

Calne Community Area Local Youth Network Update
Area Board 9th December 2014

- The Local Youth Network launched on 18th November with an open space event in the Town Hall. We are grateful to the Town Council for allowing free use of the Corn Exchange for this event. There were over 40 people present and young people, community members and representatives from many organisations looked at the JSA and discussed their own ideas for youth work in the area.

Many groups are already coming forward to develop their provision alongside the local youth network. Derry Hill Youth Club and Calne Deanery are working together to replicate the good work in Derry Hill in other villages in the Calne Community area. A group of young people are looking to set up their own organisation to run a Parkour club and train their members as coaches. There is a lot of interest in nature and environment focused groups and a local Forest School practitioner is looking to help set up an informal youth club around the Forest School idea. There is also a lot of discussion around providing more informal youth club style space for young people that isn't focused around an activity.

- Last week young people and community members who came to the launch event met as a smaller group to establish a LYN management group. This group will meet monthly to look at the progression of the local youth network, look at funding applications and receive updates from partners on youth issues and ideas to develop youth work. The closing date for the first round of funding is the 6th of January. The LYN management group will then make recommendations to the area board in February for funding from the youth budget.
- In January Calne will receive a youth work apprentice to work alongside the Community Youth Officer and the area board. They will be able to help with initial delivery of projects and work with other groups delivering youth work as well as completing a youth work qualification. The deadline was on 2nd December, we hope that local young people will have applied for this role.
- **The Area Board is asked to note that, in line with authority delegated to the Community Area Manager on 4th November 2014, in consultation with the Chair of the Area Board and the Community Youth Officer, a sum of £20.52 was drawn from the Positive Youth Activities budget in order to facilitate the delivery of the Local Youth Network Open Space Event and Consultation.**