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Facilitator: Okay?

P13: Em.... What will I say? Just about everything?

Facilitator: Yeah, well what did you draw first of all?

P13: Em, I drew a bouncy castle.

Facilitator: Yep.

P13: I done some chairs and I done some stalls for the fair where we raised a lot of money.

Facilitator: And why did you, what made you think of that?

P13: Because I wanted to write it.

Facilitator: Yep, okay.

P13: It's a [?]

Facilitator: Is it something that you enjoyed?

P13: Yes, I really enjoyed, I love it.

Facilitator: And who are you sending it to?

P13: It's for Lisa a new friend.

Facilitator: You did two?

P13: Yes.

Facilitator: Okay, excellent. And are they both the same?

P1: Eh, that's to Lisa not to Trisha.

P13: That's to Lisa.

P1: That's going to Lisa.

Facilitator: Okay. Okay and anything else you want to tell us about that?

P13: Em. The horse came, everybody came, members of the public came. We had fire engines and everything. (?) came.

Facilitator: Who came?

P13: My family came and I enjoyed every minute. And I was on the bouncy castle keeping the kids in... at bay. When they were all on the bouncy castle cause they were all being (fed sugar?)

P1: You were the guardian of the bouncy castle?

P13: Yes, I was.

P1: Fantastic.

P13: And I got... raised a lot of money an' all P1 you know.

P1: Good stuff.

Facilitator: Okay.

P13: A lot.

P11: So you were the entertainment person?

P13: No, the bouncy castle was the entertainment, I was looking after the kids.

P1: Well done.

Facilitator: And you made money? How much money did you make?

P13: We made a canny bit, a lot. Didn't we P12?

P12: Yeah. Five hundred and thirty seven pounds.

Facilitator: Wow.

P12: And that is profit.

P13: Is that good or bad?

P11: Good! When you make profit it's good.

P12: Well, eh, "Is that all?", she says, (?), We only made two hundred and ninety three last year.

Facilitator: And was your fiend Lynn there?

P13: Yes.

P11: So you made just over two hundred quid profit?

P12: No, I, it must be going to go on a trip.

P13: We raised a lot of money you know this year.

P1: Well it's five hundred odd quid (?). Aye. Fantastic.

P12: We're supposed to be going on a trip somewhere.

P1: Ah right.

P13: We are. Yes.

Facilitator: Where are you going?

P12: I don't know. There's a meeting about it, to see what we're going to spend the money on.

P13: Cause it's for us.

P1: Good.

P12: Cause we do some things.

P1: Fantastic.

P13: (Go on?) we go out somewhere or do something. We don't know yet.

P11: I think if I was living with yous lot I'd be, I'd be taking the photos eh for (?) court.

P1: P11 moving to the East end?

Many voices: Ooooooh.

P11: Nah, not in this lifetime. [Laughter from the group]

P12: There was a thingy there... a proper car-caravan, cameraman.

Facilitator: What's up with the East end?

P1: He loves the West end.

Facilitator: Oh you love the West end?

P11: Yeah a professional...

P1: A proper camera man there?

P11: ...I'm just a novice.

P12: Actually I was thinking about you there's a job on, em... it's theatre in the north east and they're looking for...

P11: A photographer?

P12: Aye.

P13: See if you were living down there P11... you could of went on the fair.

P11: I did my exams in photography years ago, I might have to probably do...

Facilitator: Was that the fair...

P11: ...a course again.

Facilitator: ...the same one?

P13: Yeah.

Facilitator: Well let's give Trisha a round of applause for telling us about her message. [Clapping].

P13: Thank you, thank you very much I appreciate it.

Facilitator: P14 do you want to go next? Do you want to tell us what was in this one?

P14: It's got a TV.

Facilitator: What is it?

P14: A telly.

Facilitator: It's a TV?

P14: Uh huh.

Facilitator: Okay.

P14: It's blank.

Facilitator: It's Frank?

P14: It's blank.

Facilitator: Oh it's blank.

