

**Youth Report by Lisa Atkinson
North Dudley Area Committee
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Dudley North Youth Service has been involved in a lot of new and exciting projects over the past few months and the most exciting is having our new youth centre in Coseley. We had the grand opening on the 2nd June which was a great success and all the VIP's and young people enjoyed themselves. The new youth centre has been attracting over ninety young people on some evenings and all the young people are very positive and enthusiastic about the youth centre and its facilities.

Within North Dudley the sexual health drop in's are a great success and we are constantly getting new young people attend the sessions and sign up to the service, we have three drop in's across the area at different venues on different evenings.

Sedgley Youth Centre has recently been on trip which the young people decided on, they went go karting to Stourbridge and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The staff are currently starting a member committee at Sedgley and are consulting with the young people about there summer programme.

Lower Gornal Youth Academy has re started there member committee who were also successful in gaining YOF funding for some project work. These projects will be in the art room and viewing gallery. The centre has also held a world cup party last Friday when the England game was on – this was a great success.

Coseley Youth Centre has had a high volume of young people attending but the member committee are supporting the staff in running the tuck shop and specific areas in the youth centre. Young people who are in a band that attend the centre have taken part in a youth service band night at the River Rooms in Stourbridge and are also performing at the Rock the Castle event in July. In partnership with Community Renewal and Sports Development we have been delivering football coaching on a Friday nights at Coseley School.

The detached team have been engaging with a few new groups on Tenniscroft Park, Silver Jubilee Park and Sedgley Hall Farm Park. The detached team took a group of young people from the detached project and Coseley to Corby Skate Park on Saturday in May.

My staff are currently working with there young people on there summer holiday programmes which will be ready to distribute by the 1st July.

The Youth Forum is working on there DVD and re-launching the forum as some of the members have moved on so we are doing a recruitment drive for the forum to attract new members.