

## Petition against the closure of East Leeds Leisure Centre



East Leeds Leisure Centre is due to close on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 due to financial reasons. Many activities that have been highlighted as young people's highest priorities are currently offered by the leisure centre including Water Walkerz (99), Teen Clubs (97), Football (96), Swimming (96), Gym/ Weight Training (71), Table Tennis (63) etc. Access to swimming and gym provision in particular will suffer as a result of this closure as no other local centres have these facilities on offer.

The closest leisure centre to young people in this cluster once East Leeds closes is Fearnville which is not accessible due to transport and cost implications. East Leeds Leisure Centre is also currently used as a base for essential services including the Youth Service, Youth Inclusion Project, The Beck, One Stop Centres, Housing so this closure will also impact on wider organisations and effective service delivery.

East Leeds Leisure Centre provides a hub centre to support the Children Leeds 5 priorities:

- 1) Safe from harm
- 2) Do well in learning and have the skills for life
- 3) Choose healthy lifestyles
- 4) Have fun growing up
- 5) Are active citizens who feel they have voice and influence

**Please sign this petition if you would like to help save your local Leisure Centre.**  
**Completed petitions will be given to local councillors who are acting on behalf of the community**  
**with this matter**