

Luton Youth Service – update of youth work – March 08

The Luton Youth Service has received verbal feedback from Ofsted and views are the youth service will obtain a good Ofsted result when the report is published in the spring. The youth service is now progressing towards integrated youth support services from April 2008 in conjunction with the Connexions service.

The youth centres in the North/Central area continue to offer a variety of opportunities for young people during their leisure time some examples of this work are outlined below:

- Some young people are currently involved in an arts programme called 'Masala Mix 2008' which will see performances held in the library theatre, this project is targeted at girls and Bollywood dance style is popular. This project is a youth service and arts development partnership.
- A Dance & Movement course is planned targeting disabled young people, after school projects taking place are caperioa music/martial arts and street dance is offered to young people at our two key centres in the north area: Sundon Park Youth Centre and Lea Manor Youth Centre.
- The youth work team have supported interactive drama productions called 'Body & Soul' at both Lealands and Icknield High Schools focussing on healthy lifestyles.
- The Boom Bus is still temporary located in the Sundon Park shop area on Friday nights and plans to work on a joint 'Dunk & Dance' project are underway with Active Luton and the local community police. It is hoped the young people can utilise a local basketball area on Friday nights with professional coaches on hand to develop their skills, complimented by dance in the youth centre.
- Half term courses in February were held at Lea Manor YC with young people taking part in desktop publishing, food & hygiene and first aid.
- The youth work team are currently working in partnership with the Marsh Farm Trust to recruit and support two detached youth workers on Friday nights on the marsh farm estate and to look at the possibility of opening the youth centre on Saturdays targeting 16-19yr olds.
- Events coming up: International girls' and young women's event 5th March, Easter residential week away to Dorset and BMX track launch day.