



★ Network's Got Talent! ★

Following the success of last year's Stars in their Eyes talent show we decided to organise a similar event this year in order to showcase young people's talent and help them to build confidence and self-esteem.

As well as the talent show we used the opportunity to carry out some fundraising by organising a tombola, a lucky dip and a raffle which young people helped to set up and run.

The judges on the night were Tony Cotson from St Johns Church, Malcolm Mathias and Cllr Rosie Nicola who all did a fantastic job of encouraging the young people. The young people had all practiced incredibly hard in their sessions for weeks leading up to the night and this really showed in the quality of the performances. On the night we had acts including singers, dancers, a band and a magician. At the end of the show all of the performers and young people from the audience ran on to the stage and did the final dance together which was a great way to the end the show. In total the event raised £180 and this will go towards activities for young people.

We would like to thank all the young people who took part, all the parents/guardians and anyone else who came to the show. A huge thank you to Len Cowburn who donated £250 towards young people's activities. We would also like to thank the judges for taking the time to be part of the event and Janet Snell for helping display the quilt that the young people made and speaking to the public about the project. A huge thank you also goes to Winfields Outdoor Store, Kingston Cycles and Baby Boutique for their incredibly generous raffle donations!

Fraisthorpe Trip

This year we decided that our big summer trip would be to Fraisthorpe Beach. On the day 49 young people came along with all the staff from the project. Although the weather was not brilliant, everyone was in high spirits and looking forward to a great day.

We started off by splitting the young people into groups of 10 and got them to work as a team to build the best sandcastle and fort using interesting things they found on the beach.

After lunch there was a choice of activities, with some choosing to play cricket, football and rounders and others preferring to go paddling in the sea. The sea was really cold but everyone enjoyed having a paddle particularly the youth workers!

We left a little earlier than we'd originally planned as most of the group were wet and cold and keen to get back to the project. All the way back the group were laughing and joking and talking about how much fun they'd had.



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Fishing Trips

A number of young people had spoken to staff to ask if we would arrange a fishing trip during the summer holidays. We were successful in a funding application to 'Get Going This Summer' and so arranged two fishing trips to Oak Road Fishing Pond. We decided to aim this activity mainly at young people who were new to the project and hadn't previously been offered the opportunity to take part in trips. 5 out of the 11 young people who attended had never been fishing before and every single one of them told staff at the end of the day that they would like to go again.



The Big Lunch!

This year The Big Lunch event was a collaboration between Hessle Road Network, St John's Church and ASDA, our role was to provide the venue as well as some activities for the young people who attended.



There were three acts performing; a magician, a troupe of dancers and a dog show. All three were very engaging and the audience (young people and their parents) seemed to really enjoy them, the dancers were particularly impressive! The event ran alongside a 'Toads Revisited' event which was taking place at the same time on Massey Street Fields and plenty of people attended both events.

Girls' Sports Event

To help encourage female participation and confidence in sports we organised a girls' sports day. The event lasted for two hours and was a really positive and fun experience for everyone involved. The activities that took place included volleyball, dodgeball, races and Just Dance, all the girls took part and they enjoyed the range of activities.