P1: It's blank.

Facilitator: Why is the TV blank?

P11: It's probably turned off. [Laughter]

Facilitator: And what have you written on there?

P11: It's to Richard.

Facilitator: Okay, it's to Richard, is that who you're sending it to? And why did you want to tell Richard about the TV?

P14: He used to watch... come here.

Facilitator: Aw, okay. So that was to someone who is not here anymore?

P14: Yeah.

Others: Aaaw.

P1: Lovely.

P14: It's his birthday on Saturday.

P1: Is he? It's his birthday? Richards?

P14: Uh huh. On Sunday.

P1: He used to come here?

P14: Uh huh.

P1: Aaaaaw, right.

Others: Aaaaaaaw.

Facilitator: So you're sending that to Richard, just to...

P14: He's moved now.

P1: He's moved now?

P14: Aye. (He was living beside me?)

P1: Right. Okay. Where does he live now?

P14: In new houses.

Facilitator: Yeah.

P14: Benwell. The new ones.

P1: Nearer where you are?

P14: No.

P1: Ah, okay. Was he a mate of yours was he?

P14: M-mate of mine.

P1: Right. And you don't keep in contact now do you not?

P13: (You make friends in life?)

P14: No, he lives a long way. He used to live next door to where (?)  
Boyfriend and girlfriend.

P1: Right.

P14: He used to come here.

P1: Okay. Do you know his surname?

P14: Richard Davies.

P1: Richard Havie? Any of yous remember him?

P11: I remember Richard, but I can't remember his surname. I'm  
sure there was a Richard...

P1: I'm sure if, if, a little bit of investigation then we could find him.

P16: He used to come here?

P1: P14?

P14: Yeah, a long time ago. He knows him.

P16: Yeah, I know him. It's Richard Fawcett.

P14: Faw-Fawcett.

P1: Richard Fawcett?

P16: He's got a girlfriend, but I think they're... I think they're split up.

P14: They're split up.

P16: I'm not sure (?)

Facilitator: And did you used to watch TV together?

P14: Yeah.

Facilitator: Where did you do that?

P14: (?)... downstairs.

Facilitator: In here? At Smart Skills or Bright Times?

P10: This very building. Aye at Skills.

Facilitator: At Smart Skills?

P14: He was bad.

Facilitator: He was bad?

P14: Yeah.

Facilitator: Is that why the TV's off?

P14: Aye.

Facilitator: Okay. Is there anything else you want to tell us about that?

P12: He's on about drop-in, in he?

P10: Aye, the drop-in, there used to be a drop-in.

P11: Yeah.

P16: There used to be a drop-in.

P10: Down the stairs...

P11: In room one. There was a drop-in years ago.

P14: Years ago.

[People talking over each other]

P11: People used to come in and watch the telly. All day, without doing any of the activities.

Facilitator: Where did they do that?



P12: Downstairs.

[People talking over each other]

Facilitator: So they just had a TV, you could watch what you liked?

P11: Yeah.

P16: And play pool, you could play pool.

P10: Aye.

Facilitator: So, is that something that you would like to see again?

P11: Ooh. Naw. No, they just sat there doing nothing, just watching telly.

P1: Sounds like P14 quite enjoyed it.

[Laughter]

Facilitator: Would you like them to do that again?

P14: Yeah.

Facilitator: Yeah, P14 would like them to do it again.

P11: When I used to come here just before the millennium, in 1999, with Lesley, there used to be people in the drop-in just watching the telly. And I thought, they only just come here to watch the telly and not do any of the activities.

P1: Let me just write that guy's name down.

P11: When that stopped all those years ago, they didn't come back again.

Facilitator: Oh.

P11: Aye.

P15: (College?)

Facilitator: They were at the College?

P15: (Near the coast road?)

P13: P11, I was the first one here at Skills and I came.

Facilitator: At the coast road, yes?

P13: Yes I was.

P15: I used to go there a long time ago.

Facilitator: And was there a drop-in there?

