

WINTER NEWS 2017

YOUNG CARERS



PARTY LIKE IT'S 2017/18!



What's on?...

YOUNG CARERS SATURDAY YOUTH CLUB

- When:** 10.30am – 1pm
Who for: 10-16yr olds - 1st & 3rd Sat of each month
5-9yr olds - 2nd & 4th Sat of each month
Where: Harlington Young People's Centre
Pinkwell Lane, Harlington UB3 1PB



YOUNG CARERS MONDAY YOUTH CLUB

- When:** 3.30 – 6pm term time only
Who for: 9 – 16 year olds
Where: Northwood Young People's Centre
54 Hallowell Road, Northwood HA6 1DS

YOUNG CARERS TUESDAY YOUTH CLUB

- When:** 3.30 – 6pm term time only
Who for: 9 – 16 year olds
Where: South Ruislip Young People's Centre
Victoria Road, South Ruislip HA4 0JE



YOUNG ADULT CARERS WEDNESDAY CLUB

- When:** 4.00pm - 6.30pm term time only
Who for: 16-24 year olds
Where: West Drayton Young People's Centre
Harmondsworth Road, West Drayton UB7 9JB

Carers' calling...

CREATE ARTS



It turns out that zombies just wanna have fun as this rare footage proves, taken from behind the scenes on the set of the short film 'The Safehouse'. Amazingly it was written, scripted, produced and edited in just three days! Barely enough time for the make-up to dry! A huge thanks to Create Arts artist Lesley who made this incredible workshop possible.

FA FOOTBALL LEADERS

12 young carers were successful in achieving their Junior Football Leaders certification after completing a 6 hour workshop run by the Football Association. Not only did they learn about warm ups, coaching and the technical rules of the game but they were also given the power of the yellow and red cards in the refereeing section of the course. They're now skilled up and ready for Russia 2018 should England require some fresh players or even refs for that matter!

MOUSETRAP THEATRE PROJECT



Photography by Alex Rumford

For many, performing on a West End stage in London would be a dream come true. Well no dream is too distant as the charity Mousetrap proved. During October we teamed up with Mousetrap to provide 25 young carers a chance step into the spotlight and perform to a real audience on a West End stage. They only had 6 weeks to plan, practice and perfect the show but the end result was amazing! To celebrate their success each performer was given tickets to watch hit musical, Dreamgirls.

SUMMER OF '17

The six week summer holidays can be a magical time of year. The birds are singing, children are playing and you can usually get a seat on the bus in the morning. While here over at 'Young Carers Towers' if you turn left at the sleeping bags and make your way through the cinema sweet production line you will find a wall chart. Look closely at these scribbled hieroglyphics and you may be able to decipher something. Proof that the summer of 2017 has been one of the best yet!

During the six week holidays the Young Carers Team planned 13 trips and workshops for 217 young carers, providing over 1,750 hours of respite.

With additional funding from Thomas Cook Children's Charity we also managed to secure 49 places for the summer programme Fiesta and Personal Sporting Development, providing a further 1,364 hours of respite for young carers in the borough.

That's over 3,100 hours of respite in the six week holidays alone.



Searching for the Gruffalo at Chessington World of Adventures.



They made light work of The Swarm during their trip to Thorpe Park.



Making their own path in the hedge maze at Iwer Study Centre.

N-Hance your life...

for 16-24 year olds

Fast Forward! An action packed day of workshops and activities took place for 20 Young Adult Carers in November. From confidence and empowerment, skills for jobs and CV writing, the YACs took part in workshops to inspire their futures and promote their independence. With the added bonus of a free lunch and a goody bag for all those who attended, the YACs walked away ready to conquer what comes next!

NEXT STOP THE SAATCHI GALLERY?

Over the past 6 months our Young Adult Carers have been working hard in the art studio experimenting with mixed media techniques to create a final piece that will temporarily live at Hillingdon Carers. If anyone would like to own this masterpiece then please get in touch. All offers are welcome and the proceeds will go towards funding the next Young Adult Carers residential trip.



Title:
The Fish Museum
Artists:
Young Adult Carers
Media:
Mixed media
Surface: **Wood**
H: **131cm x**
W: **83cm**

Young Carers Festival Turns 18

Three days in a field camping under the stars with 1,800 young carers. 2017 was the year that The Young Carers Festival turned 18. To celebrate this milestone, the young carers had a chance to participate in a huge host of activities from stand-up paddle boards to zip-lining through the surrounding woodlands.

As night fell and the fairground rides began to spin, the horizon was lit up with a sea of bobbing red and green neon headphones: The silent disco. Although it was not as silent as one might think...



From left to right - James – Martin – Jo – Paula – Jessica – Carole



At Hillingdon Carers we try to give every Young Carer the very best support. However, we realise that sometimes things can go wrong. You might want to complain about the service you are receiving or the way you have been treated. If any part of our service makes you unhappy, we want to hear about it so we can put things right, apologise if appropriate, and learn from what you tell us so it doesn't happen again. Making a complaint or a compliment will not disrupt your support and we welcome all feedback so that we can improve our service. If you have a complaint or would like to feed something back then you can either speak to any member of the young carers team or contact the office to speak to our Chief Executive, Sally Chandler, on 01895 811206 or email office@hillingdoncarers.org.uk.