

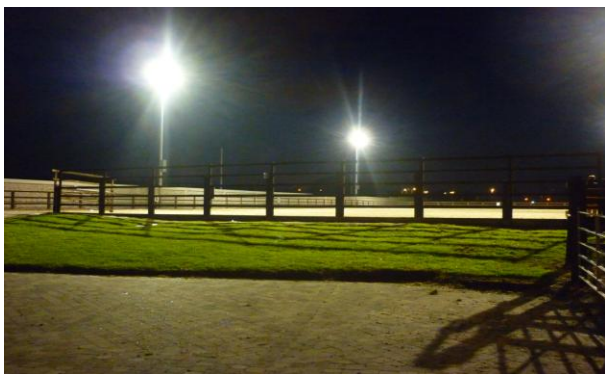


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Stable and Arena Improvements 2010 – 2011

City West Luas provided funding for **arena lighting** during the year as recompense for the disruption of the Project due to construction activities in 2009. Both the new lighting which is now operational and the adjacent Fettercairn Luas stop (commenced operation in July 2011) will enhance the opportunities for the Horse Project. All of these programmes will benefit from the presence of the New Arena Lighting along with the Arena Upgrade.



TV3 Visit Fettercairn Youth Horse Project

In July 2010, The Morning Show from TV3 visited the Fettercairn and put together a very good portrayal of the Horse Project which was subsequently aired. The programme included interviews with Tony and John Haide, two local lads who visit and help out in the Project daily, with The Project Manager Laurence McFerran who explains the nature of the Horse Project and with Sinead McCalle out in the arena. TV3 kindly made the programme available to the Horse Project who has combined it with a previous Training DVD to provide a good promotional DVD for the Project.

10th Anniversary: The Fettercairn Youth Horse Project celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the opening of the Stables and Arena in Fettercairn in Tallaght on Wednesday the 15th December 2010. The event was attended by about eighty people including some of the original founder members.



Mayor Eamon Maloney with Tony Schorman and Sheilann Monaghan, founder members of the FYHP, while on the right is Project Manager Laurence McFerran with Tom Doherty

3 Year Pobal Support for Staffing

On an operational level, FYHP has been fortunate to secure a Pobal Community Services Programme Contract for the employment aspects of the Traveller Equine Initiative. This will cover the majority of our employment costs for a manager and 4 full time equivalents from January 2011 until December 2013. This includes the employment of two full-time Traveller Stable Hands and a significant contribution towards the employment of the Project Manager, the Yard Supervisory staff and the Equine Instructor.

Traveller Equine Initiative

The service aspects of the Traveller Equine Initiative, as funded by the Activation Programme, previously part of the Department of Social and Family Affairs (now part of the Department of Social Protection), has proved to be very successful. The number involved in the Traveller Equine Initiative weekly sessions taking part in Horse Riding, Stable Management and Animal Welfare tuition as well as Personal Development is now 22 (a youth group of 9-12 years old and a Teenage Group of 13-15 years old). It also includes the provision of an Equine Welfare Service (Veterinary, Farrier and an Equine Dentist). There has been great support from the Tallaght Traveller Community Development Project (including all the family members that appeared every week with the younger group), the Tallaght Youth Service and Tallaght Community Arts in ensuring the success of the programme.



FYHP Stable Hand Joseph Donoghue helping young riders with their tack and on the right is Michaela Maughan after receiving her FYHP Certificate, both Joseph and Michaela are Travellers from Tallaght

Social Integration Programme

A series of other programmes have been delivered in 2010 and 2011, notably a Social Integration Programme was organised where members of the New Communities integrated with locals here in Fettercairn where the horse riding and stable management proved to be a great success with all involved. The Office of Integration (of the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform) and the staff from the Social Inclusion Unit in South Dublin County Council have coordinated the work and input, including funding, into the success of this programme and which continues in 2011.



FYHP Stable Hand Shane Kehoe, a local Traveller, speaking at the Social Integration Award Ceremony while on the right is the award recipients with their certificates in the company of some VIPs

Gary Phillips – Success of RACE Trainee from Fettercairn

FYHP are delighted to announce that another young local man has made the transition to be a successful Apprentice Jockey. Gary Phillips, who is apprenticed to Mr. Ger Lyons, Racehorse Trainer, won his first race at Naas Racecourse on Wednesday 20th July 2011 (in the white and red stripe in the photo below and centre in the trainee photo) and he has gone on to win again at Naas on 1st August 2011.

