



# Inner North West Community Committee

Covering Headingley, Hyde Park & Woodhouse and Weetwood wards  
March 2016

## Focus on: Children & Young People Engagement Event

On 15 January, the Inner North West took its chosen topic outside of the usual Committee setting, and headed to the University of Leeds to meet with young people from across the area.

57 young people from 13 different schools from Headingley, Hyde Park & Woodhouse and Weetwood wards attended the event.

There were games where young people told us what they liked and disliked in the area, a Q&A session with Councillors and an activity where young people told us what they would like to see Youth Activities Fund monies spent.

Councillors were asked questions such as; how old do you have to be to be a Councillor; is equality important to you; what can you do about all the rubbish on the streets and; do you engage with young people.

Young people were also given monopoly money, as part of an activity that saw them allocate funds to projects that they would like to see running in the local area. Their top choice was a multi sports

event, followed by Leeds City Council Breeze events and then cookery classes. The full results of the event will help form the Community Committee priorities for Youth Activity Fund allocations in 2016/17.



*Councillors taking part in the Q&A session*

Cllr Pryor is Chair of the Inner North West Community Committee, and the Children and Young People's sub group, he said "We all had a great day at the event, listening to all the ideas that young people have for their local area. We'll be making sure that this feeds into which projects we fund this year. There was a lot of positive feedback from the event and we'd love to do one again next year, to engage young people in local democracy."

Watch this space...



*Teachers and pupils at the event*

# Supporting Community Projects

## Grant approvals

Councillors have allocated over £160,000 to community and youth projects since April last year. Here is just a taster of some of them:

### Hyde Park Unity Day— £5,000

Funding for Hyde Park Unity Day event, for main stage hire and security fencing. The event was in its 20th year with between 6,000—8,000 people attending annually.

### Welcome In Community Centre – OPAL - £7,500

To allow for local organisation, OPAL, to renovate the former Bedford Arms—on the Silk Mills—so that it may be used as a community centre.

### Right Choices Community Foodbank—Headingley £500

Funding to help with the running of the foodbank at Headingley HEART centre.

### Holiday hockey and sports camps— £1012

To allow for hockey sports camps to be run during the school holidays. This is a very popular activity with over 100 participants attending over the course of the camps.



Hyde Park Unity Day

**Are you involved in a local community project? You could be eligible to apply for a small grant of up to £500. Email [west.north.west@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:west.north.west@leeds.gov.uk) or call 0113 3367856 for more information.**

## Our Community Projects in Pictures



Clockwise from above:

- West Yorkshire Police Summer project
- STEP Café
- Caring Together trip to Blackpool
- Al Haqq Boredom No More project

# Inner North West Sub Groups

The Inner North West Community Committee has three sub groups that meet on a regular basis. Here's a round up of key work since the last Community Committee meeting in December:

## Environment Sub Group

The Environment Sub Group met on 18 January 2016 and had a focus on graffiti. Both residents and Councillors have reported that there is a problem with graffiti in the area and were keen to hear what was being done to try and tackle the issue.

At the meeting, the group looked at what could be done to alleviate the problem, and whether mural walls could offer a solution. The Council's Locality Team have also been meeting with landlords and building owners around their duties to ensure that graffiti is cleared up when it is on their property.

## Planning Sub Group

The Planning Sub Group meets once a month and is made up of local Councillors and residents. They discuss key planning applications for the area, along with planning policy developments and any neighbourhood planning issues.

Most recently the group considered the pre application for the expansion proposals at Headingley Stadium.

The group also looked at the recent flooding problems at Kirkstall and what might be done to alleviate these issues through the planning process in future.

## Children & Young People Sub Group

Elected Members from the sub group met on 8 January to look at the applications that had been received from organisations that wanted to access Youth Activities Fund monies to put on activities over February half term and at Easter.

Councillors recommended four projects for approval totalling just over £11,000. Following further approvals, these projects are now all going ahead. They include a dance camp, Lego and Minecraft workshops, a martial arts course and activities at the Lazer Centre in Armley.

# Inner North West Round Up

## Student Changeover

The Inner North West Community Committee area contains two Universities, which, combined with the large number of students that live in the area, means that we work hard in the local community to make sure that things run as smoothly as possible. The end of June sees many students leaving their accommodation for the summer. This can cause issues with additional waste being created, noise nuisance problems and the Council and partners start planning early to work out how we can mitigate these issues and the impact it can have on the local community. In fact, planning has already started, and our first meeting is already in the pipeline; local Councillors, Community Committee staff, the Universities, and key partners like the police all come together to start looking at how we can work together and what we can do differently to deal with the student changeover period.

The Council has now developed new zonal teams that are now more localised and link in with the local police, there is a noise nuisance patrol that operates in the LS6 area during peak times, and new ideas are being trialled such as placing additional clothing banks in key locations during changeover to encourage recycling. We're having loads of great , positive feedback on all of this and will continue to think of innovative ways of working.



# Your Community Committee

The ten Community Committees in Leeds link local residents to Councillors and other decision makers to focus on topics that matter to our communities. In the past year, the Inner North West Committee has looked at domestic violence, improving access to housing, highways and high streets and carried out an engagement event with young people.

## Community Committee and Forum Meetings

Community Committees are held four times a year and usually focus on a particular theme or topic, although individuals can raise any issues at the meeting, during Open Forum.

### Community Committee provisional dates:

**16 June 2016 at 7pm**

**22 September 2016 at 7pm**

**15 December 2016 at 7pm**

**23 March 2017 at 7pm**

Please do check with us for venue details.

Email [west.north.west@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:west.north.west@leeds.gov.uk) or call 0113 3367856 for further information or to be added to our mailing lists.

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### Hyde Park & Woodhouse



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Akhtar



Cllr Gerry  
Harper



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