

the Jigsaw

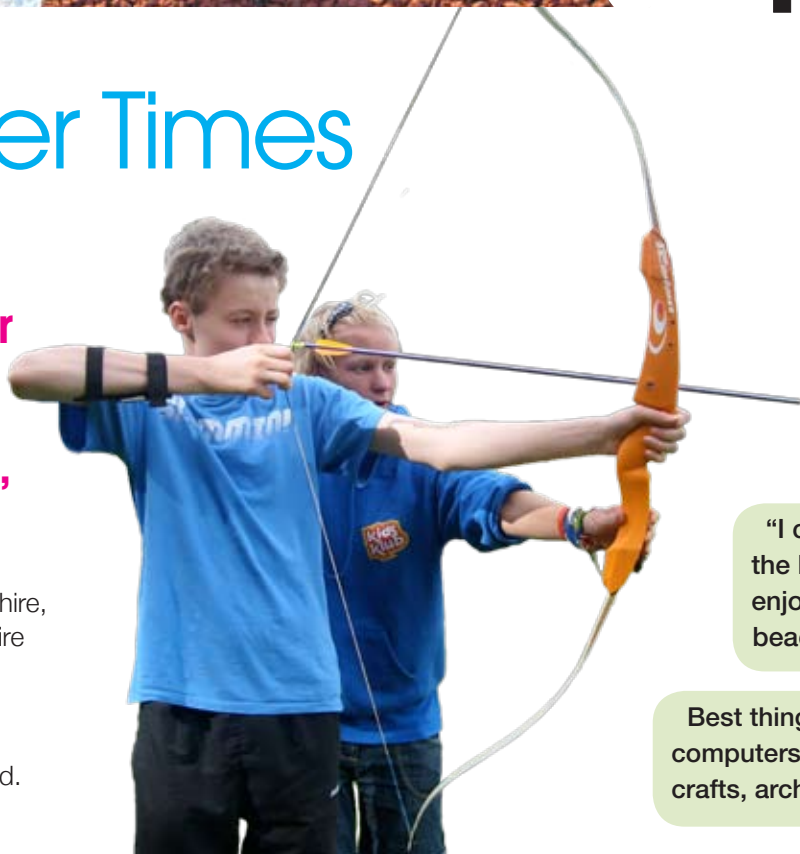
October / November 2008



Summer Times

“People don’t notice whether it’s winter or summer when they’re happy”

All 56 Young People at our residential based in Berkshire, Dorset and Buckinghamshire had a great time. Lots of exciting activities were available, new friends were made and old ones reunited.



“I can’t choose what the best thing was.... I enjoyed sitting by the beach eating chips”

Best thing about the holiday, computers, campfire, arts and crafts, archery and the food



The World of Colour two weeks inclusive event went very well, the groups created dance sequences took photos of movement and developed a film of their experiences. The theme explored the earth’s elements, our social environment and personal worlds. Each child took away a disk of the photos they took and a film plus a certificate of achievement.



— 14 of our young volunteers were out and about at the clubs in Barnet, learning how to be playworkers helping the children participate in activities and days out, including a very successful play day!!

— Ipop supported over 100 children in over 30 different playschemes, clubs and courses around the borough and referred over 60 children and young people to the Youth and Connexions

Positive Activities and Summer Uni programmes.

On Wednesday 27th August IPOP funded a family picnic to Regents Park. A coach load of parents, young people and workers went for a day out for a lovely end to the holidays and enjoyed rowing, football, cricket and visiting the flower gardens, as well as sharing some lovely food....



Hot Off The Press... 'Moving On, Moving Up' News Update....

COMMENT FROM THE EDITOR

Hello and welcome to our October edition of the Jigsaw. It has been a busy summer with exciting activities; trips away, a family outing to Regents Park and IPOP provided 1:1 support to over 100 children and young people in the Borough of Barnet and Enfield.

In this edition you can read on all the summer feedback, discover information on our Young Adults group and the Short Breaks event happening on Sunday 12th October at Queenswell Infants School from 2-4pm. It is such an important event in which we would like to encourage you all to attend.

An advert for the Directors post will be issued shortly and in the mean time the office is running at full steam! Please feel free to pop in for a chat anytime or give us a call.

Kind Regards,

IPOP Team.

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The IPOP Moving On, Moving Up project is going really well and we have held our first event. For this event we went bowling at the Hollywood Bowl in Finchley, many Young adults came along and as you can see from the happy faces in the pictures taken on the night, it was a great success!



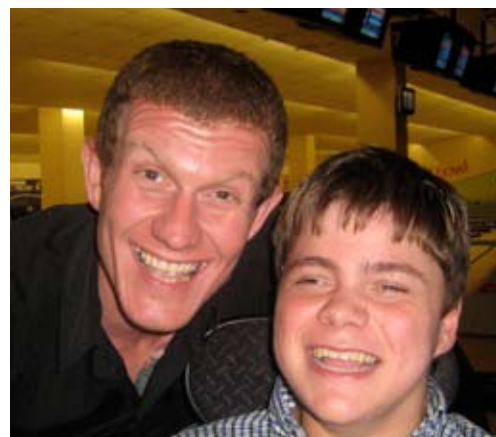
So what next?

— Training session dates in October half term for Weds 29th and Thurs 30th, from 11- 3pm have been arranged.

What will you learn? How to decide what you like to do with your mates, learn how to organise an outing, manage your money and keep safe when out and about.

