



SPRING NEWSLETTER



Chief Execs Blog.

It has been a whirlwind few weeks as we begin this new season at SCVYS.

Before going any further I want to recognise and thank those who have brought the organisation to where it is today. The seconded staff team from the County Council, as well as the V Involved and Us2 teams have all contributed to the firm foundations on which we are able to build.

As I look forward I sense real opportunity for SCVYS and the wider voluntary youth sector, as well as renewed optimism amongst the staff team. SCVYS exists because of you, our member organisations, and all that you do for the benefit of local children and young people. I want this to be at the forefront of our minds as we move forward in supporting you to engage more young people at an even higher standard than you already are.

There are plenty of things we are working to improve, including your contribution and involvement in this newsletter. We want it to include your success stories as well as ours, so do email in with anything you would like us to celebrate and promote for you.

Keep up the great work, and if you think SCVYS can help, do get in touch with either your local worker or the office.

Phil

Operations Manager Blog.

Over the next few months we will be busy visiting our member clubs and developing our resources. As a new team we would like to get to know you and your group and how best we can support or help you, now and in the future. We look forward to working with and for you.

Update

We have retained the option to provide the vInspired and vInvolved certificates to our member groups. For more information on the awards or the process please contact your Community Youth and Volunteer Worker. (details on the next page)

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WEBSITE



Over the next few months you will start to see some changes to the website, there will be greater content for members, details of the benefits of membership, training opportunities as well as information about job vacancies. Visit www.staffscvys.org.uk to find out more!

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Jess supports young people living in these rural communities:

- Gnosall, Moreton, Norbury and Woodseaves
- Milford, Walton on the Hill and Brocton
- Chartley and Weston,
- Milwich and Hilderstone,
- Eccleshall, Seighford and Derrington

Nick supports young people living in and around these rural areas:

- Biddulph Moor, Brown Edge and Endon
- Cellarhead, Caverswall and Werrington
- Cheddleton, Forsbrook and Blythe Bridge
- Cheadle West, North East and South East
- Checkley Bagnall and Stanley

VINVOLVED PROGRAMME



SCVYS hosted the Staffordshire involved team for the past 3 years, the programme came to an end at the end of March, here's a brief overview of the project from one of the advisers Nicola Leadbetter

V is a National Charity that encourages more young people from across England to volunteer. In Staffordshire our aim has been to create more interesting and diverse opportunities and to inspire more young people aged 16-25 years to volunteer. Promoting what positive contributions they are already making in their local communities and to make volunteering more accessible for all young people so that everyone has the opportunity to get involved.

Staffordshire involved consisted of four Youth Volunteer Advisers who worked directly with young people on a one to one basis across double districts within Staffordshire. Also a countywide project adviser who worked with Staffordshire Young People's Service and a Youth Volunteer Development Manager. The advisers also worked with a local youth action team who supported the advisers to promote youth action.

March saw the end of the involved programme and we are proud of our achievements during this time. During the last three years we have worked with 303 local charitable and voluntary groups to create 14635 volunteering opportunities suitable for young people and we have brokered 1266 young people into 3534 opportunity placements.

The involved programme had an impact on local communities through the youth action team undertaking community project to encourage young people to get involved with volunteering. Some examples of these projects have included environmental, intergenerational, art and culture, homeless, mentoring and decorating projects.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the youth action team for all their hard work over the three years. Without their commitment many of the projects would not have happened. The has had a fantastic impact on the organisation we have support and has given young people valuables skills and experiences. Several Youth action team members have since gained employment as a direct result of their volunteering.



CENSUS AND RENEWAL 2011 REMINDER

SCVYS Members Prize Draw

Any members who return the Census form before the 1st June 2011 will be entered in to a prize draw to win one of the following 'Youth Club Packs'

- Craft Bundle
- Sports Bundle
- Games Bundle

The 2011 Census and Membership Renewal is now due. You will have all received a copy in the post and also an email copy.

Any forms returned by 1st June will be entered into the prize draw to win one of 3 youth club packs.

If you need another copy of the forms contact the office on 01785 240378 or email office@staffscvys.org.uk

MEMBERS NEWS



Harvey Girls offers support to young mums and pregnant girls aged 14 to 21 years old. Children are welcome at our sessions and we cover a range of activities such as Child Health and Wellbeing, Craft, Cookery, Body Image, Positive Relationships as well as help and support about parenting.

Teenage pregnancy and becoming a new mum can be hard and Harvey Girls is here to offer support to mums and their children, we are a local organisation based in Burton and Uttoxeter.

Parenting offers many challenges and is even harder when you are a teenager or young mum. Harvey Girls tailors their weekly sessions around the challenges of parenting and offers a wide range of support to the girls that attend.

We are not your conventional Mums group or toddler group as we run sessions on a variety of issues that affect young people today and all of our clients are teenagers or young mums. We offer a non judgemental service where young mums feel welcome and accepted.

Volunteers are welcome, especially from Uttoxeter or Rocester and anyone can refer to us or clients can attend personally

We also have a Dads group, Dads for Dads on Saturday's 10.00am-12.00pm at Winshill Neighbourhood Resource Centre, Bring your child and drop into our Fathers session for a range of activities and free refreshments

For more information contact Emily Pettingale, Senior Project Co-Ordinator emily@harveygirls.co.uk

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Silkmore Partnership for Youth (SPY)



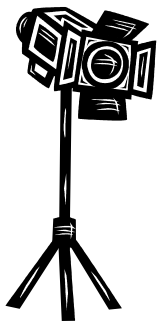
Members of SPY (Silkmore Partnership for Youth) have just finished a Creative Arts Project which we are very proud of the results and would love to see it mentioned in your Newsletter.

