

COMMITTEE: NORTH LUTON AREA

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SUBJECT: LUTON YOUTH SERVICE – INTEGRATED YOUTH SUPPORT
(BULLET POINT UPDATE)

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Integrated Youth Support (IYS)

The IYS team in the north area of Luton has worked with a number of young people across the area both within youth centres and in schools. Our work involves informal education and learning opportunities organised by youth workers and information, advice & guidance by personal advisors. Below is a brief outline of just some of our youth projects that have taken place recently and some forthcoming events:

Summer Project 2009

The north summer project saw a variety of activities organised by youth workers for young people aged 13-19yr olds at both our key youth centres and across the area. Activities and accreditation opportunities included:

Sundon Park YC – Scuba Diving, mountain biking, bike safety, urban arts, self defence, media project and a week long residential to Wales where 18 youths enjoyed a variety of outdoor adventure activities.

Lea Manor YC – three week friendship scheme for young people with disabilities and young people volunteers, Go-karting, outreach, canoeing and paddle power and a end of project summer fun day.

Area youth work – weekly trips out to Drayton manor & Thorpe park theme park, Brighton, London Treasure Hunt and Gt.Yarmouth.
A cycle proficiency course was organised, the mobile youth bus was used regularly, canoeing & sailing and a BMX competition took place.

Personal Advisors organised weekly sessions on the boom bus for young people not in education, employment or training and worked at schools on exam day.

Boom Bus

The mobile youth bus provision has been a regular feature in the Runfold area as an identified hot spot. Youth workers are engaging with 13-17yr olds who are not accessing current youth provision and this has proved a success with young people/parents. The bus provision has expanded to include Tuesday & Friday evenings in Limbury and Wednesday evening in a marsh farm hotspot.

New Limbury club

Young people in the Limbury area have for some time been vocal about not having any youth facilities in the local area and around the park where they meet with friends. Youth workers are now liaising with Community Development to run a new weekly youth club based in the Limbury Community Centre for a three-month pilot project. It is hoped this new provision will be launched during national youth work week in November and young people will organise the event to show how they have been resourceful and resilient in setting up their local youth club.

Outreach/Saturday club

The Marsh Farm trust provided short term funding for the youth work team to develop an outreach programme targeting 'older' Asian youths aged 16-19yrs and young people in the marsh farm area that may not be accessing local youth provisions. This has developed well with youth workers working on the streets of marsh farm with over 30 young people and most of these young people are now accessing a new Saturday afternoon youth club based at Lea Manor YC. The group have recently organised a Go-Karting day trip to Northampton.

Young Voice

The north areas young voice group continues to meet and are planning how they can be involved and organising around national youth work week. Future work for group will be consulting with other local young people about weekend openings and they have made links with the borough wide LYTE group. Some of the group members will be achieving volunteer awards via the V project for the positive contribution they have made in the community.

PA's School Work

The north area personal advisors (PA's) are based in our four senior high schools and offer information, advice and guidance with a focus on students in years 9-12. Group work and mainly 1 2 1 work with young people on careers and further education opportunities is available. PA's also work with young people who have left formal education 16-19yr olds that may not be in education, employment or training (NEET) and engage with them in the community.

A weekly NEET club is planned to open in the North with extra support for the 16-19yrs, due to the economic climate this is a difficult time for this age range with less employment opportunities available.

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