

Wigan Boys and Girls Club Charity

Annual Report 2014/2015



wigan youth zone





Martin Ainscough - Chairman

As our second year in operation draws to a close, I couldn't be happier with the progress that has been made at Wigan Youth Zone.

This past year, we've set about building on the foundations that were laid during our first year and have seen some impressive fruits of our labour.

More and more young people have gained employment or returned to education through our intervention, sporting goals have been smashed, songs have been recorded and we are really starting to challenge some negative stereotypes about young people.

We are now investing in the fantastic volunteers that help run the Youth Zone more than ever and we're even seeing some of our own members start to volunteer and give something back.

Of course this doesn't mean we're resting on our laurels and we're continuing to look for new ways to attract young people into the Youth Zone and make the opportunities we offer more accessible than ever.

We also look forward to opening the exciting Drumcroom development this year and making Wigan Youth Zone better than ever.



Bill Ainscough - Founder

It's hard to believe Wigan Youth Zone has now been operational for two years and I am so proud of the achievements of the staff and young people in that time.

The Youth Zone was always intended to be somewhere that offered young people a host of sporting and creative activities, but also to give them some real opportunities they might not otherwise have had.

This year, our members have been all over the country and further afield with different projects, climbed mountains, got new jobs, recorded albums and so much more.

I look forward to seeing just what can be achieved over the next twelve months.

A huge well done to everyone involved.



David Whelan - President

The Wigan Boys and Girls Club charity continues to fill me with pride and its achievements show no signs of slowing down.

The charity is making steady inroads into exactly what we set out to achieve – to get young people across Wigan Borough and beyond playing sports, games, music, making friends and above all having fun.

I'm also honoured at the partnership work our very own Wigan Athletic Community Trust have undertaken this year, not only to encourage more and more young people into sport, but even making it possible

for them to perform on the pitch at the DW Stadium to thousands of people.

Since the inception of Wigan Boys and Girls Club, police have seen 77% reduction in anti-social behaviour levels as a direct result of partnership work between us, local police and the local authority. This really highlights that the Youth Zone is making a tangible difference in the community.

Wigan Boys and Girls Club, the staff and the young people who come through the doors each night, continue to make me unbelievably proud.



Councillor Joanne Platt

Wigan Council's Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

Since taking up my new post as Cabinet Member for Children and Young People at Wigan Council, I have visited Wigan Youth Zone on a number of occasions. Each time I am overwhelmed by the level of motivation and enthusiasm displayed by the children and young people.

The Youth Zone is an extremely valuable asset. It's not just a place where children and young people go to hang out. It's a secure and educationally stimulating

environment. The activities encourage participants to learn about important issues, like sexual harassment and female empowerment - themes which tie in with the council's #BelieveInHer campaign. A lot of the activities teach the children how to stay safe, be healthy, aim high and progress well.

On behalf of Wigan Council, I'd like to thank all the staff and volunteers who have helped make Wigan Youth Zone the success that it is today.



Kathryn Morley - OnSide Chief Executive

It is fantastic to see Wigan Youth Zone go from strength to strength and continue to build on their great offer for local young people.

We continue to see some really pioneering youth work taking place at Wigan Youth Zone, helping inform the whole network of OnSide Youth Zones.

Alongside this, the achievements of Wigan Borough's young people continue to make us really proud of Wigan Youth Zone.

All of this reflects the Wigan Youth Zone team's determination to constantly improve to make an even bigger difference to the lives of their members.

We look forward to seeing what the coming twelve months will bring.



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JUNIOR CLUB

Our Junior sessions have always been busy and buzzing with excitement and the past year has been no different.

Our second pantomime, *Babes in the Wood*, was a huge success and was performed over three nights to large audiences.



This year has also seen the start of our Junior Gardening Club with an allotment space created at the back of our skate park.

With donations of equipment from Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust, Barton Grange and Groundwork Trust and hours of extra work put in by our volunteers, this has been a real team effort.

The hard work paid off when children were able to eat a meal made with potatoes and tomatoes from their own garden. ■

HOLIDAY CLUB



This year's Holiday Clubs have seen a week in ancient Rome, onesie parties, Australian New Year, Harry Potter week, circus skills, foam parties and inflatable laser quests. In short, if you've heard of a fun activity, then we've probably had it in the Holiday Club.

