

## Young People Have their Say as Special Club Night Opens

In March 2009 young people in Salisbury voted to start a very special club night in the heart of Salisbury city centre. 'Go Bananas' is the very first club night for young people with disabilities or vulnerabilities.

In the past such youngsters have often been prevented from enjoying the Salisbury club scene because of concerns about noise, crowds and safety issues. But now, thanks to an innovative project developed at Salisbury Youth Centre, and funded by the Community Area Board through participatory budgeting, they will have the chance each month to let off steam and have fun in a safe setting.

One of the young people involved in the project said:

"We love to dance. We don't dance quite like other people do but it's our dance. We would also like to meet celebrities like young people in other night clubs."

Winnie Manning, Senior Youth Worker, Wiltshire Youth Development Service said:

"This helps young people grow in confidence and feel they have a stake in their community. It is their project and they voted for it and I'm sure Chapels night club where the events will take place will give them a big welcome."

The project is supported by parents, the police and Wiltshire Council.

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