

## Senior Youth Worker's report February 2018 Headlines & Highlights

### Youth Club

- The Youth Club Management committee met this month (Feb 20th).
  - Joined by Clr Ball in attendance as well as one of our young people (16yrs old) who has joined the committee to be both be a voice for our young people as well as providing a young person's perspective on the youth club's work.
  - General feedback is that the committee remains happy with the continued progress of the youth work across Youth Club & Youth Gym Sessions.
  - Discussed the way in which The Purple Bus (See below) may be able to support and promote the Youth Gym through the Summer term without conflicting by hopefully being able to use the ACT car park to host the provision.
  - The committee are thrilled to have the support of H.L Cleaning Services, who kindly work behind the scenes maintaining a safe and clean environment for youth work to take place.
  - Committee are keen to explore ways in which we can enlist older teenagers to support visits to schools promoting AYC as provision for our community.
  - Volunteers remain an area of struggle. As a committee we are looking at changing our method in recruitment to further inspire parents and members of the community to support AYC.
- We have often reported back about positive changes in behaviour and youth 'culture' within the youth club. This has been inline with one of our core aims to transform public perception of the youth club as being a positive, aspirational place for young people to gain access to support and exposure to new experiences. Through a variety of avenues, myself and our committee have been given a number of encouraging testimonies from parents whose perception and stereotype of what the youth club was and for has been changed.
- Our older-youth drop-in sessions continue to be highly encouraging with attendance of up to 23 teenagers in February.
  - One AYC volunteer who hadn't attended one of these drop-in's for an extended period of time noted a significant change in atmosphere, attitudes and behaviours, leaving with a thoroughly enjoyable experience. This is opposed to a session/age group who in the past have been more challenging.

### Additional Youth Provisions

- Excited to announce that HDC Youth department have confirmed the ability to provide The Purple Bus to be in Ashington throughout the summer term. This will be made possible through ACCT kindly allowing us to use part of their car park for the provision.

### Working Relationships

- Over the Month of February, I've been working in contact with Tom White, Manager of the Co-op. This has been highly useful and fruitful in addressing issues concerning young people in our community.
  - On example of this has been responding to a concern Tom and his team had from a group of young people they identified through their CCTV cameras. He was able to pass on these images to myself who addresses issues with young people directly.

### Spring Term Fundraising

- We have submitted a CLC grant application in advance of their March meeting. We hope this will support the installation of additional lighting to our youth shelter which fits in with manufacturer's specifications. Furthermore, we hope to gain funding for a number of pieces of music equipment to develop this element of our youth project.
- We are also hoping to support our teenagers in their planning and hosting of a fundraising day.

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# March

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# ASHINGTON YOUTH CLUB

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| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY            | WEDNESDAY              | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|--------------------|------------------------|--|--------|----------|
| 25   | 26   | 27                 | 28                     | 1  | 2      | 3        |
| Youth Night // YRS 6&7 // 6:30-8pm<br><b>Art Night</b><br>* Older Youth Drop in 8:30-9:30pm *        | Youth Night // YRS 6&7 // 6:30-8pm<br><b>Art Night</b><br>* Older Youth Drop in 8:30-9:30pm *        |                    |                        | Youth Night // YRS 8&9 // 6:30-8pm<br><b>Art Night</b><br>* Older Youth Drop in 8:30-9:30pm *        |        |          |
| 4  | 5  | 6                  | 7                      | 8  | 9      | 10       |
| Youth Night // YRS 6&7 // 6:30-8pm<br><b>TEAM NIGHT</b><br>* Older Youth Drop in 8:30-9:30pm *       | Youth Night // YRS 6&7 // 6:30-8pm<br><b>TEAM NIGHT</b><br>* Older Youth Drop in 8:30-9:30pm *       | Youth Gym<br>7-8pm | Youth Gym<br>7-8pm     | Youth Night // YRS 8&9 // 6:30-8pm<br><b>TEAM NIGHT</b><br>* Older Youth Drop in 8:30-9:30pm *       |        |          |
| 11   | 12   | 13                 | 14                     | 15   | 16     | 17       |
| Youth Night // YRS 6&7 // 6:30-8pm<br><b>Quiz Night</b><br>* Older Youth Drop in 8:30-9:30pm *       | Youth Night // YRS 6&7 // 6:30-8pm<br><b>Quiz Night</b><br>* Older Youth Drop in 8:30-9:30pm *       | Youth Gym<br>7-8pm | Youth Gym<br>7-8pm     | Youth Night // YRS 8&9 // 6:30-8pm<br><b>Quiz Night</b><br>* Older Youth Drop in 8:30-9:30pm *       |        |          |
| 18   | 19   | 20                 | 21                     | 22   | 23     | 24       |
| Youth Night // YRS 6&7 // 6:30-8pm<br><b>Tournament Night</b><br>* Older Youth Drop in 8:30-9:30pm * | Youth Night // YRS 6&7 // 6:30-8pm<br><b>Tournament Night</b><br>* Older Youth Drop in 8:30-9:30pm * |                    | Youth Gym<br>7-8pm TBC | Youth Night // YRS 8&9 // 6:30-8pm<br><b>Tournament Night</b><br>* Older Youth Drop in 8:30-9:30pm * |        |          |
| 25   | 26   | 27                 | 28                     | 29   | 30     | 31       |
| Youth Night // YRS 6&7 // 6:30-8pm<br><b>Talent Night</b><br>* Older Youth Drop in 8:30-9:30pm *     | Youth Night // YRS 6&7 // 6:30-8pm<br><b>Talent Night</b><br>* Older Youth Drop in 8:30-9:30pm *     |                    | Youth Gym<br>7-8pm TBC | Youth Night // YRS 8&9 // 6:30-8pm<br><b>Talent Night</b><br>* Older Youth Drop in 8:30-9:30pm *     |        |          |