The second summer Holiday Club was an incredible success and over a six week period the total attendance was a staggering 4,021 children. Our busiest day saw 178 children walk through our doors for a 10 hour day of non-stop fun and games. ■

SENIOR CLUB

We currently have nearly 3,000 Senior members who get involved in the array of activities we run six nights a week.

This year, they have made us proud by working hard to get into employment, gain accreditations, compete in sports and showcase their creative sides.



With 84,391 visits to the Youth Zone in the past year, we can safely say a host of young people have enthusiastically engaged with the activities and opportunities we offer. ■

YOUTH INC



Members of our Youth Inc independence and inclusion group have really pushed their boundaries this year, heading to the Houses of Parliament to launch the A Level Playing Field project.

A Level Playing Field is a partnership project between OnSide Youth Zones, The Big Lottery and the Seashell Trust to get disabled young people playing sport alongside their able bodied peers.

The group rubbed shoulders with the likes of former Home and Foreign Secretary Jack Straw and Paralympian and Channel 4 presenter Rachael Latham.

Closer to home, our Children's Able and Disabled Sports (CADS) project continues to run during school holidays, ensuring all young people of all abilities are supported to join in the activities we offer. ■





The WYZ Sports department has seen a host of achievements this year, with the creation of new competitive teams, league fixtures across the north west and our young people excelling in their chosen sport.

With the help of Sports Springboard Wigan, the Garfield Weston Foundation and Viswear, participation in sports has increased and we have worked to build the confidence and competitive spirit of our young people.

With the support of Premier League for Sport, Sport England and Wigan Athletic Community Trust, we deliver athletics, netball, table tennis, basketball, volleyball and tennis. We also offer opportunities in cricket, football, dance, boxing, Aikido, Judo, wrestling, Taekwondo, archery, dodgeball, Futsal, golf, Ultimate Frisbee and curling.

WYZ also has the only basketball team in the borough and play in two leagues while training twice a week.

The Sports department have forged links with other organisations such as the UK Futsal Academy and young people showing potential in their chosen sport have been fed through to local sports clubs such as Wigan Harriers and St Jude's, St Pat's and Shevington Sharks Rugby Clubs. ■



GIRLS ALLOWED

Young women using our Girls Allowed room have not only had fun this year, but embarked on a journey of self-confidence and empowerment.

The 'never stop growing' month, anti-teen violence week, healthy relationships, breast cancer awareness, domestic abuse, sexting, black history month, fashion through the ages and special effects make up all topics our girls have taken on.

What better way to celebrate a year of female achievement than staging an International Women's Day event right here in the Youth Zone, celebrating a future generation of empowered women. ■



ART, FASHION AND DESIGN



Our creative young people have secured their own pottery exhibition in The Museum of Wigan Life this year.

A Potter's Tale project, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, saw the group head to The Harris Museum in Preston, The Museum of Lancashire Life, Wigan Museum of Life and a ceramic artist's studio to research, before designing and making their own pots ready for exhibition. ■

Our art room users have also made dresses, dungarees and cardigans for teddy bear fashion shows, have designed and painted their own handbags and even had a visit from CBBC's Hacker T Dog to support their own puppet group. ■



MUSIC, MEDIA AND PERFORMING ARTS

The Youth Zone's resident rising star Owen Bolton has all but completed his debut EP, Feef, which is set to be released by the end of the year on our in house record label, Reet Good Records.



Young people have been elected into jobs at Reet Good Records, covering all the roles needed at a record label. This has been a learning curve for all involved, gaining great insight into the workings of the music industry.



Wigan Youth Zone TV, our in house video bloggers, have worked to cover all events this past year and share the fruits of their labour on their own YouTube channel and social media platforms.

STRIDE, the Greater Manchester-wide boys dance project in association with Dance Manchester, took place at Wigan Youth Zone with 23 young men taking part in the five week programme.



This year has also seen the creation of WYZ Street Monkeys, the Youth Zone's free running / parkour group who have wowed crowds at several events including our annual fundraising ball.



Our Junior Applause Performing Arts Academy - or APAA – have performed two shows this year, In the Zone and the classic tale of Babes in the Wood.



Our dance tutors continue to showcase the talents of their young followers, by choreographing routines that have been performed at events across the north west. ■

Connor and Caitlynn

have both started on the career ladder at McDonald's since finishing our Get a Job course.

