

Transcripts of clips from the LEGACY page

Clip 1 (Lurline):

A lot of, I know of quite a few of the boys then, after left Weavers, they will come back and work voluntarily at Weavers. Because it's what Weavers provide for them, and that, you know, facility and the love, they take it out there, and show others, this is, this is where I am coming from, Weavers Adventure Playground.

Clip 2 (Lurline):

Lurline: Generations have changed. The kids are now, it's not so much play anymore. It's computer. They are missing out on the best part of their life, playing. Because playing is a part that you grow your body, you make your bones strong, you know? My grandson has been there most every day.

Interviewer: Oh. How old is your grandson?

Lurline: 23.

Interviewer: 23. And is he from your..

Lurline: My first daughter.

Interviewer: Your first daughter.

Lurline: Yes. So he has been going there since he was a baby.

Clip 3 (Zaffer):

I think a lot of the kids don't appreciate why they're here. When they leave, and they get older, and they think, 'Oh, we used to have a laugh over there.' Because they can't come here, because they can't, once they're sixteen, they can't come here. But even, we do youth work up to eighteen, or, 21. Yeah it'd be good but, I can't see that happening for at least, ages now, because of the funding, and, things like that.

Clip 4 (Linda):

Oh. When... When it was a six weeks holiday, or any holidays, there was no doubt in your mind, you wasn't going to the debris, you wasn't going to any building yards. You... It was like a, you know, you'd say to, 'Right, ten o'clock tomorrow, okay, yeah, all meet here,' you know. And then you'd meet, and your parents didn't even walk you. You had to walk across a busy main road. But there may have been ten or twelve of you. And once you got in there, once you got into Weavers Adventure, that was it, it was like... It was like kid city.

You just got in there and it was like, it was such an amazing place, you knew you were safe, there was never any bullying that went on, that I knew about. You know, you was, you was given food; if you hurt yourself, 'Oh come, come,' you know. And we went away with them. For them to trust,

for my parents to trust them enough for us to go away. You know, and I can remember getting sunburnt, and, 'Oh come, come, come, we'll put more cream,' and, you know, it was like a, just such a family experience. It was really lovely.

Clip 5 (Valerie):

Well I think that when kids are enjoying themselves, and happy, then they, become who they are, don't they. You know, they're not putting on an act. They're not being something that they have to be, you know. Whereas I think at school, my son's very much, he'll come and ask, 'Well why didn't you ask the teacher?' 'We're not allowed.' 'Why didn't you do this?' 'We're not allowed.' 'Why did you...?' 'We're not allowed.' You know, 'Why didn't you do that?' 'Oh I didn't know if I could.' You know, it's all that kind of stuff. And about fear I guess really.

And I think those kind of places take away that fear. You know, you can talk to the adults, you can use their first name, and, you know, things like that, that adults are not this scary kind of person; they're just, people there to, you know, lift the big heavy things, or do... You know, that sort of thing. And to make sure you're safe.

Clip 6 (Zaffer):

This place has been here since 1972, '74, and we've managed. We've had some difficult times. Sometimes we haven't had no funding, or just the bare minimum. And like now, we all get together to keep it open. The parents want to keep it open, because they used to come here; now their kids come here. Their kids' kids come here. A lot of the staff, I mean, Alanna, and Errol, I used to know them when I was, when I was young. Alanna, I used to, she, we used to hang about together. She used to bring me home sometimes, with her friends, like the friends would drop each other off.