

WHAT IS AIM?

AIM is a collaborative community based education programme for secondary aged young people, identified as a result of chronic non-attendance at school associated with emotional and or mental health and wellbeing concerns.

AIM provides access to specialist teaching, support and social inclusion opportunities for identified young people and their families within a community setting.

AIM works with young people and their families through their experience of mental health difficulties to support recovery, attainment and to facilitate further opportunities to reach their potential.

WHO IS INVOLVED?



AIM is a collaboration between Dundee City Council Children and Families Service and NHS MacX Service, Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS).

AIM is developed and delivered by the AIM Operational Team and governed by the AIM Steering Group.



WHAT HAPPENS AT AIM?

NUTURE

All staff at AIM adopt a nurturing approach to ensure we are getting it right for every child who comes through our door. We provide a safe space for the young people to come where they don't feel judged. We offer a welcoming space where the young people can come and build up their confidence both in themselves and with peers. We help them to get out into the community again and work towards achieving personal goals.

LEARNING

A variety of subjects within the national curriculum are available at AIM, taught by a specialist primary and secondary teaching staff. Learning happens in small groups, individually and independently.

GROUP WORK

Sessions are provided which is designed to support group formation as a step up from learning independently within a group space. These sessions include, taster sessions from partners within the wider AIM programme, partners support the delivery of the personal and social education curriculum specific to identified wellbeing needs, consultation with young people to set goals for the future, co-operative learning, fun, social enterprise, life skills assessment and learning, community and wider city visits.

Partnerships

DUNDEE & ANGUS COLLEGE

AIM Further is a transition course for AIM young people within the supported learning department at the Gardyne Campus of Dundee and Angus College. The AIM Further course focuses on developing key lifeskills needed to transition into college over the course of the year, supporting familiarisation of the college environment, encouraging self determination and responsibility.

ANCRUM OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

Darren Hepburn delivers sessions of outdoor education for AIM young people.

THE WEB

The Web deliver sessions on issues including sexual health and relationships. Young people respond well to these sessions and have built up a good relationship with staff. Each week they are reminded that there is a website they can go to for any additional information. Staff at the Web also make themselves available through social media platforms.

HOW IS AIM ACCESSED?

The Named person at school can refer a young person following prior agreement at a Team Around the Child Meeting if they meet AIM criteria:

- chronic non-attendance (less than 30%)
- Significant emotional wellbeing difficulties (within Getting it Right For Every Child (GIRFEC) assessment framework)

Referrals are accepted twice a year: November for January intake and May for August intake.

A referral form should be uploaded to Mosaic by the end of May/November.

Any queries can be sent to: aim@dundeecity.gov.uk

DO I NEED TO CHANGE SCHOOL?

Young people at AIM remain on their school role when they attend AIM. As a result schools maintain overall **responsibility for attendance recording, policy and procedures and providing resources.**

WHERE IS AIM?

AIM is located within Kirkton Community Centre, Derwent Avenue, Dundee DD3 0AX.

CONTACTS

Should you require more information please speak with the school educational psychologist in the first instance or contact a relevant link below:

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AIM Project

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