Connor, 18, said: "I did my work experience at McDonald's for the course and was then offered a job as dining area and customer care assistant.

"I honestly couldn't tell you my favourite part of the job because I like all of it. I love talking to the customers and giving balloons out when it's people's birthdays.

"The course got me some great experience and we learned something new every day."

Caitlynn, 17, said: "The course really helped me with my CV and interview skills. I feel like I'm more confident working in a team now as well. I now work as a cashier or point of service as we call it.

"I found the job hard at first as I'm quite shy, but it has really helped my confidence and now I love it." ■



Exauće

first came in to the Youth Zone to use our gym and then stumbled across the Girls' Allowed room.

At first she was shy and lacked confidence – now she helps run events for young women in the Youth Zone.

She says: "I get my confidence from Amber and the other staff in the Girls Room, they have taught me so much.

"I'm proud of myself but I do not think I could have achieved so much confidence without their help."

Exauće, 16, has grand plans for herself when she leaves school and our staff will support her to achieve them in any way they can.

She said: "I have a vision that I want to be a nurse or go into law or politics – something that will not only help other people living in Wigan, but something I might be able to take back to Congo with me to help people from my home country.

"The Girls' Room staff have helped me to learn that you shouldn't try and just fit in with other people. You should be yourself, meet new people, get out of your comfort zone and keep learning.

"The Youth Zone is a place where people from across Wigan come together. Hopefully those young people will take something back to share in their communities after they leave." ■



FAMILY CHRISTMAS MEAL

Our team went the extra mile to spread festive cheer this Christmas, organising a meal for those who needed it most.

We invited young people and their families to the community celebration who, for whatever reason, may have needed a little extra festive cheer.

The Youth Zone staff and volunteers donned their elf costumes and aprons to peel spuds, serve food and look after the guests who were treated to a full Christmas dinner.

They were also entertained by music from some of our members, the Wigan Youth Zone Brass Band, a disco and Father Christmas even popped along.

Food and gifts were donated by everyone from our patrons and supporters such as MyFresh, LowriBeck, 3P Logistics and Wigan and Leigh College to kind families across the borough, making it a real community effort. We were also overwhelmed by the donation of hundreds of gifts from Key 103's Mission Christmas appeal.

The entire event was pulled together by our Targeted Youth Work Manager / Safeguarding Officer Kate Gardner. ■

It was truly a heart-warming day that will be remembered by everyone involved for years to come.



YEAR REVIEW

2014

JUNE



Our Applause Performing Arts Academy performed their first musical, *In the Zone*. The original musical told a heart-warming tale of life in the Youth Zone and was performed to parents over two evenings.

JULY



The sun came out for our annual Wigan to Blackpool bike ride. Scores of riders turned out to get on their bikes and raise money for Wigan Youth Zone.

AUGUST



APAA performed *George and the Dragon* – a play which they chose, learned and performed all within one week of Holiday Club.

SEPTEMBER



We held our first Gladiators tournament and, like the TV show, had Atlas Spheres, The Wall, Powerball, Joust and The Eliminator.

Around 20 members signed up as contenders to battle against our staff, with Aaron Houghton and Abby Howard emerging as winners.

OCTOBER



Work officially started on Drumcroom, Wigan Youth Zone's newest development. The neighbouring building and former educational arts centre was gifted to us by Wigan Council and will be developed and extended throughout this year.

We plan to use both the existing building and new extension for our members aged 16 and over. In this space we'll create a café bar to be run as a young enterprise project and a performance space so young people can enjoy gig nights, comedy performances, open mic nights and anything else their hearts desire. The ground floor of the facility will be occupied by charity Hop, Skip and Jump who provide respite care for severely disabled children.

NOVEMBER



Our young people took over the match day entertainment at the DW Stadium for Wigan Athletic's match against Fulham. With the support of Wigan Athletic Community Trust, our members performed as the crowds poured into the stadium. Our resident rising star Owen Bolton also fulfilled a lifelong dream to sing on the pitch at half time.

DECEMBER



The first graduation ceremony for the Get a Job course was held at the Youth Zone, marking the achievements of all the young people who have found their way into employment, education or training throughout our flagship course. ■

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JANUARY



One of our Enterprise groups slowly but surely began to take over the north west, selling their Cookie Mad mugs. The group have been selling their cookie holder mugs as part of the national Young Enterprise Programme learning business, leadership and marketing skills in the process.

