

Area Committee Youth Report 29th March 2010 by Lisa Atkinson

The Youth service in Dudley North has been delivering a lot of positive work over the past few months this has included participating in three residential's, getting young people from the area to be trained to assess Youth Opportunity Funds, young people from the youth forum and the area to sit on Dudley Youth Council and our Co-opted member Georgina Heeley being elected on to UKYP so she will be representing Dudley at a national level – well done George.

In Coseley our new youth centre has been built and we are hoping to open to young people sometime in April dependant on a IT completion report. The young people from Coseley have been participating in a variety of activities at different sites throughout the area this includes a condom drop in, football coaching, music playing, art activities and general youth club activities. The members committee have been very active with regard to the new youth centre and have chosen the colours and flooring in the building and are currently deciding what design they want for the youth centre logo.

At Gornal the young people in partnership with ME2 youth club have received a grant for some new arcade game machines. The youth club have been on a few outings recently this includes a trip to the ice rink and tonight a trip to the bowling alley. On a Thursday night at Gornal a new members committee has been developed and we are hoping to have representatives from this group on the area youth forum.

PAYP is coming to an end but has been a great success and the young people on this programme have learnt a lot of new skills and changed their attitudes and behaviour, some of the young people are now wanting to become senior members at the youth club.

The detached team have recently completed a residential at Ruiton mill with a group of young people who thoroughly enjoyed participating in all the activities and staying away from home, they had to plan the programme, budget for the residential, cook for each other and book the activities. Another group of young people are going to a skate park in Northampton for the day during the Easter holidays this has been funded through the Youth Opportunity Fund which the group of young people applied for the funding.

School work is going well and we are currently working in Ellowes Hall School and The Coseley School on accredited pieces of work.