P13: I was the first one here.

[People talking over each other]

P12: Not Bright Times, you've just joined Trish.

P13: Yeah I did, that's right.

P11: You weren't here in 1999. Me and P16 were.

P16: (?)

P12: I think I joined 2000 or something.

P1: Anyway.

Facilitator: Anyway, we've got a lot of people to go around.

P1: Get focused.

Facilitator: P14, have you got anything else you want to say about that?

P1: Stay focused.

Facilitator: Okay, round of applause for P14. [Clapping]. Okay. P16, what was, what was your letter about?

P16: My letter, is your letter. Eh, we did it in 19...93, it started in 1991. We me mate. Eh. It's about Smart Skills. Eh. This is friend (name?) used to do it. And eh, people used to come

about 14 or 15 or 16. There was a chair, vice chair and a depute chair.

Facilitator: Yep.

P16: And it's been going a long time but I wish I could, I wish they could, I wish I could go back and do it again.

Facilitator: But can't you? Isn't Smart Skills on all the time?

P16: Eh... well the course I was on was called Speaking up for Yourself.

Facilitator: What was the course?

P16: Speaking up for Yourself.

Facilitator: Okay. So you would like to see like a new 'Speaking up for Yourself' course.

P16: Yeah. Eh. I wish I could do it again.

Facilitator: Yep.

P16: That would be good.

Facilitator: Oh cool.

P16: (Peter Miller did it?)

Facilitator: Yep.

P16: Beverly did it.

Facilitator: Yeah.

P16: Eh. I did it. (?). P14 Todd did it.

Facilitator: You did it? Aw, okay?

P14: I did, aye?

P16: And... the rest of my friends like, Joyce and that.

Facilitator: Yep.

P16: Richard Fawcett came to the second one, but he couldn't come to the first one.

Facilitator: And this is a long time ago, this is...

P16: ...that was a long time ago.

Facilitator: 1993?

P16: Yeah.

Facilitator: Cool, so anything else? So, you would like to see that come back, yeah?

P16: Yeah.

Facilitator: And that's what your letter's about?

P16: Yeah.

Facilitator: Yeah. Anything else you want to say?

P16: No.

Facilitator: Okay. So, we give P16 a round of applause? [Clapping] P11? What's your letter about?

P11: Exhibition park.

P12: Crashing into a tree! [Laughter] [8m 37s]

Facilitator: He didn't crash into the tree.

P11: No (?)

P12: He did on his bike (?)

P11: What in Exhibition park? No.

Facilitator: Oh, is that with the cycling, with Bright Times?

P11: No. We were pruning the trees in Exhibition park and that's what the picture is about.

Facilitator: So the tree is in Exhibition park?

P11: Yeah, pruning them. From the bottom.

P1: We keep Exhibition park tidy.

Facilitator: Do you?

P1: We are volunteers. We are friends of Exhibition park.

P11: Yes we are.

Facilitator: Okay. And is...

P15: (Can I tell you something?)

P11: And we go (bet?) every fortnight.

Facilitator: Do you like doing that?

P11: Yeah. I could have done the lake, em, on that, but it might have took us a while so I just drew a tree, pruning the tree.

Facilitator: So, you're not afraid of a bit of hard work?

P16: Getting all the rubbish out.

P1: Well that one... do you want to tell Facilitator about the day we built the straw barrier.

P11: That very long...

P18: Straw sausage.

P11: ...P18 and them did it as well and, em, I think you as well P10. Didn't you?

P1: P10, yeah.

P10: Aye.

P11: And I tell you, I tell you it was almost as long as the, em, lake itself.

Facilitator: So you put a barrier in the...

P1: What it was, was...

P11: Straw, we had to get straw.

P1: Barley straw.

P11: Barley straw. Put it in, compact it and then put another one. Tie it. And then start the next one. And it was very long when we finished it.

P1: The idea behind it is that it eventually gets soggy and sinks and the bacteria that gets, em, comes off the barley straw eats the algae so it stops the algae from building on top of the lake.

