

## Kingswood Summer Report 2015



### **Theme**

The Kingswood summer provision ran for 4 weeks during the summer and took place at Kingwood house a community used facility, situated in the centre of the Kingswood estate. It can be located within the college ward in Dulwich and houses a local library, music studio, various offices and community spaces for hire.

Our Services were aimed at young people within the local area between the ages of 11-19 years and also up to 25 for special needs. The opportunities provided were shaped meaningfully through the council's curriculum framework with great emphasis on young people's personal and social development, creativity, citizenship and information, communication & technology.

Young people were offered a wide range of things to do, such as:

Creative activities, Pool, Table Tennis, Table Top Football, Nintendo Wii, Play station 3, Board games, I.T. facilities, generic information & Services. As well as the opportunity to participate in more focused activities and workshops ranging from: Careers advice, accredited training courses, SRE & drugs awareness advice, health & hygiene workshops, Community safety workshops, Community events, sporting activities, cooking, media workshops, Film making, Radio presenting workshops and off site activities.

### **Partners in delivery**

Throughout the Easter we worked alongside other agencies to assist in session delivery, these ranged from:

- My life productions film company
- Kingswood house community radio project.
- Southwark Play Service.
- Insight Southwark.
- Smooth Entertainment Media.
- Kingswood House Centre.
- Kingswood Library.
- Carters Caterers.

### **Overall Evaluation**

One of our major successes was delivering the project from Kingswood House, due to its attraction to the local community. This gave tenants/residents and parents, the chance to come and talk to staff about our offer and to see it at first glance. Not only did this aid in promoting the service, Residents also valued the need for young peoples activities, as historically Kingswood house is known as a community space which predominantly caters for the older community.

Working in partnership with agencies was also a great success. This gave young people the opportunity to discover and learn new things in different creative ways, whilst benefiting from a wider range of professional services.

This was demonstrated when working with the 'Kingswood community radio project'. Workshops were very interesting for both staff and young people and young people gained new skills around media ranging from radio presenting, creating voice overs, editing and operating all the relevant equipment behind the scenes.

The volunteering program was also excellent, not only did this highlight some of our good practice by training up young people to become youth workers and providing them with a real life placement, it also helped fill gaps specially with female staff. Another great success was the way in which the service pulled together and became creative with the resources we house. This ranged from sharing staff, skills and equipment, trips and delivering our own activities/ workshops. Throughout the 4 weeks I made myself available to others to deliver logo design and T- shirt printing sessions. This was in exchange of a member of staff replacing me at my centre.

Sessions went really well where young people learnt the basics on how to use photo editing software such as Photoshop and Coral draw and how to print designs onto fabrics.

Working in partnership with the play service was a great benefit, Not only did this extend our age remit; it also allowed activities to take place off site and on site at the same time widening our offer.

We also took part in an end of summer sports and recognition day held at Damilola Taylor Centre. Young people who attended took part in a range of competitive sport,

competing for their local youth clubs and received certificates for their achievements over the summer period. This was a great success not only did this address issues around healthy life styles it also dealt with the underlying issues around postcode/area wars within Southwark, bring young people together in a positive light. Prior to the trip a few young people and parents were sceptical about going off to another youth provision in Peckham and needed some reassurance that we were going to a safe place. This rapidly turned around as young people are keen to return and take part in another competition and suggested that maybe this was something that could take part term time also.

Aspects throughout the summer that could have been improved mainly steamed around accreditation and training. I feel that the majority of paid for services did not offer enough or any recognition to young people. This still required us to do our own in house accreditations i.e. AQA's. In the future we should buy in more services that have accreditation attached to them.

I also believe that service users would have highly benefited from a borough wide training program. Where young people could enrol on specific courses i.e. Coaching, First Aid, Life skills etc. However I am aware of current financial restraints.

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