

Initial Youth Club Meeting

On Friday 13th November 2015, Phoebe Brazier Community Youth Officer based in Westbury met at Leigh Park Community Centre with Debbie Cole the Centre Manager and 8 young people from Westbury to discuss a new youth club in Westbury. The 'Youthie' closed back in August 2014. It was identified in the needs assessment of young people in Westbury back in February 2015 that the young people would like a new youth club. Since then we have been looking for a suitable venue with time and space available to launch a new youth club in Westbury. The young people discussed what young people might like; what age of young people might come to the youth club; when, where and how often the club could be open; how much it would cost and ground rules for the club.

What do young people want?

Different planned activities each week like cooking, music, dance and art. A tuck shop. A warm, n dry, safe space to meet with friends. A pool table, air hockey table and table tennis table. Will just dance, and games where groups of young people can all join in. Smoothie making, DJ workshops and a silent disco. Trips to Thorpe Park, Splash Down, Longleat for ice skating and residential trips like PGL Osmington Bay. Planned competitions eg badminton and table tennis.

What age/ year group?

The youth club will be split into two groups, school years 7-8 and years 9-11. We will look at provision for years 12-13 but would like some volunteer peer mentors to help run the sessions.

Aim to start the youth club in January 2016, initially the club will planning what they would like to do and applying for funding to make it possible.

Where? Leigh Park Community Centre, Westbury.

How much?

The subs will be £1, this money will be used to help run the club. It will help pay for any new equipment the young people would like and help to fund activities the young people would like to take part in.

How often?

The youth club will be open weekly (providing there are enough adult staff/volunteers). The youth club will offer extra activities throughout the school holidays. There is usually more space available at Leigh Park Community Centre during the school holidays.

Ground rules: To be created with young people. Young people will need to fill out a membership form with names, phone numbers and addresses of parents/carers which will be checked. There will be no bullying. Young people will be polite and respectful, particularly when coming in and leaving out of building. No under 16 smoking on premises. No e sigs. No booze, energy drinks or drugs.

Who to contact: Phoebe Brazier phoebe.brazier@wiltshire.gov.uk and Amy Schuring amy.schuring@wiltshire.gov.uk are the Community Youth Officers based in Westbury. Young people have asked for a Facebook page to keep up to date with Youth Club news. Please 'like' Westbury Local Youth Network. The youth club will need adult volunteers, so please do get in touch. DBS and training will be provided

The next meeting will be on Friday 27th November 12pm at Leigh Park Community Centre. Young people will be firming up dates and times, programme planning and writing an application for funding to support the club.

