

KIRKLEES PREVENTION TEAM

NORTHERN BALLET DANCE AND DRAMA WORKSHOPS

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The Prevention Team recently commissioned workshops with the Northern Ballet Theatre, based in Leeds, to work with a group of young people within Kirklees.

The workshops were held with a group of 5 girls aged 13/14 who had issues around healthy relationships, domestic violence and self esteem/confidence.

The girls were invited to a performance of Romeo and Juliet at the Grand Theatre in Leeds and were given the opportunity to meet members of the cast and crew and ask questions about the performance and company in general.

They were then invited to watch a training session at the NBT headquarters to show them how much hard work and dedication the dancers commit to their performances. The girls were enthralled by both experiences and really enjoyed their first opportunity to visit the theatre.

This was then followed by 2 members of the company holding 4 half-day sessions with the girls at the Prevention Team offices in Dewsbury to work on their self esteem, confidence and basic dance skills which culminated in a choreographed short performance based on the Romeo and Juliet story.

The sessions and final dance performance were recorded onto a DVD. The DVD was shown and very well received at the YOT service development day in April of this year.



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