

Volunteer Newsletter

Merry Christmas!



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Youth Work Training

A few volunteers have been asking about further Youth Work Training courses. We have been talking about running some sessions, to follow on from the Volunteer training once a month on Sundays at CYZ so look out for this in the future. In the meantime the University Of Cumbria run Youth Work Training from the Lancaster Campus: <http://www.cumbria.ac.uk/Home.aspx> and search for "Youth Work". If you want more information about the course, speak to some of our staff or we could arrange a visit from the course tutor.



Our 'thank you's' for this month go to those below who completed their training during the month of November. Make them welcome in clubs and if you have been here a while, show them the ropes!

Daniel Boyle

Amy Carruthers

Philip Collins

Laura Eggington

Sue Foster

Christopher McKay

Hannah McVittie

Cassandra (Cassie) Reilly

Louise Robertson

It was a fun but sad day for me as it was my last training session!



Bye Bye!



Senior Club News:

The **senior club** is now open for young people to drop-in between 3.30-6pm on Tuesday and Friday. This time is set aside for them to meet up after school and get involved in any projects that are being run or could be developed. If you are interested in volunteering at these "twilight" sessions feel free to get in touch with Jim on 07823329155 or drop-in and ask one of the team about them. If you have ideas for developing an after school project then again let us know as we would love to work with you on developing these.

The **Saturday night evening project** is back on from 3rd December from 6.30-10pm. It is aimed at year 10 students and above and offers the youth zone as a relaxing venue for Saturday night entertainment. If you know of any aspiring bands, singers or musicians then this is their chance to play to a live audience!

Christmas events

Wed 7th Dec 3.30-9pm

CYZ Christmas Fayre. If you are looking for affordable original gifts, come and buy what has been made in the Clubs! All proceeds go straight back into the clubs. Coffee and mince pies available too.

Sunday 11th Dec 2-4pm

Staff and Volunteer Christmas Celebration in CYZ! If you've not put your name down yet - there's still time! Bring along a friend or family, sign up on the reception desk or notice board. Rumours of an after party in town...!

Mon to Fri 19th-23rd Dec

Holiday Club is running again! See the website or notice board for more details. Give yourself a break and send the kids or pop in to help out - you choose!

Thurs 22nd Dec 6-8.30pm

Junior Club Christmas Party. ALL volunteers are welcome to come and join in the party! Let Kathryn from JC know if you are coming so she can allocate tasks.

Fri 23rd Dec 8pm-midnight!

Senior Club Christmas Party - It's Christmas Eve-Eve! Your last chance to celebrate as no clubs running on Christmas Eve. If you can spare the time it would be great to see you there!

Junior Club News:



As most of you will know, Gemma is moving on from CYZ next week. We all wish her the best of luck in her new role! Thanks Gem, you have been a star!

Kath McKay will be taking responsibility for the volunteers in JC and will be looking to talk individually to all over the next few weeks. There are lots of exciting new projects about to start off in JC. I have listed them below; please check out the Volunteer notice board for further information from Gemma.

Planning Day - 10th Dec from 4.30-7.30pm - with pizza!! Organise next term this term!

12+ Transition Club - Will run on Monday and Thursday from 8 to 8.30pm and help JC members move on to become SC members! Starts in January.

Music video - A small group of JC members will be singing, dancing, playing, filming and producing a music video! Support needed in all of these areas on Thurs 7.30-8.30pm

Baking Club - Hoping to build members knowledge of health and hygiene and produce some yummy food! See Jacqui in the kitchen if interested.

Football Academy - Thurs between 6.30 and 7.30pm. Skills and then a match... a great way to keep fit!

Newsletter group - This will be published on the CYZ website and support is needed with editing and pulling items together.

Singing group - Over the next few weeks we aim to have members performing Christmas Carols at the JC Party. Support required with rehearsals, song writing and confidence building

Talent Show - 'CYZ's got Talent!' A fundraiser to be delivered next term.

IT'S ALL GO IN JC!!

Please, don't forget to complete your volunteer satisfaction survey by the 11th Dec! Thanks!!