P13: That's clever.

Facilitator: Yeah that's cool.

P11: Yeah.

P1: And I think so far it seems to have done it, doesn't it?

P11: Yeah, you've got loads of photos haven't you? Of it?

Facilitator: So, is that something that you'll do again or do you just do that once and then you're done?

P1: We might have to do next year. If it's successful this year, we might have to do it next year.

P11: We could be doing Exhibition Park in the next, well in the next month or so aren't we?

P1: It was, it was, great fun but exhausting wasn't it.

P11: Yeah. We were absolutely shattered.

P1: We were.

P11: When we finished.

P12: (?) at P16tmas.

Facilitator: They do?

P15: Can I say, can I say something, sorry.

Facilitator: Released at P16tmas?

P12: I didn't make one because I wasn't there

P1: Your turn next P15.

Facilitator: And, are you, anything else you want to add P11? No? Yeah?

P11: Maybe we should do more of this in the future.

Facilitator: More of looking after the park?

P11: Yeah and something like this.

Facilitator: Like what?

P11: Like what we were doing like.

Facilitator: Like making letters?

P11: Yeah and, em, I think it would be a good idea.

P1: Large group activities, we have lots of activities but they are all like small little groups, having, getting together a large group like this is, is, fun isn't it?

P11: Yeah it is.

P13: Yes it's fun. Course it's fun.

P11: And who knows we can talk about it as much to our hearts content but putting them on paper and, em, possibly putting

them on the website or Facebook page, I think that would be a good idea.

Facilitator: Oh cool, yeah?

P1: Pictures, pictures will be on Facebook. I'll get them on.

P16: (?) do New Year.

Facilitator: You do New Year? What do you do at New Year?

P16: We did a play at New Year didn't we? We got dressed up P1?

P1: Is this New Years Eve parade?

P16: Yeah.

P1: Yes, yes.

P16: We're going to do another one aren't we?

P1: We're going to do another one. Yes. Wild Beasts, Dark Streets.

P16: If, if, if, if, it's on the, eh, thingy.

P13: Ooooooh. That sounds ominous.

Facilitator: In the theatre?

P16: Yeah.

P13: That's enough to frighten anybody. Keep away from the streets. Wild beasts are around.

P12: Is that what it is?

Facilitator: That's terrifying.

P13: Terrifying? I'm only joking.

[People talk over each other]

Facilitator: So, P11 and who were you sending your letter to?



P11: P1.

Facilitator: Oh yeah, that's right. Okay, so, everyone round of applause for P11. Thank you. [Clapping]. Okay. P15, you've been cutting things out and sticking them on.

P15: Uh huh.

Facilitator: Can you tell us a bit about what you did, what your letter is?

P15: (unclear)

[People talk over each other]

Facilitator: (?) what are the pictures?

P11: Let him speak.

P15: A lady and like a show dog right? Prizes for the show dog.

Facilitator: Yeah.

P15: The next one there's couple getting married.

Facilitator: Yeah.

P15: There's a lad and a young lady and he's (?)

Facilitator: Yeah.

P15: (Thank you very much?)

Facilitator: And is that about anything to do with Bright Times or any activity that you like?

P15: Can I ask? (unclear). Exhibition Park?

Facilitator: Yeah?

P15: Right. A long time ago used to be a police band.

Facilitator: Okay.

P15: A long time ago.

P1: Right, okay, that used to play in the band stand?

P15: (?)

P1: Ah right, that's what you mean.

P15: And they, a long time ago they had the police band. Then you have a police woman.

Facilitator: Uh huh.

P15: She sings (?) carol songs.

Facilitator: Carols?

P15: Uh?

Facilitator: Carols?

P15: No, a carousel.

Facilitator: Aw, a carousel, yes, yes.

P1: A carousel.

P13: P12's too tired. I'm still (wacked?)

P15: (unclear)

Facilitator: Yeah.

P13: Aw dear me everybody's yawning.

Facilitator: And when was that?

