

A Record Year at FYHP!

Approximately 9,000 visits through our gates

Piloting of longer opening hours

Funding secured for a new arena surface

Our busiest year yet - see inside for more details

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FETTERCAIRN YOUTH HORSE PROJECT

At the heart of your community

Welcome to the annual FYHP newsletter for 2017. We are delighted to share with you the news that we have had a bumper year - We have entertained a visit from the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, we have welcomed twenty five volunteers from Deloitte who came to FYHP to do some much needed work, we have secured funding for a new arena surface, we have been the beneficiary of local fund raising activities and we have increased our opening hours and much, much more!

The Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Katherine Zappone visited the Fettercairn Youth Horse Project on Wednesday 8th March 2017. The Minister was met and shown around by the Chairperson of the FYHP Board, Sheilann Monaghan and members of the Board, Niamh Carton and Dara Larkin and staff; Project Manager Ann Keogan and Yard Supervisor Kathy Heany. The Minister was very positive about the activities being undertaken in the FYHP.



The visit of Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Katherine Zappone to the Project with (R to L) Ann Keogan, Sheilann Monaghan, Niamh Carton and Kathy Heany

The Manager and the Board of Directors of FYHP would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the success of the project this year, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. We hope to see you all in the Project in 2018.

Urban Horse Owners Welfare Clinic

The Fettercairn Youth Horse Project and My Lovely Horse Rescue held an Urban Horse Owners welfare clinic in FYHP this year. FYHP staff and volunteers along with help from MLHR volunteers ran the clinic with local Urban Horse owners. It was a great day with staff, volunteers and owners working really well together. We hope that this pilot welfare clinic will help to secure future funding for more of these worthwhile clinics. We would like to say thank you to: MLHR, Barrack Gate Veterinary Clinic, Andrew Manders, the farrier, to Maria O'Rourke, the equine dentist and the local Fettercairn horse owners for attending and we look forward to working with them in the future.



Deloitte Volunteers in FYHP

Twenty five volunteers from Deloitte came to FYHP this year to do some much needed work. They painted the outside of the stable building, de-weeded the grazing field of ragwort and dock for the horses. They also painted and cleaned the inside of the building. The Horse Project looks amazing. Both the Staff and Board of FYHP would like to thank all of those involved. The day was one of great fun and positive energy.

Roadstone Funding

Roadstone kindly funded the Voucher Programme for 2017. The programme ran for 6 weeks for 2 local primary schools St Annes and St Aidans and also the local youth group from Foroige. The once off lesson vouchers were distributed between local groups in the Fettercairn area Social Circle, Tallaght Travellers CDP, Fettercairn Farm, Fettercairn Community Center homework club and St Thomas Primary school.

BHS Essential Horse Knowledge Certificate

Five FYHP volunteers attended a programme, which included 5 modules on horse care and welfare. It involved a written exam at the end of the training programme where all 5 participants were successful. Congratulations to Robyn Scannell, Holly Ward, Annita Byrne, Katelyn Moore and Abigail Williams.

We wish to thank all our sponsors for their support during the year!



The Val Kemp Perpetual Cup

Abigail Williams has been awarded the FYHP Val Kemp cup for her extremely hard work and dedication to volunteering her time to help out at the Horse Project. She takes every opportunity to come to FYHP even on school holidays and at weekends. Abi has a constant smile on her face and is an absolute pleasure to have around the yard. She is improving all the time and we would be lost without her.



Traveller Horse Welfare Workshop

A Traveller Horse Welfare Workshop, a joint initiative of the Fettercairn Youth Horse Project and the Tallaght Traveller Community Development Programme, was held on the 25th April 2017 at the stables in Fettercairn. The initiative, which was funded by the St Stephen's Green Trust, was very successful. There were twelve horses attended to by the Vet, Farrier and the Dentist. The work shop also incorporated a Traveller Men's Health aspect. All of the participants enjoyed the day and said the event ran very smoothly. FYHP would like to thank the St Stephen's Green Trust for funding this event.



Record Year at FYHP!

2017 has been our busiest year yet since FYHP opened in December 2000. By the end of the year we expect to have had over 9000 visitors through the gates of the project. This will be an increase of more than 10% over 2016. Everyone here at the project is very grateful for the huge support it continues to receive from all our service users. We look forward to seeing these numbers grow even higher in 2018.

Longer Opening Hours!

In recent months we have been piloting the use of longer opening hours. We now open Wednesday and Thursday until 7.00pm for lessons. This action has been a big success so we are making it a permanent feature in 2018!

Brilliant New Arena Surface!

South Dublin County Council applied for Sport's Capital on behalf of FYHP and have been allocated funding from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport to allow us to replace the surface of our arena in 2018. This will allow us to hold more lessons than ever and will ensure we maintain the very high standard of lessons we provide well into the future.

Big Plans for Another Bumper Year in 2018...

New Horses!

In order to be ready for another bumper year we are putting in place some really exciting new plans. We are getting at least 4 new horses for 2018. We have already started this programme and are delighted to welcome Elvis and Madonna as the latest members of our team. Both horses are settling in well and seem to love their new home.



My Lovely Horse Rescue

Joshua and Harley are the 5th and 6th ponies that we have trained for MLHR. Joshua came in a little nervous but with the kind handling from staff he has come out of his shell and is now back and riding in the arena. Harley was not as nervous but may not have been ridden for a few months. He has settled in so quickly and is a little star to work with. We were able to start his training almost straight away. Both ponies will return to MLHR for rehoming by the end of 2017.

Tallaght person of the year award

FYHP trainee instructor Shane Kehoe, was nominated in the Special Needs and Carers Category for the Tallaght Person of the Year Awards. Tallaght Person of the Year is a community run awards programme to recognise and celebrate unsung heroes, volunteers and active members of the community across various walks of life in Tallaght. Although Shane was not awarded at the ceremony he remains a hero to all of us at the Project and he continues to work tirelessly alongside all our staff and volunteers.

Sensory trail and Amamda Fox's Fundraising

Amanda Fox and 27 of her friends and family members took on the Dublin Women's Mini Marathon this year in aid of the Fettercairn Youth Horse Project and the Lighthouse Autism Unit in St Mary's National School in Saggart and raised over €2000 towards our plan of building a sensory trail here in Fettercairn. Amanda's son Luke takes lessons here every week with Shane. FYHP would like to sincerely thank Amanda and 'Luke's Ladies' for their support.

FYHP continue to seek funding for this very important Project. If you are intertested please contact Ann Keogan, the Project Manager.

