

Accrington Rd Youth Club



Boys Group/Mental Health Project participated in 2 different residential which were all about outdoor pursuits and group work, full of fun, on mental and sexual health awareness.



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Does anyone recognise this young man, well if you want to know what he has been up to and who he is then act fast and turn to page 3.



Hi this is Tanya and Sophia
Welcome to the second part of the newsletter where we get to find out more about the youth club. Every Mondays we go on computers in the posh suite.

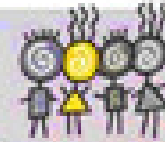
Kiran is a really nice and funny youth worker.
Shabs is just sound.
Atty is fun he helps people find jobs plus gives us word searches to participate in to win money.
We also take part in other fun activities, come along and find out.

Hello I am called Dominic and I go to Accy Rd youth club, it is on every Monday and Wednesday. We take part in lots of activities such as football, cricket, pool, group work and not to forget the fun and games which are top.



Residential trips to Alston

The residential was run with the aim of raising awareness of problems associated with mental and sexual health relating to depression, suicidal behaviour, safe sex and sexually transmitted infections. Young people and staff wanted to work on these issues away from the comfort zone of the Youth Club, so that they could feel free and open up to any matters concerning them. Young people supported staff in the planning and running of the residential. All the young people participated in outdoor activities which were abseiling, canoeing, gorge walking and night line. Not just that, the fun part was when we had to do the washing up and clean the whole building of the mess we made.



Interview with John Poulson acting Youth Service manager

by John Jo, Micky Young and Joe Farron

Hello, my name is John Poulson and I am head of the Youth Service, I manage the admin team and the Youth Work managers across the borough as part of the Education and Training Department.

What does the Youth Service offer to young people?

In Blackburn we have our own Youth Service, there are 130 openings a week, some are youth clubs, some detached work and special projects such as Duke of Edinburgh Award and project work with voluntary organisations. There are at least 118 staff, most of whom work part time from 3 - 20 hours a week, some paid staff such as me and Shabs, and unpaid staff like Kiran. Most staff go through a training programme to become qualified and all have a police clearance check.

Our targeted age group is 11 - 21 but we concentrate on the 13 - 19 age group. We offer education in their leisure time, which is called social education or learning for life. Young people learn how to be adults, build confidence, how to apply for jobs and training, how to handle money and learn how to develop relationships, boy/girl friends for example. We also work around healthy living with sports, sexual health awareness, drugs, smoking, alcohol and other risks that confront young people. Young people take part in, and help to organise, trips and residential or just chill out in the youth club and meet new people. All this education takes place outside the formal school format.

Youth work is never boring (often challenging), it is good to work with young people, they are fun, very energetic and always full of ideas.



Where do we go to find out more?

You can visit your local youth club or community centre where clubs are based, visit the advice and information shop (they have a free-phone line). We also have an information bus and a web site which provides all the information about the Youth Service.

If you are interested in any activities at the club then please come and visit us at

Accrington Rd Youth Club.

For more details and information see back page.

PROFILE OF GRAHAM RICHARDSON ALSO KNOWN AS GREZ

AGE: 15

AREA: Whitebirk

SPORT: Football and running

FAVOURITE FOOD: Mc Donalds and curries

SUBJECT: P.E. English

FAVOURITE FOOTBALL TEAM: Newcastle United

HOBBIES: Decks me, playing pool and chilling with friends

FAVOURITE MUSIC (GROUP): Christina Aguilera

FAVOURITE CAR: Porsche 911

FAVOURITE FRIEND: Vanessa

FAVOURITE PROGRAMME: Eastenders

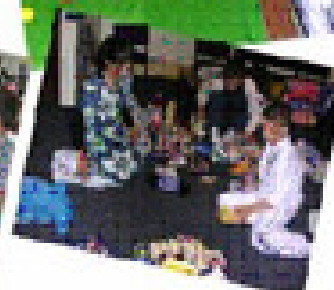
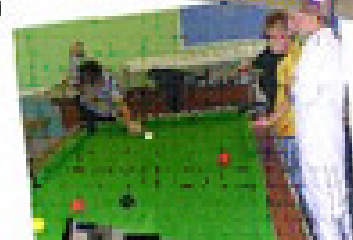
FAVOURITE COUNTRY: England and Benidorm, Spain

FAVOURITE ASIAN PERSON: Richard Blackwood and Shabs



SLEEPOVER

A group of young men participated in a stay over at the youth club. The young men, stayed up all night and took part in various activities such as computer tuition, a group work activity on various activities such as drugs and sexual health awareness and a general knowledge quiz delivered by the young people themselves, pool and table tennis competitions and not to forget all the juicy food that we had after shopping at the local Tesco superstore. Thanks to the young men for making a long night into a good night, from Kiran, Sami and Brian.



Discussion Show with Richard Blackwood

A small group of young people took part in a BBC discussion show on issues of racism, bullying and youth offending. Discussion was based on the the young peoples life experiences and the problems they have encountered. The programme was televised nationally on BBC Learning Zone. Thanks to:

Jason Currie, Graham Richardson (Grez), Craig Hawley (Pec), Bashir Ahmed (Bash) and Kiran and Atty.

JOKES

Q. What did the traffic light say to the car?

A. Excuse me I'm getting changed.

Q. What's the red house made of?

Red bricks.

Q. What's the blue house made of?

Blue bricks.

Q. What's the green house made of?

Glass.

By Jordan

Q. What do you get if you pour boiling water down a rabbit hole?

A. Hot cross bunnies.

INFORMATION CORNER

Blackburn with Darwen youth service
Tel 01254 585826 www.blackburnworld.com

YOUTHORG www.youths.org.uk

DRUGSCOPE www.drugscope.org.uk

BULLYING www.scre.ac.uk/bully

SEXUAL HEALTH www.iketts.org.uk

INFORMATION SHOP www.somepeople.info

BROOK ADVISORY CENTRE www.brook.org.uk

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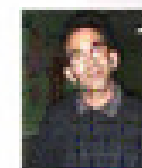
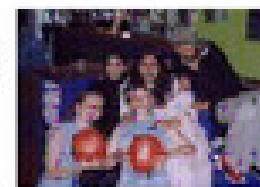
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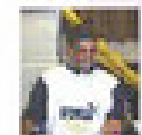
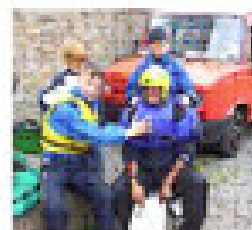
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MONDAY 6 - 9pm Open youth club
WEDNESDAY 6 - 9pm Open youth club
THURSDAY 5 - 9pm Girls group
SATURDAY 1.30 - 4pm Boys group/
mental health project
JOB SEEKING AT YOUTH CLUB EVERY
WEDNESDAY WITH ATTY