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Friday's a beach; Lydney

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WHITECROSS leisure centre was transformed into a tropical playground for an un-seasonal session of beach volleyball.

A total of 87 children hit the temporary beach as part of the Friday Night Project.

Lydney is the third town to host the ground-breaking youth project after 12-week stints in Cinderford and Sedbury before Christmas.

The scheme is the brainchild of Jono Bowdler from the Forest of Dean district council's leisure services department. He said he was delighted with the way the Lydney sessions had been panning out.

He said: "We had 87 teenagers turn up on Friday to take part in the volleyball, dance mats and team challenges.

It was a really good session and it was fantastic to see so many young people taking part in the activities.

"We've increased numbers every week which is really positive.

We hope we can keep the momentum going as the children tell their friends and more people find out about it."

The council has issued its thanks to Drybrook builders' merchants Hale and Co, who supplied the sand.

This Friday there will be skate ramps and a climbing wall between 7 and 9pm.