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Young people at the BYCP have hit the ground running since the new year with endless activities, support and upcoming events!

What's been going on?

The new year started with a big bang here at the BYCP! January saw the start of our 12-week project What's Upp?! Funded by the Berkshire Community Foundation (BCF), the project focused on drugs and substance misuse where the young people led group discussions, created posters and spoke with community members about the myths surrounding drugs and substance misuse. The group was awarded for their hard work with bespoke t-shirts and a celebratory night out for dinner.

With February bringing the start of the half-term holiday club, Get Berkshire Active has joined the BYCP in delivering weekly boxing and rugby sessions on Tuesday and Friday evenings. The new sessions have been well received by the young people and they are ready to get started before the session is even due to start!

We had the unexpected snowstorms to thank for the delayed start to our Get Up! Tae Kwon Do project (in partnership with Active Slough). The young people were quite disappointed about this, but since the sessions have started they have been enjoying it to the fullest. Young people have been given the chance to participate in an activity which they normally wouldn't get to because of the associated costs, but also have had the chance to keep active and fit while learning to control aggressive behaviour, gain self-respect, self-control, self-esteem, confidence, courtesy and self-defence.

April's Easter holiday club had a variety of activities for the young people; but the most popular were associated with chocolate and the Easter Bunny himself. The Easter egg decorating contest was enjoyed by all...even the staff! However, in the end it was Ellie's creative skills that took top prize!



Young Leaders Residential 2018

BYCP in partnership with Berkshire Youth (BY) will be working together this year with the view of helping 20 young people become young leaders within the club and its projects. 20 young people (ages 14+) have been invited by staff and volunteers to become a young leader in training. They are working towards a level one Leadership Qualification from the Open College Network. The young leaders residential will take place from Friday May 18th -



Sunday May 20th at Woodrow High House in Amersham. From this group of 20 young people, the youth board at BYCP will be formed. The summer activity residential will see the 20 young leaders invited to oversee this residential alongside staff. An additional 20 young people (aged 11+) will be invited to participate at this coastal residential from Wednesday August 8th – Friday August 10th.

Lastly, the young leaders will be invited to become Youth Health Champions with the completion of a level two qualification. The young leaders will attend a residential in October and look at completing a social action project focusing around health and look towards implementing change within the BYCP.

With the formation of our youth board and our young leaders who will participate on the BYCP's management committee, we are always looking for new voices and different perspectives to join us. If you have a couple of hours to spare and want to have your input as to how the BYCP should be working towards a better future for the young people of Britwell, then let us know about joining our management committee.

Farewell

It is with a heavy heart that we say good bye to some of our dedicated staff members. Senior Youth Worker, Shaun Wiles has been with the BYCP for over 19 years. Starting off as a volunteer and then becoming a youth worker; Shaun has been a pillar of strength at the club for both the young people and staff. Come rain or shine, Shaun has been the first to come in and the last to leave the club and he will be thoroughly missed. Our recording studio technician Spencer Lowe has been with the BYCP for two years in which time he has helped create the magic of artistic inspiration for many young people. With lyric writing, playing instruments and having jam sessions with the young people, Spencer has created a musical legacy at the BYCP which will be hard to live up to. We wish both Shaun and Spencer the best of luck in their future endeavours and look forward to them visiting us. With the departure of two of our key staff members, we look forward to welcoming our new Recording Studio Technician Stephen Ambrose who brings with him an array of experience and expertise which will surely be picked up by the young people.

Our Supporters & Community Project

The Britwell Youth and Community Project has been awarded just under £5,000 from the local Co-op Food Store over three rounds of funding. When members purchase selected products and services from Co-op Group businesses, including food stores and funeral homes, 5% of what you spend is put into your Co-op Membership account for you to save or spend whenever you want. Another 1% of what you spend on their own branded products and services goes to the Co-op Local Community Fund. This money, along with money raised from carrier bag sales, is used to support local projects such as the BYCP. If you already have a membership



card, please re-register and make sure to vote for us again for us to receive the 1% in the next round of funding. All you must do is visit your local Co-op and join as a member and register your card online at co-op.uk/register or call 0800 023 4708.

In December, the Louis Baylis Trust awarded the BYCP a £2,000 grant to help towards the everyday running costs of the club. Set up in 1962 by newspaper proprietor Louis Baylis, the trust is the owner of Express publisher Baylis Media Ltd and receives 80 percent of the company's profits which it then distributes to good causes within the community, having donated millions of pounds to charities and local organizations. Lastly, the financial support of Karl Storz Endoscopy, is a positive step in the right direction in creating partnerships with local businesses. The BYCP would like a big thank you to the Co-op, Louis Baylis Trust and Karl Storz Endoscopy for their ongoing support and belief in the young people of the Britwell Estate.

Upcoming Events 2018

May half-term Holiday Club will take place on Tuesday May 29th

Friday June 1st and Summer Holiday Club will take place on Monday July 30th

Friday August 24th from 11am - 3pm.

Evening sessions throughout the year are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays 6pm-845pm and Fridays 7pm-930pm