

October-December Christmas Activities!



As always we organised 2 Christmas parties this year one for the older group 13+ year olds and one for the 9-12 year olds.

For the younger group we arranged a disco, Christmas games like 'pin the carrot on the snowman' as well as a dance off, sing off, limbo dancing, crafts and lots of party food! In total 31 young people attended and really enjoyed the activities on offer.



We then organised a Christmas dinner for all the young people who attend the Monday and Wednesday older sessions who were invited to the project for a meal and games before breaking off for Christmas.

These activities were a great way to end the sessions before the Christmas break and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves – particularly the Youth Workers!

Young people approached staff to say they'd like to start a Christmas Choir and perform at a local residential homes.



The group rehearsed regularly in their sessions and as the weeks led on more young people wanted to join in and we

ended up with 13 young people taking part .



On the 10th December we visited 2 local residential homes and everybody was both excited and nervous. After introducing themselves the group sang four songs, one of which involved five solo parts.

Voice and Influence The theme of youth work week this year was 'Have Your Voice Heard' and so we took this opportunity to encourage young people to get more involved in what goes on in their community. We invited Cllr Hale, Cllr Fudge and Cllr Nicola to come along to a Question & Answer session with a group of 19 young people aged 9-17 to look at some of the local issues that are currently affecting them. The young people had lots of questions and were keen to express their views on the local area to representatives of the council. In order to ensure that we involved as many young people as possible, prior to the meeting, we canvassed young people from across all of the sessions and asked them to come up with any questions they'd like to ask or comments they'd like to make which we could pass on.



A lot of the comments and questions were around similar themes such as the provision of play equipment, litter in the area, street lighting, youth project provision and issues within schools particularly around bullying. All of the questions were then collated and young people volunteered to ask them on the night. As well as the pre-prepared questions the group came up with subsequent questions and some really interesting discussions took place.

Halloween!

As part of our October half term activities we organised a Halloween party. Young people were put in teams of 5 and took part in a number of challenges. Challenge 1 was for 1 member of the team to try eating a doughnut that was hanging on a piece of string without using their hands. The next challenge was to dress a member of their team as a mummy in the shortest amount of time, all of the groups worked really well together during this challenge. The final challenge involved the whole team getting a balloon through their legs and over their heads in the quickest time which caused a great deal of hilarity!

After the games the session finished up with food and drinks in the Youth Room accompanied by more Halloween inspired arts & crafts activities.



ASDA Visit

We were asked to take part in a 'Seeing is Believing' visit organised by Business in the Community. The purpose of the visit was to give business leaders from the area the opportunity to see the impact of their support on schools, community organisations and charities.

This visit was being co-ordinated in partnership with ASDA and as we had received a substantial grant from ASDA when we first moved into Network Young People's Centre they asked if we'd like to take part in the visit.

On the day there were 21 delegates who attended along with representatives from Business in the Community and ASDA

The delegates ended the day at Network Young People's Centre where they enjoyed a lunch provided by ASDA and took part in table discussions with young people from Sirius West and Sirius North.

Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

Trip

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The young people did well to sit through the entire performance and stay engaged with the orchestra as some of the pieces were very long. We later discussed the performance. The young people said that it had been different to how they expected in some respects but that they really enjoyed it.

