

Youth Bus Update – September 2018

Welcome to our latest edition of the Youth Bus newsletter.

Autumn is already here and we are keeping busy on the Youth Bus so read on to find out what we have been up to and what's to come over the next few months!



Vote for the Youth Bus now at Evesham Tesco superstore in the Bags of Help scheme! More information in the next issue of the newsletter.

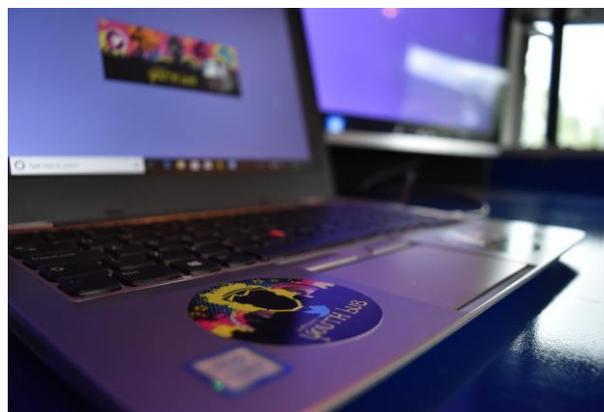


Improvements to the Youth Bus!

We have been busy refreshing the Youth Bus with some new equipment which has caused some changes to our schedules over the last few months.

The good news is that we have upgraded our audio visual equipment on-board to keep up with the ever changing technology that surrounds us. This includes getting some funding to upgrade our laptops and the Xbox 360 which has seen plenty of use over the last 8 years! We are now pleased to see the Xbox One X on-board alongside a 4k screen and a new media area.

We are looking forward to the equipment getting lots of use during the winter and will also enable us to deliver new workshops and learning sessions.



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This month we are featuring a special news item by our newest member of the Youth Bus Team, Lindsey. Read on to find out how she got on spending a night on the streets.

A Night on the Streets – A news feature by Lindsey Alacid-Mendez, Youth Bus worker

In 2017 over 4500 people were documented sleeping rough on the streets in England. **To define the word homeless, no where to live, no where safe to sleep and no where to call a home.** There are lots of reasons why people are or become homeless, a lot of stereotypes, however have you ever stopped to think how and why they are homeless? In November I made a conscious decision to sign up to sleep rough for 1 night, to help raise awareness of youth homelessness for [St Basils charity](#).

St Basils works with young people aged 16-25 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, helping over 5000 young people per year across the West Midlands.

The charity event took place in a derelict carpark in Solihull, when I arrived at the venue I was given a cardboard box, this would be my bed for the night. This experience was one of the hardest, challenging events I have ever had to do. I didn't sleep as I was so cold, all I kept thinking about was the people that do this every day. When the lights came on in the morning I had never felt so relieved, at the same time I felt sad and emotional. Last year St Basils helped prevent 89% of vulnerable youths becoming homeless. I feel proud to have contributed in raising awareness for youth homelessness also achieving over £175 in sponsorship. I am hoping to take part in the big sleep out event that takes place in [Birmingham](#) city centre in November 2018.

If you're interested in finding out more about how you can help homelessness have a chat to Lindsey when you see her on the bus.



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I'm sure you have already been inundated with emails about the new data protection laws (GDPR) that came into force in May and if anything it might have lightened your email inbox for the better!

We just want to reassure you that:

- You can unsubscribe from our emails at any time and we don't send junk mail
- We don't pass on your data to anyone else
- When young people sign in on-board the bus they don't need to provide their date of birth and use our services anonymously if they wish
- We remove your information when you no longer use the Youth Bus service.

We think the new data regulations are a good thing and we are hoping to raise more awareness about this with people on the Youth Bus - social media has become such a huge platform in people's lives everyone need to be respectful of people's privacy, especially for young people growing up in a digital landscape.

See you soon on the Youth Bus,

The Youth Bus Team

Work opportunities on the bus

We are still recruiting casual workers to join us on the bus so if you know anyone who enjoys working with young people and wants to make a difference in their local community then ask them to get in touch. We also have a range of volunteering options available as well as work placements. Parents are also welcome to sign up as a volunteer and this can prove really useful too – we really need your support to help keep our regular sessions running.

Email robin.mace@wychavon.gov.uk

Some dates for your diary

Tuesday 25 September
Middle Littleton 4 – 5:30pm

Thursday 27 September
Stoulton 4:30 – 6pm

Wednesday 10 October
Persore College 12 – 2pm
Crothorne 4:30 – 6pm

Thursday 11 October
Inkberrow 4.30 – 6pm

Wednesday 17 October
Bretforton 4.30 – 6pm

Thursday 18 October
Elmley Castle 4 – 5:15pm
Stoulton 5:30 – 6:30pm

Friday 16 November
Middle Littleton 4:30 – 6pm
Offenham 6:30 – 8:30pm

Thought for the month

Notice how the trees do not cling to their leaves. Autumn is about releasing the old to make way for the new.