FEBRUARY



We had yet more interest from Westminster's Cabinet Office in the great work taking place at Wigan Youth Zone. Rob Wilson MP, Minister for Civil Society, came up from London to see all we've achieved here and to meet with our sister charity OnSide on how the Government could support future Youth Zones.

MARCH



We celebrated International Women's Day in the Youth Zone, asking our members to nominate women who inspire them and celebrate what the women in their lives do for them.

APRIL



We held our second annual Patron's Dinner to thank our fabulous supporters for all they do to help Wigan Youth Zone. ■

PRESIDENT'S CUP

In March 2015, we hosted the annual Onside President's Cup welcoming Blackburn, Manchester, Bolton, Carlisle, Oldham and London Youth Zones to Wigan.

The annual event, kindly supported by President of Mahdlo Youth Zone Norman K. Stoller CBE KStJ DL, saw around 300 young people come to Wigan Youth Zone to compete in everything from bladderball, hockey and gym challenges to a dance off, art challenge and devised drama pieces.

For the third year running Blackburn won the overall competition and Wigan Youth Zone came a close second. Our young people won the individual challenges in drama, art and our junior team won the challenging bleep test.

The fun continued with live bands and a sleep over in the Youth Zone – Wigan Youth Zone know how to throw a party! ■



REC AREA

Our Rec Area has been a hub of excitement with anything and everything taking place over the past twelve months.

This year we've seen a rodeo bull, chilli challenges, welly wanging contests, World Puzzle Day, National Nutella Day, face peg challenge, Willy Wonka day, and I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here challenges.



The addition of a new air hockey game and snooker table have also been a hit with our young people.

As always, the Rec team never cease to amaze us with their ideas and enthusiasm. ■

OUTDOOR REC AND SKATE PARK

BMX and scooter competitions have been a hugely successful part of the Youth Zone this year and a real team effort.

Alan's BMX shop in Wigan kindly step up each time to donate prizes, as well as major distributors such as 4Down and Skates.co.uk.

The Outdoor team have now also started to run technique classes and maintenance lessons for scooters and BMXs. ■



Dominic

Before Dom started coming to Wigan Youth Zone, he had nothing to do in his spare time and was struggling at school.

He said: "I was behind at school, my attendance was really bad because I was only attending a couple of days a week. This was because of a medical condition that I have. Some people had me down as a lazy child as I didn't understand the work."

Things changed for Dom as soon as he started coming to Wigan Youth Zone. He began to take part in DJ-ing workshops, became part of a drama group and spent all his free time in the music room and radio booth.

He said: "The staff that run all of these sessions are really friendly and it meant that I always had someone to talk to which I'd never had before. The other young people that had the same interests as me were easy to get on with and would always make me laugh. I jumped at the chance to become a Volunteer so I could give something back to the Youth Zone. Not so lazy now!"



Chantelle



Chantelle wins an award from our Chairman Martin Ainscough for her efforts

Two years ago, Chantelle felt she was overweight, depressed and lacked the confidence to do anything about it.

When she heard Wigan Youth Zone was opening, complete with a state of the art gym, she knew enough was enough and couldn't make excuses anymore. She said: "The thing that won me over when I entered the gym was being greeted by the two smiling faces of the trainers, Mike and James. They talked me through what I wanted to achieve, showed me round the machines and reassured me that what I wanted wouldn't happen overnight but if I carried on working hard, I'd see results."

With constant encouragement, Chantelle slowly but surely started to get to where she wanted to be.

She said: "The day I realised I'd lost four stone was probably the happiest and proudest day of my life."

"At this point in my life, I'm a different person. I've grown and changed so much and part of that is thanks to James and Mike in the gym. Not only do I look and feel better but mentally I am now much happier. For the first time in years I feel comfortable in my own skin."

"It's been one of the toughest journeys I've had to face in life so far but it's also been one of the best."



With the help of Wigan Athletic Community Trust, football at Wigan Youth Zone continues to go from strength to strength.



We currently have 18 teams from across the borough taking part in our Youth Zone under 12s, 14s, 16s and 19s football leagues each week, and also host Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust's Midnight Leagues.

Our specialist girls football coordinator has worked extremely hard to create a senior girls team who now regularly turn up for training sessions and fixtures against other Youth Zones.

