:

- picture-list of things to find before you go out, can be based on colours, smells, shapes, objects - it just depends where you're
- Pick a spot and search for insects—See how many different ones you can find - on flowers, under rocks, in grass, in the soil, on trees, in water, on pavements....
- Find an interesting-looking plant-find out its name by taking a photo and using the PlantNet app on a smartphone. See how many different plants you can identify.
- Rock Painting—Find a rock, take it home, paint it and put it somewhere outdoors on your next walk, to brighten up someone else's
- Leaf Printing—Collect different shapes and textures of leaves, take them home and make leaf prints by painting them & pressing them down onto paper. or
- Leaf press-Dry them out between pieces of kitchen towel and place under some heavy books. After a week or so make a collage of vour pressed leaves.







#### A Summer Holiday Club from your own home!

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Summer is going to be different this year, but we're not going to let that stop Livingston United Parish Church offering you a fantastic holiday club from the comfort of your own home!

Bags of PowerI is our theme, and any primary school aged child living in the Livingston area can sign up. What's more, it's free!

#### So, how does it work?

- You sign up to take part by Monday 13th July at the latest. Spaces
- are limited, so book how to avoid missing out. We deliver your Bag of Power to your doorstep on Saturday 18th July. It will be filled with activities, games, crafts and even a sweet treat or two. You can do the activities at any time you like.
- At 10am each day,  $\log$  on to a Zoom link we'll send you to join with the rest of the club for more fun and activities.

#### Book your **Bags of Power!** space now at www.lupc.org.uk/bagsofpower

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### Fancy some aolf

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Xcite have now re-opened their golfing facilities at Polkemmet (Whitburn) and Balbardie Park (Bathgate). It's pay-as-you-play and advance booking only. https:// www.westlothianleisure.co m/news/news/golf-isback/

### Forth **Rivers** Trust



Forth Rivers Trust, as part of the RiverLife project on the Almond & Avon, have some kids activity books and A3 sized colouring sheets for families and adults alike. These are about engaging with the nature of all around us and down by the rivers.

If you'd like some of these for your service users then please get in touch with us at riverlife@forthriverstrust.org and let us know the amount of materials you'd like and a postal address to send them



If you live in the Stonevburn area keep on the FB page The Stoneyburn and Bents Future Vision group are preparing activity packs for kids <u>https://</u> www.facebook.com/sbfvg

# Summer reading challenge



# what is the summer reading challenge?

This year, Silly Squad, the Summer Reading Challenge 2020, will celebrate funny books, happiness and laughter.

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. This year we've gone digital to ensure children can still take part even though they are unable to visit our libraries at the moment.

The Summer Reading Challenge is open to all primary school aged children and is designed for all reading abilities

Children taking part in the Challenge will join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books! The Silly Squad is a team of animal friends who love to go on adventures and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books. This year, our Challenge features extra special characters designed by the award-winning author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson, who you'll know from amazing reads like Amelia Fang and Evil Emperor Penguin! Sign up on the Silly Squad website from Friday 5 June to join the Squad!

Follow us on Facebook @SummerReadingChallenge What will you be reading? Check out our children's eBooks and start borrowing! To find out more https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/33653/Summer-Reading-Challenge

# Keeping the kids entertained



If you're looking for ideas to keep the kids entertained, here you'll find lots of activities to keep you chugging along for the next wee while.

Over the next few weeks we'll be adding lots of activities, quizzes, stories, behind the scenes facts and lots more to this page.

If there's anything about the railway you would love to know about, drop us a tweet to @ScotRail and we'll do our best to answer your question.

A few examples of activities are below and for more

## Mind the Gap

Did you know that there are 358 stations in Scotland? Let's take a trip and visit nine of these stations. You might notice something a little odd about the station names though - some of their letters are missing. Can you work out the missing letters?



#### How do you pronounce that station name?



#### Home-school help

Running out of steam on home-schooling? Download these fun factsheets on Scotland's stations and hard-to-say places – great for little train enthusiasts!

Nature activities that kids



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# can do

1. Go on a minibeast hunt 2. Make a loo roll bird feeder

3. Go on a scavenger hunt

4. Make natural art

5. Have a picnic in the

garden

6. Move like minibeasts 7. Make an animal or forest out of Lego

8. Butterfly symmetry art 9. Ladybird potato stamps 10. Write a story inspired by

woods and tree



ideas https:// www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/ blog/2020/03/kids-nature-



# Walks in West Lothian

### What's near you?

Experience the countryside of West Lothian by enjoying a range of walks at a place near to you. Check out the links below

https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/34238/Eliburn-Park

https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/34239/Hillhouse-Woodland

https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/34240/Knowes-Colliery-<u>Woodland</u>

https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/34241/Oakbank-Bing

https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/34242/Witchcraig-Woodland-Korean-War-Memorial

https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/ravencraigwoodland

https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/34244/Easter-Inch-Moss-Seafield-Law

https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/dechmontlaw

## **HELPLINE NUMBERS**

 Papyrus (for children) revention of young suicide

0800 068 4141 Free calls 9am - 10pm weekdays 2pm - 10pm weekends and 2pm - 10pm bank holidays

Childline 0800 1111 Free calls anytime, available 24 hrs, 7 days per week

- Samaritans Non judgemental listening service for people struggling/in distress - all age groups 116 123
- Free calls anytime, available 24 hrs, 7 days per week · CALM

Focuses on preventing male suicide thecalmzone.net 0800 58 58 58 Free calls 5pm - midnight 7 days per week

 The Silverline (for older people) 0800 4 70 80 90

Free calls anytime, available 24hrs, 7 days per week NHS helpline

Search nearest A&E at: 111.nhs.uk 0800 4 70 80 90

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SANEline Offers emotional support, guidance and information

https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/34246/Broxburn-Community-Woodland



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# Virtual Festival



We are delighted to confirm that entries are now open for our Virtual Festival of Running!

marathon, and we will send you your running number

The entry fee is £8 for all distances and all profits will be donated equally between The School Bank West you be improving your mind and body but you will be

can sign up and complete your run at any point during this time. For more information email

or check out our page on Facebook

Entry is confirmed when your payment has been

We would love to share your heroic running moments and can share/post your photos on our page throughout the period of the festival.



- respect others and keep yourself and your family at least 2m away from other people. Keep your dog close when other people are around.
- not touch your face and always wash your hands with soap and water when you return home. As an extra precaution, take some hand sanitiser with you on your travels.
- not touch anything unnecessarily, e.g. gates, railings, etc.
- take litter home or put it in the litter bin. Use a different bin if the nearest one is full.



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