



Youth Bus Update – June 2015

The summer holidays may not be with us yet but the summer weather has been, and it's an ideal time for young people to be out and about across the district. We are continuing to run up to five sessions a week on the bus and even with staffing changes (read more below) we still have a busy schedule over the next few months.

We are now taking **bookings for the summer!** Our summer schedule is looking rather full and we can't wait to be out and about. We have had a lot of interest for summer events including Ombo Fest, Pershore Plum Festival, Salt Fest and lots more. If you are keen for the Youth Bus to attend your summer event please don't hesitate to contact Rob Mace on 07773 031205 or email youthbus@wychavon.gov.uk.

Daisy heads back to university! ☹️



June has been a sad month for the youth bus as our 12 month student placement has come to an end. **Daisy Heselden** has finished her time with us to go back to university to complete her final year. We caught up with her for an interview to find out how her year on the bus has been and what she learnt as a result.

What have you most enjoyed about your 12 months on the bus?

I've loved every minute of working on the bus and with the Youth Bus team. I particularly enjoyed working closely with young people and building relationships with the local communities. Another aspect that I enjoyed was all the training opportunities. I've learnt so much and can't believe how quickly the year has gone.

What's been your favourite session or activity?

My favourite session has to be the SOS fest in 2014. The turn out of people was incredible and it was amazing to see and hear how everyone loved the bus.

Best new addition to the bus?

For me it was definitely the in-built heater, but all the lighting is incredibly helpful and pretty cool too.

Would you like to do more youth work in the future or strictly events management?

After this year I've decided it's definitely something I would like to do in the future. It's a fantastic atmosphere to work in.

Has it changed your impression of youth services?

Definitely! There's a lot more to it than you think. The background work of youth providers is amazing and they deserve a lot of credit.

It's been your first time on a youth bus and your first time in Wychavon, how did you rate the experience? Will you be a future council tax paying resident, or can't you wait to get back to Brighton?

Wychavon is a lovely place and I am so glad I got to spend the year working around such a beautiful location with some amazing people. Although I miss Brighton and the beach, it's impossible to know where I will end up.

Three things you have learnt on the bus?

I've learnt so much about youth provision in Worcestershire. Meeting people from different agencies has been a real eye opener to the amazing services Worcestershire provide for young people and families.

I've learnt about all the lovely villages in Wychavon, although it's very easy to get lost!

I've mastered the art of Mario Kart on the Wii and Soul Caliber on the Xbox! Rob will be glad to get rid of me so he can start winning again!

Your favourite overplayed pop song?

Close choice between Cheerleader (OMI) or Wiggle (Jason Derulo)! These songs will definitely remind me of my time on the youth bus!

What next for the Youth Bus, any ideas?

To carry on providing the services and reaching out to many more young people. I also think delivering even more sessions on delicate subjects in the college or school environment will benefit many young people and promote the service the Youth Bus provides.

Tell us about your plans for the year ahead and what do you think you will do after you graduate?

I plan to have a chilled summer with my family down in Brighton before all the hard work towards my final year of university in September begins. After I graduate I would love to travel the world and learn about different cultures, but a full time job and raising money for my travels is looking more likely for now.

Hopefully Daisy will catch up with us all on the bus at some point in the future, but in the meantime we wish her good luck for her final year and a massive thank you to her for her help on the bus...she will be missed.



Assistant Youth Bus and Communications Worker

Fixed term contract (Sept 2015 – Aug 2016) | £200/week | 37hrs/week

The role

We are looking for a **student undergraduate** to assist in the effective delivery of the Wychavon Youth Bus. This will involve the delivery of positive activities for 11-17 year olds in rural locations on the youth bus. As part of the Strategy and Communications team the post will also assist with the promotion and marketing of the youth bus and developing the project to meet the needs of young people in the area.

The post holder will ideally be available to commence the placement from September 2015 until August 2016.

This is a busy role in an innovative service area as we are one of a few youth bus projects in the country and it will provide great experience to support your degree.

Closing Date: 2 August 2015

For key requirements and further information go to: <http://tinyurl.com/nfav3yb>

Visit: [The Youth Bus](#) for more information on the bus

Informal enquiries can be made to:
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Roadshow success

Last month's **roadshow of services for 0-19s** was a real success with up to 100 people getting onboard and new service users getting involved. We are already looking ahead to later in the year to run something similar again and have invited partner agencies like **Wychavon Early Help** and **Outside Centre** to join us for more sessions over the summer. The Youth Bus provides a useful way for organisations to engage with rural communities and we welcome more agencies getting on board.