If you're 18 or nearly 18, you will shortly be receiving further info and a booking form so please look out for it. We're excited, we hope you are too.

Thanks,
Paul Fricker and Glenn Wharton
Young Adults Coordinators.



Free after school Animation Project
for young people aged 11-14

CF community focus
THE ALL INCLUSIVE ART CENTRE

Starting Tuesday 7 October – Tuesday 16 December
from 4.00 – 6.00pm.
Become an expert animator this autumn with CF's 10 week inclusive animation project!

Have fun with professional animator Sarah Vaci developing characters and storyboards. Learn stop frame animation and make your stories come to life. The project will focus on competing disabled athletes in the build up to the 2012 London Paralympics.
At the end of the project friends and family will be invited to view and celebrate the project!

Spaces limited. To book your place
Tel: 020 8369 5483
Email: caitriona.dunnett@communityfocus.co.uk

Level 2 artsdepot, 5 Nether Street, Tolly Ho Corner,
North Finchley, London, N12 0QA
www.Communityfocus.co.uk Tel: 020 8369 5483

Parent Coffee Mornings

When Every Wednesday term time
10am-12pm

Where The Stable (next door to IPOP)
Salisbury Road

8th October. 'Pen Profiles' Annie Etherington Senior Advisory Teacher will explain this clear simple method of passing information onto all the different organisations and professionals who work with your child.

15 October. Pen Profile Practical Workshop. Put what you learnt the previous week into practice and start creating your child's profile.

22nd October. Smarten up your home for less! Get ideas and tips at this Soft Furnishings and Upholstery workshop.

Short Breaks

Consultation An event for ALL the family

Sunday 12th October
2pm—4pm

Queenswell Infants School
Sweets Way, Whetstone, N20 0NQ

An opportunity for disabled children, young people and their families to express their views about short breaks

The event will include...

Focus Groups
Art & drama sessions
Sensory room to chill out
Diary room to record your views
Support to complete questionnaires

Can't make the day?

Don't worry, alternative meetings and questionnaires will be made available to gather your views. Contact Oliver at BVSC for more details.

What is a short break?

For a disabled child or young person a short break can be anything from spending a few hours taking part in an activity that they enjoy to staying away from home overnight. A short break is meant to enable children and young people to have fun and their parents to have a break and some time for themselves or to spend with other siblings in the family.

Need Childcare?

Its all sorted. A trained team of support playworkers will be on hand to help out.

**So come and enjoy a fun packed afternoon
and let us know YOUR family's views.**



To confirm attendance and for any other enquiries please contact: Oliver Ridout Ex. 203 at Barnet Voluntary Service Council, 52 Moxon Street Barnet, Herts EN5 5TS. Tel: 020 8364 8400 Fax: 020 8364 8488 Email: admin@barnetvsc.org.uk Web: www.barnetvsc.org.uk

Alternatively contact Karen Walkden on email: karen@walkden.me.uk

Help with transport can be arranged, please contact us for support by the 6th October

'Sharing Information' Consent

Much of our work is funded by large charities and also by London Borough of Barnet. The funders want to know that we are doing the work we say we are and sometimes ask that we provide them with the 'data', that is names, ages, gender etc of the children and young people we work with. We need your permission to share this information, so enclosed with this newsletter you will find a 'Sharing

Information Consent form'. Please send this back to us so that we can report on all the work we do and it also helps us get more funding in the future. You will still receive a full service from if you don't give consent, its just really important that we know your wishes so don't delay in sending back the form!



Stop Press!

Spaces available in our arts classes
Dance classes on Mondays for 5-11 year olds 4.15-5pm
IPOP Music School – Saturdays 9-10am or 10-11am and 12.45-1.15pm.
IPOP Stepping Stones Drama group 15-19 year olds . 6pm-7.15pm
Tuesday evenings

Also, Sunday Dance Classes returning soon. Contact us to register your interest!
Contact office@ipop.org.uk for more information.

October Half Term Activities in Barnet for Children and Young People.

We know of over 20 different activities for children and young people to do this October 1/2 term holiday. And remember... we are here to give you support and advice so... if you think your child might be interested in an

activity, but not sure if it will be suitable or feel they might need may need extra support to access it, just give us a call at IPOP and we will see what we can do to help. 020 8441 0404.

Barnet's Got Talent!

There is a search for Barnet's next best talent act, singers, dancers, comedians, variety acts, and other talents of all ages. Anyone who believes they have talent is encouraged to audition.... Entries have to be in by 24th October 2008. Contact Ally at the office if interested... What about an IPOP choir/singing group or band?!
Email: ally@ipop.org.uk

Dates for your Diary

October 7th

Autism and Behaviour training
9.30-3pm

October 12th

Short Break Consultation,
Queenswell Infant School,
N20 0NQ

October 15th

Paralympic Talent Day – see
www.ipop.org.uk for more details

October 16th

Deadline for Referrals to Youth and
Connexions Positive Activities for
October half term.

October 18th

Introduction to Autism Training
10-4pm

October 24th

Entry Deadline for Barnet's Got
Talent

October 29th & 30th

Young Adults Training 11-3pm

October 30th

4.30-6.30pm. IPOP Residential
Holiday and Young Volunteers
Reunion Party. Relive your
experiences!

November 11th

Autism and Communication
Training 9.30-3pm

Starting Tuesday 4th November

Tuesday 10am -12pm
(term time only)
Childs Hill Children's Centre, St
Agnes Centre, Gillingham Road
NW2
Contact: Open Door Team
Tel: 020 8349 3842

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.