P15: Oh, oh, oh, a long time ago. But, them days were great.

Facilitator: So, would you like to see Bright Times have a band then?  
[Laughter].

P1: A police band in particular.

P15: (?) Oh aye, a police band.

P1: Was your dad in that? [14:17] Cause you're dad was a copper wasn't he?

P15: (unclear)

P16: No my dad.

P1: Aw right. Your dad wasn't a copper?

P15: He was a policeman.

P1: What was he?

P15: (Point duty?)

P1: A what?

P15: A (point of duty?). A policeman.

Facilitator: Yeah.

P13: Well, that's a policeman.

P1: Right.

P15: Aye. He used to be...

P16: My dad was a sergeant.

P15: Jesmond Road (?)

P1: I know yours was.

P15: ...Jesmond Road.

P1: Yeah. Both you, both you had fathers that were policeman didn't you?

P16: Yeah. My dad was a sergeant.

P15: He went down Jesmond road. Jesmond road (I can't think of his name?)

Facilitator: Uh huh.

P15: All over, he went to Norway with the Newcastle police force.

Facilitator: Was he in the band?

P15: No, no ,no. (Farmer Julie?)

Facilitator: Yeah. Cool and, eh...

P1: P15?

P13: In them days you would get a smack across the head if... (?)

Facilitator: Who are you sending your letter to?

P15: Aw, the marvellous man, P1.

Facilitator: To P1? Okay, so lets give P15 a round of applause.  
[Clapping.] P12 do you want to tell us what your letter was?

P12: Advertising the cycling.

Facilitator: Cool.

P12: The free, free cycling.

Facilitator: Yeah and you do that with Bright Times?

P12: Yeah.

Facilitator: Do you want to tell us a bit about that?

P12: It got three sections in cycling: advanced, beginners and adapted.

Facilitator: Uh huh.

P12: Ones who can't ride a two-wheeler bike.

Facilitator: Yeah.

P12: And in beginners you do go on rides but really short. But, experienced you go on longer rides. So...

Facilitator: So it gets you...

P12: Every two weeks. Every two weeks on a Wednesday for adapted and every two weeks on a Thursday for the beginners and the advanced, on alternative weeks. Maybe next week.

P11: Cause we can class the beginners and the experienced. Cause you would have literally two groups together. So one is earlier than the next.

Facilitator: Yeah.

P12: P10 doesn't know this, I'm going on the ride with (him?) next week.

Facilitator: Excellent. And is that, em, what do you enjoy about that? Is it for healthy-ness or for fun or...

P12: It's for fun and health, health, to get fit and lose weight.

Facilitator: Yeah. Cool.

P12: And it's em, I got a health problem with (me?) at the minute.

P16: We did...

P1: But it's mainly for fun.

Facilitator: Mainly fun?

P16: Yeah.

P12: I've got thingy.

P16: We did one yesterday, didn't we P1?

P1: We did yes, yes. We had a great time yesterday. My knees are killing us. [Laughter]

P11: I bet they are.

P16: And, em, it's really great. You have fun with your friends.

Facilitator: If the weather's good.

P12: And I go 'hello' to people...

P16: (?)

Facilitator: And you what, sorry? [17:02]

P12: And I go 'hello' to people when I'm past.

Facilitator: And you speak to people outside when you're cycling past?

P12: Yeah. 'Hello'.

P16: Like Margaret.

P12: 'I'm having a lovely day.'

Facilitator: Do you still do it if it's raining?

P12: Em, no.

P11: No.

[Everyone talks over each other.]

P1: We're fair weather cyclists Facilitator.

P13: I think if you went on a bike you'd go flying.

Facilitator: Okay. And eh?

P12: And I sing...

Facilitator: You sing?

P12: ...on the bike.

P1: Yes, that's...

P13: You're crazy!

P1: We all try to get as far away from P12 as possible when she's singing.

[Laughter. Everyone talks]

Facilitator: So is that not part of it?

P11: P12's a good singer.

