



Outer East Community Committee newsletter

A round up of the business meeting and youth workshop held on 8th September 2015



Our young people speak up

Children and young people gave their views when they met outer east Leeds councillors for a theme-based workshop.

Our workshops enable people to help shape projects which are important in their area. The June workshop was to a packed hall at Temple Newsam House and the latest, held on 8th Sept, came close to filling the venue at the Brigshaw Trust conference room in Vicars Court, Allerton Bywater.

16 children and young people came to the meeting and joined in a discussion with members of the public, councillors and service providers. The hour-long brainstorm saw eight tables alive with non-stop chatter as ideas kept on coming.

Led by Glen O'Malley and Deeta Tren-Humphries from the Youth Service, the discussions resulted in more than 50 ideas coming forward.

Officers will now work these up into projects and agree with ward members a way forward in early October. Anyone reading this and wishing to add an idea can email it to us at

southeast.ast@leeds.gov.uk

A key aspect of the discussion was the Youth Activity Fund – an annual pot of money for activity providers to bid into to deliver activities to benefit local children and young people. This year approx £83,000 was available and 70% has been awarded so far.

For more information or an application pack, please get in touch with the *Communities Team - South East* on **0113 247 5536** or **southeast.ast@leeds.gov.uk**

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The Outer East Community Committee workshop gets underway and Cllr Helen Hayden explains the key topics to be investigated.

Our social media channels:



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What the children and young people are saying

Questions and answers from the Youth workshop:

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| <p>Q) How should the Council make best use of the Youth Activity Fund (YAF) and any other activity grants for children and young people?</p> <p>i) Fitness / exercise based activities and facilities</p> <p>ii) Fund organisations with a good record for delivering activities for young people</p> <p>iii) Some young people would like activities delivered away from where they live</p> <p>iv) There needs to be a range of activities including: confidence building; life style; emotional; volunteering leading to qualifications and assistance with getting employment</p> | <p>Q) What are your concerns about the area and what would improve things?</p> <p>i) General enjoyment but concerns include bullying at school and home, cyber bullying, general safety</p> <p>ii) Dog fouling, litter, graffiti, vandalism, general untidiness of the neighbourhood</p> <p>iii) Not enough places to go that are close by such as youth centres, safe playgrounds, youth centres, leisure centres and also places to meet</p> |
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The Outer East Community Committee business meeting is open to the public to observe proceedings and hear local reports and all non-confidential items.



LEFT:

Local residents come to help rescue a driver stranded by flood water on Brigshaw Lane, Kippax.

Open doors in outer east

Community Committees now hold all of their meetings / workshops at local public venues and you are welcome to come along to see and hear what is happening, plus ask questions during the Open Floor section.

Our next meeting will be 4-5pm on Tues 1st Dec at Vicars Court, Allerton Bywater. At 5pm the meeting ends and the workshop will get underway, looking at all aspects of flood risk across outer east Leeds. You are welcome to attend one, or both parts of the meeting.

Delight on a sad day

The official launch of the Outer East Foodbank took place on 24th Sept 2015.

The foodbank is a partnership of Garforth NET, Brigshaw High School and FareShare which redistributes items donated by the food industry. Set-up costs for the project have been covered by Outer East Community Committee and the Housing Advisory Panel.

Cllr Andrea McKenna said "We are delighted to help, but also saddened that in this day and age foodbanks are needed."



From left: Pete Barringer (FareShare), Cllr Andrea McKenna and Monica Walker (manager, Garforth NET).