



Forres Area Skate Park Moray, Scotland



Forres Area Community Trust (FACT) is a development trust set up in 2011 that aims to make the Forres area a better place to live, work and visit.

Since 2006 the Forres area has been without any skate park provision. With support from Village SOS, the Trust established a steering group which undertook a community consultation (e.g. focus groups, community meetings, surveys) to gather public feedback about the potential of building a skate park. 95% of responses to the survey were supportive of taking forward the idea of having a skate park. The group approached Village SOS for support developing an Action Plan and Funding Plan to help make the skate park a reality.



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PROJECT DETAILS...

The steering group set up by the Trust comprises 20 people – this includes a chair, secretary and treasurer. The steering group includes representatives from FACT, Forres Area Sports Hub, Forres Area Forum, Moray Council and interested young people.

Action taken with VSOS support:

- Rocket Science, the VSOS partner in Scotland worked with the group to review their background information and research carried out, including the responses to their recently completed survey.
- Rocket Science worked with the steering group to produce an Action Plan and a Funding Plan for the skate park.



Funding the project...

FACT and the steering group received a small amount of cash from a sponsor to pay for printed materials and a pop up skate ramp. The steering group are now continuing to progress their fundraising efforts to raise the money to build a skate park. The funding report provided but Rocket Science will provide a framework for this activity, including timescales and funder expectations.



WHAT HAS HAPPENED...

Forres Area Community Trust and the steering group are discussing and implementing the Action Plan and Funding Plan produced by Rocket Science... one of the group commented "these reports have saved us a great deal of time and will be a resource in our progression of the project, as we follow the recommendations."

Advice from the group to any other project...

"Do not underestimate how long your project may take and find ways of engaging young people in your project – and ways of maintaining their enthusiasm and commitment."

As part of the support provided by Rocket Science the FACT project group have been able to contact and connect with multiple support providers, including:

- The Buckie Team at Moray Council.
- FACT and the steering group have also received support from Tesco, BAM Nuttall, AJ Engineering and Keith Builders Merchants.



What comes next?

'Hopefully [in two years' time] we will have completed the Skate Park, if not completed be well on the way to having it installed. We are planning some learning visits to other Skate Parks to see what works and also to listen to others experience. We are planning trips to other towns/villages that do not have a Skate Park so we can share our information with them.'

Other useful sources of support...

 Forres Area Sports Hub
www.sportinmoray.co.uk/

 Moray Council
www.moray.gov.uk

 Tesco Community Fund
www.groundwork.org.uk/tesco

 Play Scotland
www.playscotland.org

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