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Portsmouth news

HOLBROOK Road underpass has a bright new mural thanks to the Motiv8 Heart of Portsmouth team working with Portsmouth City Council and Catch 22. Assisted by artist Mark Lenehan, young people created a giant mural on the walls of the underpass which connects Canal Walk and Sydenham Terrace in Landport. Funding for this project came from the Community Space Challenge Lottery Fund.



brightening up the Canal Walk underpass in Landport

Success at Gosport partnership wins national award

AT the recent Community Partnerships Awards, held at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London, Gosport Community Safety Partnership (GCSP) picked up the award for the Community Youth Initiative, for their outstanding Passport Scheme. As part of the original steering group, Motiv8 worked in partnership with local agencies in Gosport, including Gosport Police, Fire & Rescue Services, South East Hants Community Outlook and Solent Youth Action, and the scheme was co-ordinated



a successful day's fishing - one of Motiv8's many activities

by Gosport Council's Community Safety Team. This was the second year of the summer Passport Scheme, held during school holidays at ten locations, including Motiv8, to give young people across the borough access to activities such as scuba diving, rock climbing and fishing as well as bungee trampolining and quad biking. Announcing the winner of the Community Youth Initiative, comedian Rufus Hound said, "The winning project is driven by palpable enthusiasm of the core team. This project ... promotes integration of young people from different neighbourhoods. The judges felt the motivation of the team was inspirational."

Paulsgrove official opening

LORD Mayor, Cllr Terry Hall, was so impressed with Motiv8's work with the young people she met at the official opening in February of Motiv8's new youth venue in Paulsgrove Community Centre that she has invited a group for tea and cakes with her at the Guildhall. The event was attended by guests from several agencies who heard first hand accounts from young people about Motiv8's work. With a permanent

base in the heart of the community, Motiv8 covers Paulsgrove and Wymering areas delivering individual support and targeted group work. Motiv8 started in Paulsgrove in 2004 and today is supported by the Youth Sector Development Fund from DCSF, Portsmouth City Council, the Rank Foundation and JP Getty Charitable Trust. Motiv8's work complements that of their statutory partners: Portsmouth City Council Community Safety (PYOP and Wardens), IYSS and



The Lord Mayor at the Paulsgrove official opening picture courtesy of The News, Portsmouth

the police. Between April 2005 and March 2009 there has been a 40% reduction in the number of first time entrants (aged 10-17) from Paulsgrove entering the criminal justice system, twice the reduction seen nationally.

ANDY, age 15, was referred to Motiv8 via the police as he was involved with a lot of anti-social behaviour. He had already been banned from a local supermarket and, when with his peers, would always be in trouble for intimidating local residents and other younger children. Andy became involved in a number of criminal activities and was referred by the court to the Youth Offending Team (YOT) and Motiv8. At this time he went onto an Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC) and, over a couple of months, Andy became less angry and more accepting of help. He enrolled on an alternative education programme and excelled during the small group support offered through this alternative curriculum. Coupled with the ongoing ABC reviews and support, Andy has turned his life around. Eight months later, Andy has been taken off the ABC as there have been no incidents of anti social behaviour, he has 100% attendance on his education placement and he has been accepted for a college placement to study mechanics. Andy has also disassociated himself from his old peer group and, through Motiv8 and the educational placement, has found the confidence to find new friends. Even the supermarket has lifted its ban and Andy now finds himself talking to the security staff that once banned him.

outdoors confidence-building gains accreditations



Not just a pipe dream - Motiv8 outdoors makes serious activities fun

MOST of Sam's secondary education has been spent in his school inclusion unit, because he displays disruptive behaviours. Sam engages with Motiv8 Outdoors once a week for the whole day as

part of his schooling. They go offsite to engage in confidence and team-building outdoor activities, such as canoeing and kayaking, climbing and orienteering. From doing these activities, Sam works towards gaining a range of accreditations that would be difficult to achieve in a classroom atmosphere. Sam is a confident climber and is keen to achieve more now that he has completed a level 1 NICAS award for climbing. He benefits from the small group work that climbing requires, and comments: "I think Motiv8 Outdoors is good and I get on with the activities."

portsea invitation to the dance

HAVING performed last year at the New Theatre Royal (NTR), the Portsea dance group has the opportunity to perform again at NTR in April. The group is working on a Motown-inspired piece, collaborating on the night with the south coast's Urban Vocal Group! They will also be taking part in World Dance

Day performing a mass dance routine in Guildhall Square on 29 April at 5pm. This event is open to all so please come along, and even join in, if you fancy it! Motiv8 hip hop is held every Friday at 3.30-5pm at Charter sports hall. If you have any young people that would like to come along ... the more the merrier!

news in brief

central

BASED at London Road, North End, the Motiv8 Central team organised a pampering and games day during the half term. The young people wanted a day to just relax and chill out, they had face packs (which even the boys loved!) and manicures, played games on the x-box and organised a darts and pool tournament.



pamper day fun at Central

portsea



decorating the office - wall art sessions at Portsea

HALF-TERM activities were very energetic indeed at Portsea, especially the ice-skating session. The Queen Street office hosted a PS3 football tournament and wall art sessions, as well as a TUNEZ taster day where young people DJ'd, learnt some great tricks on the decks and signed their names up for the TUNEZ accreditation programme - leaving everyone with a real buzz for the next holiday activities.

havant



Havant Fire & Rescue - winners of the five-a-side-football tournament

FOOD, fast karts and football were all part of half-term activities at Havant. There was an indoor five-a-side football tournament against the local police and fire service at Park Community School, with the firemen the winners. Go-karting was another popular activity. Also, young people particularly enjoyed their own version of *Come Dine with Me*. They were allocated a budget, then shopped for and cooked a three-course meal, all within a set time. Since half-term, young people have been clamouring for a repeat of these activities so more news next time!



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