

# Newsletter 2016

## Deloitte Impact Day at the Project

The contribution made by the Deloitte Impact Day in the Fettercairn Youth Horse Project was impressive.



While the weather was poor to start, it cleared before too long. The forty deloitte staff did Trojan work. They undertook the arduous task of removing ragwort and dock in the two



paddocks. This is just the type of activity that requires large numbers. The more artistically minded helped brighten the place up by painting the stable doors and also by painting the show-jumping poles.



## Planning for the Future

It is hard to believe, but the Fettercairn Youth Horse Project has been going strong for over 20 years. During that time we have welcomed thousands of young people from the immediate area, and beyond, to experience riding and caring for horses up close and personal. Also during this time we have seen many special interests and special needs groups come to our centre where we tailor programs for their particular requirements.

But the secret of keeping an organisation likes ours going strongly is to plan ahead to ensure that the project continues to evolve to suit the future needs of our clients and sponsors.

All of us in the project will be working over the coming months to put our plans together for the years ahead and we would love to hear what improvements you would like to see.

**In fact...  
"We are all ears!!"**

Before Christmas we will be asking all our regular clients for their thoughts and ideas by means of an online survey. Whether you have completed one of these for us before or not we look forward to hearing from you.



## Merry Christmas



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## My Lovely Horse Rescue (MLHR)

Molly arrived as the second pony coming from MLHR. As with the last pony Ruby, Molly was here as part of a training programme. Over the 8 weeks Molly was handled, backed and ridden lightly by the students. Shane Kehoe, FYHP stable hand, mainly looked after her training and did a fantastic job earning Molly's trust. We knew that she was mistreated in her previous life but she is now on her way to being the perfect pony. Molly has now returned to MLHR. We hope to continue to train as many ponies as we can from MLHR and to help re-home some of these lovely horses and ponies.

## University Research Carried out at FYHP

The Fettercairn Youth Horse Project is delighted to be part of the ongoing research on the Equilume Mask. The mask has been developed by Dr Barbara Murphy from UCD's School of Agriculture and Food Science. Right now our trial in Fettercairn is to evaluate how well the Light Mask can slow down the return of the heavier Winter coat.



All at FYHP wish the team from UCD's School of Agriculture continued success in their research.

## West Tallaght Schools Equine Initiative - Second Phase Completed 2016

The Equine Initiative, run by the Fettercairn Youth Horse Project, was designed to firstly, introduce a large number of children in the West Tallaght area to the possibility of enjoying the whole equine experience and secondly, to provide a pathway for progression in the sport in an inclusive, supportive and developmental environment.

Nineteen children from St Anne's and St Aidan's primary schools attended an hour session which included half hour Riding/Equitation class and a Stable Management class using AIRE basic levels. The second phase was made possible by the generous funding provided by The Ireland Fund. The names of the students involved are noted at the bottom of the page. They were all awarded the AIRE Level Foundation A in Equitation and Stable Management Certificates.

**Well done to all!**



## FYHP Pony Camps, and SDCC Summer Project

Throughout 2016 FYHP ran a series of Pony Camps from Easter through to Halloween. Pony Camps offer children the experience of daily activities such as grooming, mucking out, as well as everyone's favourite activity, the horse riding.

In conjunction with South Dublin County Council, FYHP Summer Camps ran during July and August. The Pony Camp included riding lessons, stable management and lots of fun! In addition to the Pony Camps, Pony Play Sessions were included, which were tailored for children from age 3-6 years old.

**FYHP would like to thank 'Fettercairn Collective' who worked throughout the summer to help make the area bloom with colour - just like our logo!**



## Fettercairn Annual Show Jumping Competition

We held our annual Fettercairn show jumping competition this year on the 18th of September.

The winners are as follows:

### Mini

1st place Alice Pala, 2nd place Michelle Lannigan, 3rd place Alison McGinn

### Midi

1st place Ciaran Darcy, 2nd place Leah Hackett, 3rd place Holly O'Reilly

### Maxi

1st place Kasia Skoczen, 2nd place Jake Keogh, 3rd place was our own Shane Kehoe

Both 1st and 2nd prize in the maxi were visitors to FYHP so a big congratulations to Kasia and Jake who came from the Calliaghstown Equestrian Centre.



A special thanks to:  
Goodwins Saddlers,  
TRI Equestrian,  
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Supervalu

## FYHP Awarded Foróige Youth Citizenship Award

The Fettercairn Equine Idols, the Foróige Youth Club, which is part of the Fettercairn Youth Horse Project, was awarded a Foróige Youth Citizenship award on the 2nd July 2016 in the City West Hotel and Conference Centre.

Each member of the club mentored a younger child over a period of a few weeks. They taught the children something new while they were attending their riding lesson at the Horse Project. Some of the younger children even progressed on to riding by themselves. The activity of the Fettercairn Equine Idols team was judged to be an outstanding example of active citizenship.



## BHS Exam Success for four FYHP members

There is always great excitement in the Fettercairn Youth Horse Project as members achieve BHS exam success. The following were successful in 2016:

Shane Kehoe, BHS Preliminary Teaching Test;  
Lynn Campbell, BHS Stage One Horse Care and Knowledge;  
Sabrina Layden, BHS Stage One,  
Richard Warren, BHS Stage One.  
Aoife Murphy, BHS Stage Two.

All of the above had trained for months at FYHP preparing for the exams. Congratulations are due to all for their hard work and a special thank you to BHS Coach, Grainne Sugars, for all the lectures she has given to FYHP students over the last 3 years.

## A Visit from Down Syndrome Dublin

On Saturday the 14th of May members from Down Syndrome Dublin attended an Open Day held at the Fettercairn Youth Horse



Project. The Open Day was held so that the families and children could be introduced to the therapeutic side of the equine world. Around ten families got involved. Everybody had a great time and we would like to thank everyone for coming.

## Val Kemp Cup

This much valued reward is presented each year. This year Leah Hackett, whose dedication is limitless and whose riding has improved so much throughout the year, was the recipient. Leah spends all her free time at FYHP (when she is not in school). She is currently training for her BHS Stage 2 exam. Leah is a great role model to the younger children at FYHP and we are so lucky to have her here with us.