The project aim was to create various Mural's on the side of two unsightly steel containers in the grounds of Silkmore School with the full support of the school Head Julie Mowbray

We were fortunate in being successful in our bid for funds to P.A.S.S. (Partners Assuring a Safer Staffordshire) which is a Multi agency Charity which uses funds from Proceeds of Crimes and money donated by Businesses with the aim of reducing crime or the fear of crime in communities by supporting community projects.

With the funding we were able to engage the assistance of C.A.N.S. (Creative Arts North Staffs) to run workshops and oversee the whole project. Various designs were created from the workshops and over two afternoon during the Easter Holidays several members of SPY created the designs onto the steel containers with amazing results.





MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT!

Staffordshire Knights
Drum & Bugle Corps



We are after new people to join between the ages of 10 – 26 (although any adults are welcome). They don't need any experience or equipment, just an interest in enjoying themselves. The Staffordshire Knights Drum & Bugle Corps are an American style marching band based at the Orme Centre in Newcastle-under-Lyme and next year we will be celebrating our 20th anniversary.

The band comprises 4 main sections:

- Brass – Playing forward-facing Trumpets, Mellophones, Baritones and Tubas
- Drums – Playing Snare, Tenor and Bass drums
- Pit – Playing larger instruments such as Drum Kits, Xylophones, Marimbas, Glockenspiels, Gongs, Cymbals and other accessories
- Colour Guard – These are the girls that supply Dance, Movement and Colour to the performance

The band competes at various football grounds during the summer so it's a great way to meet new friends. After a great deal of fund-raising and kind grant assistance, this year we have been able to change the Brass instruments which were becoming a little 'worse for wear' (having been in continual use for most of the 20 years!). The new instruments are lighter (which is important as we try to focus on recruiting local youth) but also sound so much 'sweeter' because of the superior build-quality.

Because of a strong presence on the UK competitive band circuit, we were invited to compete in the European Championships in Holland last September, where we came 10th. This automatically qualifies us for another trip to Holland in September 2011, so we're all very excited about that. Another great piece of news for 2011, is that the Colour Guard has recently trebled in size because of our recruitment efforts, and this will help the band competitively when we return to Holland. Having worked hard during the winter, 2011 is shaping-up to be another successful year.

Though the competitive circuit is just a month or two away, we are always looking to recruit new people to the band, be they marching members or else volunteer support staff and instructors. We consider all of our rehearsals to be open to the general public, so we encourage anyone to come along and give it a go, it's a fantastic, rewarding hobby!

If anyone is interested, you can find us at the Orme Centre on Wednesday evenings and most Sunday afternoons. However, it's best to call Jason on 07710 501 462 just to make sure we're there, because we have weekends away and outside rehearsals. Why not pop in to have a 'no obligations' look at what we can offer, we're a friendly bunch? Our web site is www.staffordshire-knights.org.uk

NEXT EDITION

Would your group like to feature in the next edition of the SCVYS newsletter in September 2011? Do you want to have a spotlight page dedicated to your group?

We want to hear about your good news stories, have you succeeded in a funding application? Do you have an outstanding young person or member of staff who you want to thank? Then let us know. The deadline for submissions is the **29th July**.

Submissions are welcomed with photos and please also include any contact details, websites and email addresses.

Please email your stories to office@staffscvys.org.uk

GREAT GIVEAWAY 2011



The Great Giveaway is a group of young people who represent voluntary youth groups from across Staffordshire on a grant giving panel. The group this year have received numerous applications from young people within voluntary youth groups for projects that they would like to do in their organisations. All applications were considered against the grant panels set criteria and nine projects were successful and the panel gave out £17,356.40 of funding in total.

Over 450 young people in voluntary youth organisations benefited from this funding. Some of the groups that received funding were Staffordshire knights for new musical instruments, touch of life dance crew to create a promotional DVD and Guides for Gambia who went out to do a community project in Gambia.

US2 FUN FOR RURAL YOUTH



The Us2 project has funds available for groups working in Gnosall, Moreton, Church Eaton and the surrounding rural areas. Groups can apply for up to £750 to purchase equipment, training or activities for their club.

The project must benefit not only young people but also the community.

One area who has already benefited is Gfest 2011, Gnosall's newest festival, they are purchasing large outdoor games to be used during the festival and then afterwards the equipment will be available for local youth clubs in the area to loan and use within their clubs.

For more information and an application pack contact Jessica Wilkes-Mellor on 01785 240378 or email Jessica@staffscvys.org.uk

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

SCVYS are looking for a Volunteer Administrator—Part time hours to suit

Duties to include

- Supporting the Office Manager with general administrative duties
- Typing, photocopying, filing, mailing, opening and sorting post and answering the telephone
- Event and Conference administration
- Organising and storing paperwork, documents and computer-based information

Skills Required:

- Basic administration and computer skills required
- Must be numerate and literate
- Reliable with good Interpersonal and communication skills
- Self motivated and able to work on own initiative

Please send a CV and covering letter to Debbie Mason, Office Manager via email office@staffscvys.org.uk closing date Friday 3rd June