Facilitator: Would you like there to be singing lessons on the bike?

P12: I don't know, it just gets us going. [Laughter]

P13: Get's you going, singing, is it?

P16: I, I, I sing on the karaoke.

Facilitator: Nice.

P13: Well that's different. You're not on the bike singing karaoke, are you?

P16: I do honest, I do sing eh...

Facilitator: Maybe you could do karaoke on the bike?

P15: (unclear)

Facilitator: You go where?

P16: I do it on a Friday.

P15: (Shoebox?)

Facilitator: Oh, a musical?

P15: Aye.

Facilitator: Maybe that's what you could do for...

P11: Can we move on?

Facilitator: ...New Year. Yeah. Sorry. [Laughter]. P12, who did you want to send yours to?

P12: People with learning disabilities.

Facilitator: Excellent. Okay let's give P12 a round of applause for her message. [Clapping.] P10?

- P10: Aye, well I've got, what I have sketched is a similar one to what P12 was saying. Eh. I sketched a picture of a bicycle and also a tree for, stands for exhibition park.
- Facilitator: Okay.
- P10: Em, like what P12 says. All I want is to ride a bike and do some cycling. I want to see other people with learning disabilities to do some cycling as well.
- Facilitator: Yeah.
- P10: (Take part?) (unclear) ...for the advanced cycling and eh, the others was the adapted cycling, to help people keep themselves healthy and fit and healthy.
- Facilitator: Yeah.
- P10: To get them out, out of the house all the time, to get a whole day out, a day out, a trip out, keep yourself healthy. Help you to lose weight. Also, cycling also is part of your leisure, pleasure riding, have a good time and good fun, socialising among other people.
- Facilitator: Yeah.
- P10: From other groups and that. Etc.
- Facilitator: Aw, do you meet, do you cycle with other groups too?
- P10: Well some of them are the members of the Bright Times team that wanted to go on the bike. It all depends who can ride a two wheeler bike and some of the others can't ride it too far and they have to go to the like, the adapted cycling to help people to learn how to ride a bike.
- Facilitator: Yeah.
- P1: Like today we had people from New Beginnings come up.



P10: New Beginnings some of them, aye that's right.

P1: Because our posters eventually managed to get to them, months later. And they came today so yeah, yeah, yeah.

P12: Is that where (?) Sid's from?

P1: Yes, Sid, Sid and P16topher were brand new today so they came from another group.

Facilitator: Aw right.

P11: So hopefully they'll come on the next one.

P10: Aye, that's right.

P12: They're going to join yous.

P11: Are they?

P10: Join us?

P12: Aye, next week.

Facilitator: Okay so it's fun, it's healthy and your socialising and meeting other groups as well. Anything else?

P12: It's P10's, em, can I speak on your behalf?

P10: Aye.

P12: P10 travels on his bike now to here.

Facilitator: Oh cool.

P10: Aye, that's what I've did.

P16: (He does that?)

P10: I travel on me own.

Facilitator: That's how you get...

P10: I'm independent, that's how I learn from, from the instructors, from the Hub.

Facilitator: Wow.

P12: I want to do it. But I don't know. [Laughs]

P11: From, from, from where you live?

P12: Yeah, I know the routes.

P10: Also eh (unclear?) enjoyed the, gardening with the, at the exhibition park.

Facilitator: The what again?

P10: Enjoyed doing the gardening.

Facilitator: The gardening?

P10: That's what the tree would stand for, for Exhibition park.

P12: But on the way back, the hill's like that.

Facilitator: Is that the hill at Westgate Road?

P15: Can I ask a question here?

P10: Aye.

Facilitator: I cycled up Westgate Road yesterday and I had to stop, half way up.

P1: Just do this now and ask in a minute.

P15: Sorry.

P10: And eh, we also, it's just a help to find something to do. And eh, we've got the funding for doing all the gardening. And we would like to go to that, visit to that Wylam brewery.

Facilitator: Oh yeah, the new one.

P10: And have look and see what it's like.