Gary, who is from Springfield, which is beside Fettercairn in Tallaght, was one of three members from the Fettercairn Youth Horse Project who were successful in gaining places on the Trainee Jockey course at the Racing Academy and Centre of Education (R.A.C.E) in the Curragh. Orla Casey, Gary Phillips and Emmet Lynsey took up their places in 2006 / 2007.



On the left is Gary Phillips, in the white jacket / red hooped sleeves and cap, winning his first race in July 2011 while on the right he is seen in the middle between Orla Casey and Emmet Lynsey during their training in the FYHP

Developing Equine Assisted Learning Programme

Over the last year, the Fettercairn Youth Horse Project has been working on advancing our involvement in Equine Assisted Learning and Equine Therapy. Young people from the "South Dublin Gladiators" visited the Horse Project on a pilot basis in early June 2010 (the South Dublin Gladiators are a group of young people with physical disabilities that meet on a regular basis to partake in a number of sports and physical activities) and reported positively on their experience.

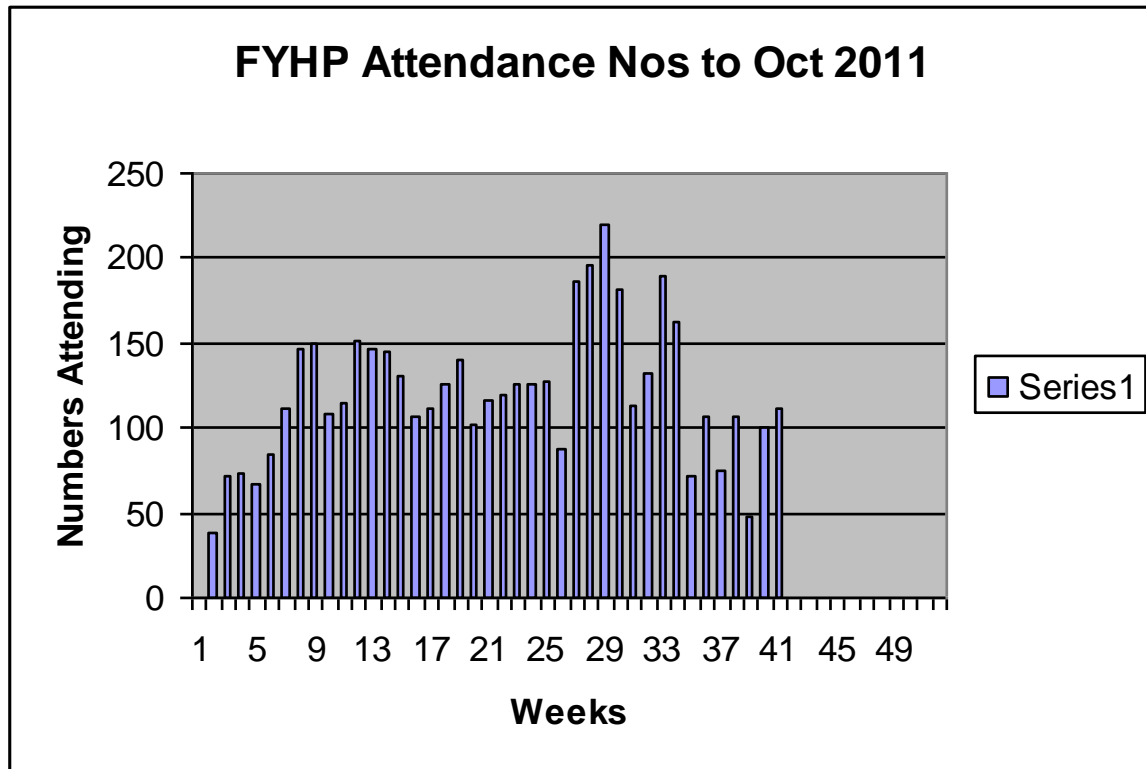
The Project has been working with Dyspraxia Ireland for over a year and has been coordinating an approach to the HSE Primary Health Care Unit in Tallaght. The development of the Equine Assisted Learning programme continues and will take a significant step forward in January 2012 when a Research Project will commence in the Fettercairn. The aim of the Research Project is,

'To test the effects of the physical motion of a horse (riding therapy) on a group of children with Dyspraxia and to determine whether any further effects can be achieved by auditory and visual perception of that motion'.

