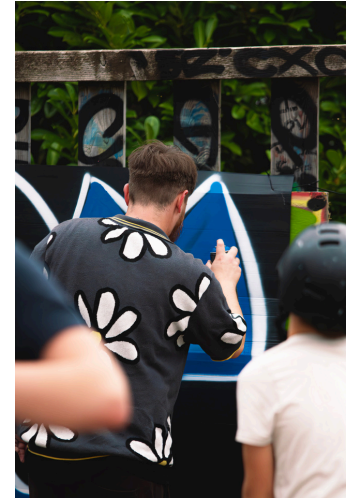


Members of the youth council had spoken to their peers and wanted to create a way to celebrate young people in Torbay; an attempt to change the narrative about young people in Torbay, to shine a light on all the positive contributions they make



And so, on Monday 18th August, at Parkfield house and grounds, we held our first ever Imagine This Youth Celebration Event. 11 partner organisations came together in the spirit of joy and collaboration to offer a range of activities. Many were run by young people themselves and many of the organisations hadn't worked together before.



"we successfully brought partners together fostering a sense of community and joy that was palpable"

Youth-led collaboration was always the name of the game. Two partner organisations who hadn't worked together before partnered in holding a youth advisory board, a collective of 5 young people aged 12 – 25 who designed the vibe, layout and visuals for the event. Accessibility was front and centre of their planning – noise pollution zones, a sticker system to signify levels of engagement, visual maps and a quiet room were all non-negotiables



Furthermore, whether they were learning cycling skills or spray painting, everything was free or low cost meaning it was really accessible for everyone. The variety of activities available meant there was something for a range of ages. Spanning the skatepark, house and lawn you could hook a frog, make art in the pedal-powered paint drum, kick a football, make bracelets, DJ, chat, take part in wellbeing activities, skate & scoot and so much more!

Whether they were a performer, a dedicated volunteer or a creative cosplayer, we made space for them to be celebrated.