WYZ FC teams have also competed in several junior and senior competitions returning home with trophies after thrashing their opponents.

Wigan Youth Zone members were privileged to be featured as Team of the Week for Wigan Athletic's

first game of the 2014/15 season. Our young people were invited into the players' lounge at the DW Stadium for refreshments before heading for a tour of the home team's dressing room and the stadium's technical area.

Wigan Athletic Community Trust used the Youth Zone to host their regional Premier League Kicks tournament. This brought in Kicks teams from Manchester United, Everton, Liverpool, Blackpool, Stoke and Bolton to participate but Wigan were eventual winners of the tournament.

All our football activities are supported by the Premier League and The PFA. ■



HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Work continues to educate groups of young people on issues such as sexual health and consent with agencies like Brook.

We have also developed our capacity to deliver the C Card scheme, giving young people free access to condoms and working with young people under the legal age of consent.

A group of young people also attended events with Leigh MP and Shadow Health Secretary Andy Burnham to look at the impact of cigarette packaging on young people.



Counselling and support is still available through our safeguarding procedures for any young person going through a difficult time. This year alone we have dealt with issues surrounding sexuality, personal hygiene, family breakdown, homelessness, bereavement, relationship abuse, young carers, anxiety, depression and self-harm. ■

PARTICIPATION



Wigan Youth Zone has a fully functioning Youth Forum, filled with young people who help organise events, keep our staff in check and represent the collective voice of our members.

The Wigan Youth Zone Forum has even taken our young people's views to our local MPs.

Our young people were also invited to replace staff for National Takeover Day with some enthusiastic and interesting results.

Our Health and Participation staff teamed up with the sports team to deliver the 12th Man Project for our resident Lads' Group, educating young people on drugs and alcohol awareness, goal setting and team building. ■



OUTREACH

Wigan Youth Zone's Outreach team have walked the streets and parks of the borough, building strong relationships with groups who might otherwise feel disengaged from society; encouraging some to visit the Youth Zone and working with others in their own environment.

The team has also worked with the emergency services in dealing with some of the issues endangering young people in and around Wigan. Real threats from adult predators have been headed off with the help of the police, the use of legal-highs has been tackled and we have worked with the

emergency services to address deliberate fires. Collaboration with both Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust and Wigan Athletic Community Trust has seen sports programmes delivered in Mesnes Park during school holidays as well as WLCT staff being seconded to the Outreach team for regular work on the streets.

During the summer months, Outreach was involved in several community events such as Golborne's Big Lunch and the Apex family fun day at Pennington Flash. ■



FREE BUS SERVICES



To make Wigan Youth Zone as accessible as possible, Outreach runs a programme of free buses from around the borough. Our pilot route picks up around 90 people in Higher Folds every Saturday evening and this has now been complemented by a Wednesday service bringing another 40 young people into the Youth Zone. This project has been supported with funding from Wigan and Leigh Homes and coaches from Shearings.

Regular work with Shackerley Youth Group has led to a core group of around 15 bus users coming to the Youth Zone from their community, while linking up with the Kámoši group for Central European immigrants has brought in over 40 regulars.

Tuesdays see the access programme rolled out to junior members through our Walking Bus initiative. Chaperoned walks from Wigan's inner wards allow those without transport the opportunity to enjoy the Youth Zone's facilities giving parents the peace of mind their children are in safe hands. ■

GYM

We've seen some real transformations in our regular gym users and have also introduced health and fitness into the lives of new members.

Adam Wray, one of our gym's success stories from last year, headed back to Blackburn Youth Zone to compete in the Iron Man event against three other Youth Zones.

He did us proud winning the rowing event and coming second overall in the competition.

Our junior members have also got involved competing in superhero challenges to introduce health and fitness to their lifestyles at an early age.

Even our chairman Martin Ainscough got involved, embarking on a 60 day challenge and inviting young people to join him. ■



FIGHT CLUB



This year has seen 11 boxers from Wigan Youth Zone move up into Leigh Amateur Boxing Club via the Sports Springboard Wigan project and these people are now in contention for national and regional title belts.

Our Fight Club programme has seen the addition of Taekwondo every Thursday evening and Judo every Tuesday evening.