P13: [Laughs] I'm not going.

Facilitator: Does P1 know about this?

P1: I'm going to stick it on the list now. [Laughter.] Before I forget it.

Facilitator: Yeah.

P12: Aw, the (Lemington's?) closer.

Facilitator: Yeah.

P12: The (Lemington coal gozer?)

Facilitator: And anything else you want to add to that?

P10: Well (if I could add something else?) it's just I like to have people that, also we did, that help you repair your bike.

P11: Bike maintenance.

P10: Bike maintenance, at the cycle...

Facilitator: Yeah. So do you fix your own bike too?

P10: Just to learn, how to, taught how to ride, fix the, repair the punctures...

P16: Fix your punctures.

P10: ...and maintenance and all different types of maintenance.

Facilitator: Excellent. Excellent. And who did you want to send your letter to?

P10: To P1 Howe.

Facilitator: To P1, of course, excellent. Okay, thank you P10 [Clapping.]

P17: He's got most of the letters. Mine, I've, I've, I support Newcastle Falcons.

Facilitator: Newcastle Falcons?

P17: That letter going to Falcons for best of luck for the season.

Facilitator: Excellent. Why...

P10: How long have you been supporting the Falcons?

P17: Ah, too many seasons P10.

Facilitator: Yeah.

P12: Have you got a season ticket?

P17: Aye.

Facilitator: How are they getting on this season?

P17: I don't know, it don't start until September next month.

Facilitator: Right okay, how did they get on last season?

P17: Ah, we finished second bottom. [Laughter.]

P1: Which is good for them isn't it.

P17: Yes.

P1: They didn't get relegated.

P11: No, we didn't.

Facilitator: So, have you been on trips to see the Falcons and things?

P1: No, no, we...

P12: We did.

P1: ...we went to the Falcon's ground for a rugby league game.

P16: Yes.

P10: Aye.

P1: Cause we got free tickets.

P11: Newcastle Thu... Newcastle Thunder?

P17: Yes, Newcastle Thunder.

P1: Yes, Newcastle Thunder, a rugby league game.

P11: Newcastle Thunder versus York City Knights. Yeah. And Someone from York City Knights actually got injured.

Facilitator: Oh wow.

P1: Right in front of were, they got their leg broken.

P11: Yeah, his leg definitely.

Facilitator: Anything else you want to tell us about the Falcons?

P17: No?

Facilitator: No. And who is the letter to?

P17: Newcastle Falcons.

Facilitator: Excellent. Big round of applause.

P1: Fantastic. [Clapping]

P10: Brilliant man.

Facilitator: And eh, oh, we're missing someone.

P1: P19's just went to the toilet. He'll be back shortly.

P13: P19's just went to the...

P16: P19's went to the...

[People talk over each other.]

Facilitator: P18?

P18: Mine's about cycling. I couldn't go this morning cause I had a big meeting downstairs.

Facilitator: Okay. Anything else you wanted to add, we've heard a lot about the cycling, anything else?

P18: Not really no.

Facilitator: No, that's it, you're happy? And who was your letter sent to?

P18: Diane.

Facilitator: Diane? Okay.

P18: The lass that came up before.

Facilitator: Oh yeah, Diane that's downstairs. Okay, excellent [clapping].

P19: We're missing somebody.

Facilitator: No, we did Trisha first.

P19: Ah right, I'm sorry.

P13: It's alright.

Facilitator: Do you want to go again? [Laughter]

P13: One's enough. Me head's done in.

Facilitator: Okay, and...

P13: Not really I'm only joking you P1. P1, I'm only having a laugh.

P1: Sorry, I wasn't listening anyway so, but yes I know you like having a laugh.

P15: P1 can (unclear?)

P1: Yes, P15.

P15: I was going to ask you something there.

P1: Yeah.

P15: Do you remember a long time, the parks, used to have a park keeper?

P1: Yeah, I know, I know. Well that's one of the things that we talked to with Vinnie, who's a park ranger.

