

North Dudley Area Committee Report
20th of June 2012 by Abdul Hamed – Youth Service

The Youth Service has been working on a variety of different projects at the three youth centres within the area. Dudley North Team has been involved in lots of positive pieces of work with local young people in the past few months. February and Easter half terms were successful with trips to Corby, lazer quest, go-karting, bowling, WOW event, arts event and various activities.

Lower Gornal youth centre currently running a healthy eating programme on a Monday which is proving to be very popular, we are working with the older age group on a Tuesday talking about exam preparation and opportunities for education and employment and on Friday nights we are still attracting up to 50 young people. The Me & U project is currently going through some developmental changes but its numbers are still very high and it is extremely popular.

At Sedgley youth centre we are actively looking to encourage more young people to get involved through outreach and activities such as BBQ.

Coseley Youth centre inter generational partnership project “The Café” which is held on a Wednesday and is a social enterprise project with young people, Youth service, police, scout and a local church is becoming very popular and is attracting a range of customers. The young people are developing a range of skills and enjoying engaging with different members of the community.

Eight Young people were trained at Coseley Youth centre as young inspectors to assess Youth service provisions and just completed assessing different projects across the borough. Another eight young people have been trained by University of First Age (UFA) as peer mentors on the leading light project and at present they are running two sessions a week to younger members and developing portfolio for bronze arts award.

The detached team have been working with a couple of specific groups and hopefully will be using the healthy hub on Silver Jubilee one night a week in the near future.

The Youth Forum will commence meetings and will be applying for funding to do a team building trip. The young people are looking at local issues that affect young people and trying to solve the issues by contacting local council officers or councillors and see how we can work together to tackle these issues.

We will have a Whitsun and summer holiday programme which will include come and dine with me cooking project, music festival, participation days, wet activity, alton towers trip and much more, if people require a copy please contact me direct on abdul.hamed@dudley.gov.uk or call 01384 813947