

A new voice for children and young people at Slough CVS!

There is soon to be a new **Development Worker (Children and Young People)** in Slough. Based at Slough Council for Voluntary Service (SCVS) this new role will facilitate communication between local voluntary and community groups (VCS) and the statutory agencies (the local authority, the PCT, the Police service and others). The focus of the new position is development work with children and young people's groups as well as organising events such as workshops during the year to encourage the VCS to take responsibility for initiatives and ensuring the findings are represented at statutory level.

Slough CVS is an umbrella organisation to the voluntary and community sector in Slough. We support groups through development work, fundraising information, training and facilitating participation.

For further information contact Slough CVS on 01753 524176.



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Creative Careers 2007

In December, year nine students from Slough secondary schools were introduced to a range of careers from the creative and cultural industries at the annual 'Creative Careers' event, now in its sixth year.

The young people attended seminars and saw active demonstrations and exhibitions from over 40 creative professionals. Local cultural organisations and education providers profiled the opportunities available to those with creative ambitions and there were opportunities to interact with practitioners including animators, music producers, fashion designers, architects and many more.



Musician Rob Gilmour teaching young person to play bass at Creative Careers.

Photo by Creative Partnerships Thames Valley (Jo Whitham)

The event, organised by Creative Partnerships and supported and hosted by East Berkshire College, aimed to raise the aspirations of young people and the understanding of teachers about employment and opportunities in the arts, cultural and creative industries.

Jessica Jhundoo of Creative Partnerships commented, 'This event was a great way to inspire and inform young people. There is a diverse range of careers included within the creative industries and those that attended experienced immediately the variety, and saw the opportunities available to them.'

Please contact Jessica Jhundoo at Creative Partnerships for further information jessica.jhundoo@creative-partnerships.com 01753 470324.



In Good Company – forming positive partnerships

Slough's third **In Good Company** event took place at Thames Valley Community Centre in Chalvey in December. It was a vibrant meeting of Slough Community Network, allowing people from the voluntary sector to come and meet, not only each other, but also people from the statutory sector. This time the event brought together over 50 people from organisations working with children and young people in Slough.



Ian Sandbrook, interim head of Education and Children's Services welcomed everybody and spoke of the importance of the family and the voluntary sector in the town in supporting children and young people. Next up was speed networking, a great opportunity for organisations to get to know one another and share information. This was followed by some excellent discussion in groups on the issues faced by young people in gaining employment and advice and on Contact Point (the database of children and young people's details). Slough Young People's Centre led a table in discussing media and arts training and Hype, a drug and alcohol advice charity also briefed a group on the services available. Another group looked at how to respond to the need for a counseling service for young people.



Voluntary and statutory sector speed networking at the In Good Company event

Bob Haynes and Janine Edwards, who represent the voluntary sector on the Children's Trust, reminded us that the Children and Young People's Voluntary Sector Forum meets to feed back information to the voluntary sector from the Children's Trust and to share ideas for joint working.

One voluntary organisation commented about the day, 'Communication with other organisations is hard to do. Events like this make it much easier.'

The next meeting of the Children and Young People's Voluntary Sector Forum will be on **Thursday 31st January 2008** at 10 am at the Family Welfare Association in Britwell.

For more information please contact Janine at Homestart Slough on 01753 528800.

For notes on the discussion around a counselling service for young people visit the SCVS website on www.sloughcvs.org.uk

For more information about Contact Point contact Tracy Hall, project co-ordinator at Slough Borough Council on 01753 875725, tracy.hall@slough.gov.uk

or visit www.ecm.gov.uk/contactpoint and www.slough.gov.uk/contactpoint

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Monday

Event	Time	Venue	Contact
Music Project	4.00-6.00pm	Haymill	01753 875510
Drop in	7.00-9.00pm	Haymill	01753 875510
DICE	6.00-9.00pm	Rotunda	01753 875510
Drop in	5.00-8.00pm	Manor Park	01753 875510
Drop in	7.30-10.00pm	Horsemoor Green	01753 875510
SWIPE Music	Check times	Orchard	01753 512156
Music Class	6.45-8.00pm	Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara	Sikh Community Youth Services 07768848686

Tuesday

Event	Time	Venue	Contact
Music Project	4.00-6.00pm	Haymill	01753 875510
Drop in/ Arts night	6.00-8.00pm	Cippenham	01753 875510
Drop in	5.00-8.00pm	Manor Park	01753 875510
Street Dance	6.00-7.15pm	Manor Park	01753 875510
Drop in Project	7.30-10.00pm	Upton Lea	01753 875510
Drop in	6.00-9.00pm	Orchard	01753 875510
Drop in	6.00-9.00pm	Chalvey	01753 875510
Religious Sikh songs	6.30-7.30pm	Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara	Sikh Community Youth Services 07768848686
SWIPE	Check times	Orchard	01753 512156

Wednesday

Event	Time	Venue	Contact
Music Project	4.00-6.00pm	Haymill	01753 875510
Drop in/Sports Night	6.00-8.00pm	Cippenham	01753 875510
Switch Project	4.30-6.00pm	Manor Park	01753 875510
Girls Nite	6.00-8.30pm	Manor Park	01753 875510
Drop in and dance	7.30-10.00pm	Horsemoor Green	01753 875510
SWIPE Music	Check times	Orchard	01753 512156
Drop in	6.00-9.00pm	Chalvey	01753 875510
Religious Sikh songs	6.30-7.30pm	Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara	Sikh Community Youth Services 07768848686
Football training	6.30-7.30pm	Langley Grammar School	Golden Eagles Football Club 01753 539024

Thursday

Event	Time	Venue	Contact
DJ	4.00-6.00pm	Haymill	01753 875510
Project Night	6.00-8.00pm	Haymill	01753 875510
Drop in	5.00-8.00pm	Manor Park	01753 875510
SWIPE Music	Check times	Orchard	01753 512156
SPIRALS	6.00-9.00pm	Horsemoor Green	01753 875510
Sikh Martial Arts	6.00-8.00pm	Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara	Sikh Community Youth Services 07768848686

Friday

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Sapphire Girls Group	6.00-8.30pm	Haymill	01753 875510
Friday Friends	6.00-8.00pm	Manor Park	01753 875510
Girls' Play Activity Session	5.00-6.00pm	Youth Centre, Chalvey	United Somali Youth of Slough 07932 833617
Sikh Martial Arts	6.00-7.30pm	Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara	Sikh Community Youth Services 07768848686

Weekend

Event	Time	Venue	Contact
Football Training Session	Sat 5.30-8.00pm	Montem Leisure Centre	United Somali Youth of Slough 07932 833617
Homework Club	Sun 11.00am-1.00pm	Rotunda	United Somali Youth of Slough 07932 833617
SWIPE	Check times	Orchard	01753 512156

Listing compiled with Slough Borough Council's Youth Service Team

For further information contact 01753 875 510

Ticket To Ride: Spoken Word Festival

As part of Slough's spoken word festival, the West Wing Arts Centre is organising spoken word/rap workshops from November 2007 to March 2008 in partnership with Youth Centres across Slough.

This is an amazing opportunity for young people from 12 to 19 years old to get involved, as they will develop their communication and social skills working with a professional rapper.

All levels of ability are welcome. Participants will also have the opportunity to showcase their pieces in front of an audience on Sunday 30th March 2008 at the West Wing Arts Centre and the winners will work with a visual artist to present their words as a graffiti piece.

The project is supported by Slough Art at the Centre, a revitalisation project to create a new and unique High Street in Slough. Contact 01753 823710.