A successful outcome will be a major advance in the effort to have Health Professionals accept Equine Assisted Learning / Equine Therapy as a referral option in Tallaght. The eight week project will be headed by Caren Hession who is pursuing her MA through Limerick Institute of Technology / Equine Science – UCD School of Agriculture and will involve a number of health professionals including a Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist and Psychologist with Fettercairn providing the facilities, suitable horses, tack etc.

Numbers and Groups for 2011

FYHP continues to attract significant numbers to engage in Horse Riding and Stable Management. The figures for the first forty one weeks of 2011 (up to Sat 15th Oct) are 4828. The Project is aiming to generate approx. €55,000 traded income for 2011, this would be equivalent to around 27% of the project expenditure for 2011.



The groups listed below are a sample who attend the Project during the week with Saturdays being reserved for the general public (some of the public hours are now being catered for during the evenings as the numbers build and with the availability of the lights).

- St Thomas's School
- APT Tallaght Youth Service
- St Anne's School Group
- Cheeverstown
- Tallaght Traveller Equine Initiative
- St Peter's Walkinstown
- Dyspraxia
- Enable Ireland
- Tallaght Youth Service
- St John of Gods Group
- Jobstown Against Drugs Dependency JADD
- Dominic's Community Centre
- St Fintan's Portlaoise
- Stoneybatter Youth Group
- Killinarden Community Centre
- Mulhuddart Youth Group
- Tallaght Summer Project
- Clay Project
- Ballybough Youth Group

Unilever Make a Difference Day (MAD)

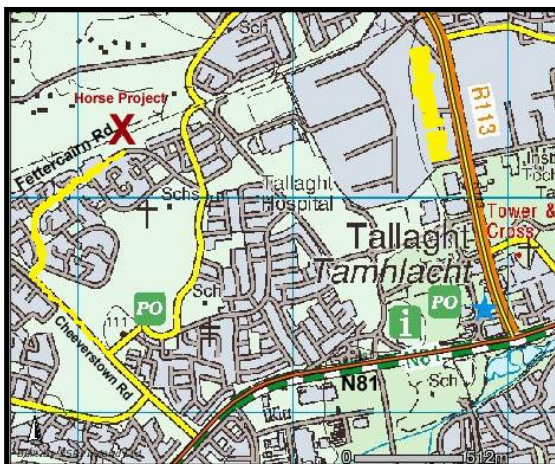
The Fettercairn Youth Horse Project was the very fortunate beneficiary of the 2011 Make a Difference Day, the brainchild of Unilever Ireland Limited, which took place in Fettercairn on Thursday 15th September 2011. Unilever are based in Citywest, Dublin 24, close by to Fettercairn.



Unilever volunteers on the left hard at work painting the outside of the FYHP Stable Building while some very happy local children tuck into more 'goodies' after enjoying a sumptuous BBQ laid on for the volunteers and locals at the MAD day

A fair amount of planning took place in the weeks running up to the event and when the weather on the day turned out to be so magnificent, the Unilever Mad Day was a huge success. The complete exterior of the building, walls and doors, were painted and the large green area at the rear was landscaped. The day was then complete when a sumptuous BBQ for the volunteers and over 100 local children and adults was laid on. The Fettercairn Youth Horse Project also netted a substantial sum from Unilever for funding activities as part of the MAD day.

This was a truly wonderful day for Fettercairn and the enthusiasm and cheerfulness with which the work was carried out was a glowing example to anyone, anywhere, particularly in these most challenging times. The generosity of spirit displayed by the Unilever Volunteers was something very special indeed and a great example of community at work.



For general queries, booking lessons or enquiring about training programmes, contact Kathy Colette or Ann (Phone: 01 462 7214 email: fyhp@eircom.net)

Directions to the Fettercairn Youth Horse Project

From the M50, on the Tallaght By-pass (N81), continue west and turn right onto Cheeverstown Rd for approx. 1 km. Turn right onto Fettercairn Rd and continue until you reach the Horse Project on your left.

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Car-parking is available in the Fettercairn Community Centre.