Focus Group Questions

1. Has your child’s use of the space changed since their first initial visit and if so how?
2. What do you feel your child has gained in coming to the Discovery Space?
3. What do you feel your child has gained in coming to the Discovery Space as opposed to another play space?
4. Can you explain some of the ways in which your child has interacted at the various experiences?
5. Can you explain some of the ways in which your child has interacted with other children and / or adults (i.e. Yourself, staff and volunteers) in the space?
6. Have you noticed any social, cognitive or emotional growth in your child which could be attributed in part or whole to their visits?
7. Does your child like to explore whilst here or focus on a particular experience? If your child focuses on one experience, why do you believe that is?
8. If the children are of an age where they are verbal perhaps ask who instigates DS visits – is it the child asking to come or the parent / carer?
9. Reflecting on your child’s play at the Discovery Space is there anything they or you have replicated at home? For example, has your child referred to the supermarket as the “marketplace” and have they shown greater interest in choosing food items? Has your child shown greater interesting in burying things in a sandpit and uncovering them later? Has your child shown greater interest in craft or creating things?
10. Have you discovered something about your child that surprised you (i.e. looking to see if the parent has noticed a particular confidence in an area or attraction to art or music etc that they may not have displayed elsewhere)?
11. What is an appropriate way to approach you for participation on future Discovery Space activities?