

Northway Youth Club



RUNNING every Tuesday evening from 4-6pm at Tower Playbase, Youth Ambition works with young people to deliver an exciting programme of activities. Through the delivery of these activities young people are given the opportunity

to make a difference in their community; improve their health and wellbeing; develop vital skills like communication as well as taking part in exciting projects that extend their hopes and dreams.

Activities include cooking, team

building activities, sports, arts and crafts, music and lots more. Youth Ambition also works in partnership with different agencies across the city to provide projects that extend the opportunities on offer to young people attending their sessions.

Music, drama and dance are just some of the projects they have successfully delivered and they continue to work hard to identify the needs and interests of young people to deliver more projects that engage, stretch and meet those interests.

The Heart in Partnership

COMMUNITY Partnerships aim to involve local people in identifying local priorities and implementing local solutions. They encourage public service providers to work together, as well as with private enterprises, community groups and voluntary organisations to improve the quality of life of local residents.

Each Community Partnership has its own Community Plan which details the community needs identified by local research and engagement, as well as how these will be addressed. The Community Plans are periodically reviewed to ensure they continue to reflect local issues and priorities.

Most importantly, Community Partnerships give everyone an opportunity to contribute towards setting priorities for service providers and influencing how these priorities are fulfilled. The Community Partnerships seek to actively engage with all local people, seeking their views on, and active participation in, the future of their area. Community involvement can range from individuals getting involved in small projects that are close to their heart to input from a fully operational community association who are involved in a whole variety of topics.

However much time you have to offer, and regardless of how broad or how specific the activities which interest you, you can make an important contribution to the Community Partnership and to your community as a whole.

■ **Want to know more? Contact Phil Jones 07712922091 pmjones@oxford.gov.uk**



Flood Scheme Update

CONSTRUCTION of a £2.2 million flood alleviation scheme that will protect 110 homes from flash flooding in Northway and Marston is moving on to its landscaping phase.

Residents of Northway and Marston have been hit by surface water flash flooding in recent years because of the proximity to Peasmoor Brook and the Headington Hill

tributary. Flooding in the areas can happen in as little as half an hour after periods of torrential rain.

This Oxford City Council led project is nearing completion of its earthworks phase which has seen natural embankments installed, the water channel realigned, a wetland nature reserve created and the ground lowered to create temporary flood storage areas at Northway Community Field and Court Place Farm Recreation Ground.

This follows work which began in November 2016 including a flood prevention wall and doors at the Oxford Boxing Academy and footpath level changes in Saxon Way and Peasmoor Piece.

Temporary flood storage means that when Northway is hit with torrential rain, water is channelled to these specific areas, held there temporarily and then released into the drainage system and waterways at a pace they can cope with. This prevents flooding of homes and businesses, roads and pavements.

The landscaping phase of construction will see the embankments sewed with wildflowers, a football pitch at Northway Community Field re-instated, trees and shrubs planted, footpaths created and benches and information boards installed.

Oxford City Council successfully won funding from the Environment Agency (£1.6m) and Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (£600,000) to make the flood protection scheme happen.

The project will be completed in summer 2017.

■ **If you have any questions about this project, or want more information, please call 01865 249811, email nandmfloodproject@oxford.gov.uk, visit the website www.oxford.gov.uk/nandmfloodproject or look out for #behindthehoarding posts on Oxford City Council Facebook (@OxfordCityCouncil) and Twitter (@OxfordCity).**



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– Paul Di Felice, Principal

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The College undertakes considerable work with the community and numerous local businesses. The College is constantly developing these links and activities even further to ensure they continue to meet the needs of the local area.

The college is continually reviewing and developing its curriculum to meet the changing needs of the community and to ensure that all students have the required skills to succeed in whatever they choose to do.

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■ For recruitment and outreach enquiries please contact: Lisa Birch, 01865 759642 lbirch@ruskin.ac.uk www.ruskin.ac.uk

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Start date	Curriculum Area	Course
24/04/2017	English	English – Speak up for yourself [ESOL] – Beginners
24/04/2017	Mathematics	Maths – Build your confidence
24/04/2017	Employability	Preparing for Employment
24/04/2017	Access	Preparing for Further Study [Pre access]
24/04/2017	Access	Pre Access to Social Care [Pre access]
24/04/2017	Arts	Writing for a career in the Arts
26/04/2017	English	English – Speak up for yourself [ESOL] – Highers
29/04/2017	Arts	Fine Art
01/05/2017	Information Technology	IT – e-functional Skills
06/05/2017	Ruskin Residential	Alcohol Awareness
16/05/2017	Mathematics	Improving your Maths
16/05/2017	Information Technology	ITQ Spreadsheet Skills
26/05/2017	Access	Access to HE taster days
26/05/2017	Access	FE taster days

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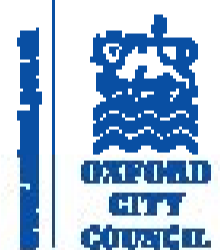
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