

## Let's Play in Enfield!

An exciting stage in IPOP's development has commenced with 2 weeks inclusive play support during spring break in Enfield play schemes: Worcester School and St John and St James School.

"I love all the toys and I like playing outside but most of all I love having friends"

**Philip**

*Worcester Scheme, Enfield  
Spring Break 2008*

"It is a great pleasure working in partnership with IPOP, we were able to support one another and discuss strategies of ways of looking after the children in our care well. We look forward to working again with IPOP"

**Pola Adebawale**

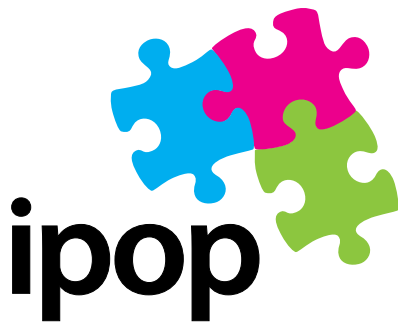
*Senior Playworker, Enfield*



## Spring Break in Barnet

Inclusive Drama and Dance, Arts and Crafts, Quizzes, Chinese boxing and Kung Fu were just a few of the fantastic holiday activities for young people over 11 years during spring break 2008. IPOP was able to provide one-to-one support for over 60 children!





## COMMENT FROM THE EDITOR

Spring break has just finished and what a success it's been! We're delighted to hear and see that so many children and young people had such a great holiday. We supported over 60 children at over 20 clubs throughout Barnet with a 20% increase in take up compared to last year. I'm pleased to report that we also ran a small pilot support project in Enfield that saw us supporting children in mainstream clubs, and we're very excited about doing more.

Two of our trustees are moving on. We'd like to thank Andrea Darwin and Adam Goodman-Bolton for all their hard work over the years and wish them all the best for the future. We're inviting nominations for more trustees to be voted on at our AGM. We are particularly looking for parents of disabled children under 11 or community representatives that are not IPOP service users. Please put your name forward by 6th June.

Finally, we'd like to send our congratulations to our Development Coordinator, Audrey, who gave birth to baby Seth on 20th April!

Chris Sanford

## COMMENTS TO THE EDITOR?

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# IPOP to France

## Saturday 7th June

**Fancy a day away, we have organised a trip to Bologne for parents & carers.**

Leaving at 6:15 am and travelling by coach to Dover where we will get the ferry to Calais, then onto Bologne.

We will visit the old town where you will be able to get some lunch and have a

look around. The sea front is wonderful, lots to see. A nice relaxing few hours then off we go to shop in the Hypermarket before returning to the coach with all our goodies and making our way back to Calais to board the 8pm ferry home.

*The cost is £25 per person. Contact the office for more information 020 8441 0404.*

# You are invited to...

**An afternoon of great entertainment, a bouncy castle, refreshments and loads more on Sunday 29th June**

Lots of fun for all the family.

Come along, meet new people and catch up with old friends.

***Interested in joining our management committee? We need more members! Put your name forward by 6th June.***

Including Annual General Meeting at 3pm.

Queenswell School, Whetstone, from 1-4pm.



# Lite Bites

## MONSTER GARDEN

A drama/comedy performed by the Stepping Stones drama group. Frankie discovers new things about self-worth, love and the power of the imagination through this unique friendship in The Monster Garden.... Friday 20th June and Saturday 21st June 7.30pm at the Finchley Youth Theatre.

## YOUNG VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Over 4 days of May half-term (27th-30th May) we will be running Young Volunteer training for disabled young people aged 14 and over who are interested in gaining new skills in playwork. Young people attending the training will have the opportunity to put their skills into practise as they work alongside our Support Playworkers at Playschemes over the summer. We will be sending out more information to all over 14's on our membership soon, but do call us if you would like to find out more.

## WELCOME!



Hi, My name is Mark Hinton. I started working for IPOP nearly four years ago as a support playworker. I have also worked in America and Australia in similar roles and enjoyed every experience it has bought me. I am very excited to be back in London and to be working for IPOP as a Group Leader. I look forward to meeting and working with you all. You can contact me on [mark@ipop.org.uk](mailto:mark@ipop.org.uk).



# What's on in Barnet?

## BARNET CHILDREN'S INFORMATION SERVICE (CIS)

Barnet CIS is a free information service for all queries relating to children, young people and their families in Barnet.

We provide information to the public about:

- services for children, young people and their families
- finding childcare
- careers in childcare

## CIS IN THE COMMUNITY

Barnet CIS provide a free outreach service where we take our information out into the community. They visit community groups and attend events in Barnet to ensure the information they hold reaches a wider audience.

If you think your group would benefit from the wide range of information they hold please contact them in office hours on:

Barnet CIS, North London Business Park, Oakleigh Road South, N11 1NP  
**freephone** 0800 389 8312 **text** 07781 480 070

**email** [childrens.info@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:childrens.info@barnet.gov.uk)

**web** [www.barnet.gov.uk/cis](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/cis)

Barnet  
Children's  
Information  
Service

# IPOP Projects



**MUSIC SCHOOL**

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**FOOTBALL SCHOOL**

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**LOG CABIN**

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**DANCE AND DRAMA**

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**ONE TO ONE SUPPORT**

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**... AND MORE...**

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**ALL ABILITIES WELCOME**

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**BRING YOUR FRIENDS  
AND SIBLINGS TOO!**

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## Dates for your Diary

**May 27th–30th**

Young Volunteer Training

**June 3rd, 1:30–5 pm  
or 6–9:30 pm**

Introduction to Autism training

**June 7th**

IPOP trip to France

**June 10th, 6:30–9:30 pm**

Safeguarding children training

**June 14th**

Children's Day at London Zoo

**June 12th, 6.30–9.30 pm**

Disability Awareness Training

**June 22nd**

Hab's Fun Day

**June 29th**

IPOP AGM

## Don't forget...

...there is a wealth of information at your finger tips on our website. From our services, coffee mornings to courses. You can even find back issues of this newsletter in PDF format so you can send them onto your friends!



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### MISSION STATEMENT:

IPOP's mission is to provide opportunities for children of all abilities to play and socialise together, to offer support and information to families of disabled children, and to raise awareness of the benefits of inclusive provision both in play settings and more widely.