Youth Bus Update
January 2016

It may be a rainy and dull start to the year but our winter program continues and we are all geared up for 2016. We’ve got lots of new projects and scheduled stops that will be taking place so here’s your first update of the year on what we’ve been up to over the last month.

Festive Fun on the Bus

The Inkberrow Christmas party went off with a bang (quite literally with all the Christmas crackers we bought!). The trimmings were up, the Christmas music videos were blasting via the outside screen, Christmas films were being show on board and lots of festive-inspired activities were available for you to get involved with. These included a Christmas themed quiz (hosted by our very own quiz master, Lee), ‘Pin the Nose on Rudolph’ and Christmas card making. And of course the party food went down a storm… It was a fun filled night and we hope to be back BIGGER and better next Christmas! Suggestions always welcome 😊

“Thank you to the Youth Bus Team for an excellent party in Inkberrow” - Parent

Mixing it Up

We finally updated the mixing desk on board the bus as the last one was rather worn. Thanks to DJ Supplies in Kidderminster we sourced a new Numark DJ console, which makes a sparkling addition to the bus and it sounds great too with a five band EQ (lots of extra sliders to play with).
Spotlight on… Sam

One of the Youth Bus regulars is joining the team to do a bit of work experience over the next couple of months so we thought we would catch up with him and introduce him to you all.

Name: Sam
Age: 17 years
Current Position: Student at South Worcestershire College
Course: Plumbing and Heating (Level 1)
Youth Bus Member: Five years

So Sam, what are your reasons for wanting some work experience?

I need to complete a certain amount of hours work experience for my college course, but I also want to do it so that I have experience to reference on my C.V. as I know that employers aren’t just concerned with academic achievements anymore, they also look at the practical experience people have had.

Is there anything in particular that you are hoping to gain from working on the Youth Bus?

My main aim is to improve my communication skills with others and I am hoping the bus will provide me with the opportunity to do this as it is a brilliant service that helps lots of young people. These skills will be really beneficial to me in the future, both personally and when attending interviews for jobs when I have finished my course.

What are your aspirations for the future then Sam?

At the moment I am concentrating on completing my college course and getting good grades. I really want to do well. Another option, if the plumbing and heating doesn’t work out, is that I would like to train as an electrician because I enjoy manual labour and being ‘hands on’.

Wychavon Community Recognition Awards

If you know someone or a community organisation that deserves to be recognised for the work they do then this is a great chance to acknowledge and thank them for their efforts. Please see the attached poster for more details. The nomination form is also attached.

Deadline for Entries: WED 10 FEBRUARY 2016

NEXT STOP: DEFFORD YOUTH CLUB…

Last month we teamed up with New Generation Youth Club – a new youth club that launched on Friday 13 November at Defford Village Hall. The session was a great success and much fun was had by both young people and staff. A big thanks to all of the volunteers who have set up the club and we are hoping to be back regularly in 2016.

“Thanks so much guys the kids loved it and haven’t stopped telling everyone hope to see you soon” – Youth club volunteer

UPCOMING YOUTH BUS DATES…

Our new bus schedule for February to April will be available very soon so do get in touch if you want a visit in your area. You can also catch us at some of our next stops including:

- Wednesday 13 January
  - Inkberrow Village Hall
  - 5.30-7pm
- Wednesday 20 January
  - Badsey
  - 4-6.15pm
  - Bretforton
  - 5.30-6.30pm
- Friday 22 January
  - Inkberrow Village Hall
  - 5.30-7pm
- Wednesday 27 January
  - Middle Littleton
  - 4.5-6.15pm
  - South Meadows
  - 5.30-6.30pm

Thought for the Month

‘Everybody is a genius. But, if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will spend its whole life believing that it is stupid.’

Albert Einstein