P15: Aye.

P1: They used to be, em, about five or six years ago there was about seven park rangers per park.

P15: Oh aye.

P1: Now...

P15: None.

P1: ...there's one park ranger to about four or five parks, it's, it's...

P15: (unclear?)

P1: And Newcastle, it's at the forefront of, and what's possibly going to be a nation wide thing, where the parks will become their own trusts.

P15: Aye.

P1: So instead of them being part of the council. They'll be independent.

P11: Yes.

P1: And that's never ever been done in England before.

P11: It'll be volunteers won't it?

P15: (unclear?)

P1: So I don't know if it's a good thing or a bad thing.

P15: (unclear?)

P1: Yeah. Things have changed. Oh, P19.

Facilitator: P19.

P19: Yes?

Facilitator: So we went round everyone and we've still to hear from you about your letter. Can you tell us what your letter is about?

P19: About Jesmond.

Facilitator: It's about Jesmond? Anything in particular about Jesmond?

P19: About the area in Jesmond. (Nice place?)

Facilitator: Yeah? What's the best thing about it?

P19: Nice scenery and it's nice when the weather is nice.

Facilitator: Yeah. Anything else you want to tell us about Jesmond or your letter?

P19: Just about what it used to be like. Em. Where people used to go, for respite when they used to go and they've moved now.

Facilitator: Excellent and who were you sending your letter to? A lot of people are sending them to P1.

P13: I'm not.

Facilitator: You're not? [Laughter]

P13: It's a joke sorry.

P1: I know, I know it's a good joke.

P13: (I'm going now if you're offended?)

Facilitator: If you could send your letter to anyone who would you send it to?

P19: Send it to the place where I go to maybe.

P13: P1?



Facilitator: What place is that?

P11: The hub.

P19: Yeah.

P13: P1, you can't report me to me sister.

Facilitator: Excellent, okay and round of applause for P19. [Clapping] We made it so...

P1: Fantastic.

Facilitator: I just want to thank you all for taking part that was fun.

P13: No problem.

P11: You're welcome.

Facilitator: Em, does anyone want to keep their letter? Or can I have it.

P12: You can have it.

P17: You can have mine of you want.

[People talk over each other.]

Facilitator: Any of them, do you want me to deliver this to Liz?

P12: You can have it for work.

Facilitator: I can have it for work? Okay.

P11: Put it up in your office.

Facilitator: What I'll do, I need to take them to the office to photograph them. But if it says who they are to, I can deliver them later on. Are you delivering yours?

P13: Yeah, I'm going to give them when I get back.

Facilitator: Excellent. Do you it's up to you, do you want to deliver it or do you want me to have it? Okay, thank you again everyone.

[People talk over each other.]

P1: Listen, P18, hang on shush, no you don't. P18 made the tea and the coffee, put the milk out and put the coffee in flasks and everything. So, I'd like to make sure that the cups are off the table and the flasks are in the kitchen and the cups in the washing machine. And if you all do a little bit, and also if the cups are clean put them back in the cupboard and if we all do a little bit it will get done really quickly.

Facilitator: P14, what was your friend's name again, the TV guy.

P14: (unclear?)

Facilitator: You don't remember. Richard?

P1: I'm going to organise taxis, P19 I'll organise you a taxi mate.

P19: Yeah, alright.

Facilitator: Thank you. Are you going to send it to him?

P19: It's his birthday on Sunday.

Facilitator: Are you going to give that to him? Can I take a photograph of it?

P15: What are you going to do with them?

Facilitator: Don't worry about that, I'll tidy all that up.

P15: Will I find out about that thing? Downstairs?

Facilitator: Yeah, I'll pop down and ask about the pottery for you. There you go, thank you. Cool. Okay, don't worry about this I'll... do you want a cake to take away?

P15: Yeah.

Facilitator: There's a cake there.

P15: Thank you.

Facilitator: Might as well finish them.

P15: (unclear?)

Facilitator: Say that again.

P15: I had an operation in me eye.

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