Young people are keen to learn the skills in these martial arts with a long term aim of competing in the sport. ■

EMPLOYABILITY



73 young people have completed our Get a Job Course over the past 12 months

31 now in employment

28 back in education

The rest we are still working with and we won't give up

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ENTERPRISE

Young people involved in our Enterprise projects are slowly but surely taking over the north west and beyond.

With the help of Youth Zone patrons Attain, our Rec Area is now set to have a new smoothie bar and our members have researched everything from marketing to testing and pricing recipes.

The 'Groovy Smoovy' bar will be built over the coming months with the help of Martin Ainscough.

A group of our young people are also storming ahead in the National Young Enterprise Programme, after creating and selling their own range of mugs.



The Cookie Mad group, with the help of Steve Hitchen from One Stop Hire, have been selling their biscuit holding mugs at our business breakfasts, the Trafford Centre, offices across the north west and even at a European Trade Fair in Austria. ■



CLIMBING AND OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

The addition of auto belay machines to our 10 metre climbing wall has dramatically increased participation and, while still being supervised by staff, this means young people can climb solo with their ropes being released at a controlled and safe speed.

Regular trips involving climbing, ghyll scrambling and testing the bushcraft skills of our members has ensured the popularity of this well-loved department for another year. ■



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is proving to be a real asset to Wigan Youth Zone.

Groups have headed out to brave all weathers on expeditions to Derwent Water, Winter Hill, Anglezarke Moor and conquering Ingleborough, the second highest mountain in the Yorkshire Dales.

More and more young people are now enquiring about doing their Duke of Edinburgh Award through Wigan Youth Zone to enrich their CV, develop new skills and cement lifelong friendships. ■



VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteer programme continues to expand and we are now offering a whole range of training to help our volunteers get the most out of their time with us.

Volunteers are now offered the chance to complete a Level 1 Youth Work qualification, an FA Level 1 coaching award and Heart Start first aid training from the British Heart Foundation.

We have also developed links with the University of Bolton, Edge Hill University and the University of Central Lancashire to offer their students work experience.

With the help of our Junior Club team, we have expanded our Young Leaders programme for 14 - 17 year olds who want to develop their leadership skills and play an active part in supporting the Junior and Holiday Club programme.



Our Volunteer of the Month award

Our Volunteer of the Month winners 2014

January - Phil Parkes, Junior Club
 February - Matthew Pye, Music and Media
 March - Kim Hill, Youth Inc
 April - Richard Clayton, Junior Club
 May - Craig Renilson, Employability
 June - Kim Owen, Rec Area
 July - Fiona Robinson, Outdoor Adventure
 August - Victoria Rossiter, Art
 September - Tania Da Silva, Health and Participation
 October - Elysia Ward, Enterprise/ Art
 November - Sean Dwyer, Health and Participation
 December - Tom Hurst, Rec Area

STAFF

Staff

General Manager - John Harker MBE
Youth Work Manager - Phil Marsh
HR and Office Manager - Lisa Potter
Fundraising Manager - Spence Parry
Volunteer and Training Manager - Selina Whitty
Communications Manager - Angela Kirk
Administration - Anna Newman
Finance - Stephanie Ainscough
Receptionists - Wendy Melling, Leanne Cross, Gema Atherton, Chris Dean and Eleanor Layland
Senior Club Manager - Chris Chamberlain
Junior and Holiday Club Manager - Deborah Freeman
Targeted Youth Work manager / Safeguarding Officer - Kate Gardner
Facilities Manager and Health and Safety - Steve Horne

Lead Youth Workers

Junior and Holiday Club Team Leader - Diane Winnard
Sports - Ryan Powell
Health and Fitness - Mike Wills
Health and Participation - Wayne Carter
Wigan Athletic Community Trust football coach - Ian Gaskell
Girls Room - Amber Hornby
Outdoor Adventure and Duke of Edinburgh - Beth Heatherington and Steven Bradley
Art - Catherine Bryan
Indoor Rec Area - Andy Nicholls
Skatepark - Joe Fielding
Outreach - Mike McCurdy
Drama, Dance and Music - Nicola Varley
Enterprise and Employability - Greg Wynter and Sikander Ali
Youth Inc (Inclusion) - Kim Gibson



FINANCE SUMMARY 2014/15

The Boys and Girls Club charity has enjoyed a successful year with some fantastic outcomes. Across the financial year, we've managed to remain sustainable and have performed within budget as well as achieving the fundraising target set last year. The Youth Zone has a large delivery and staffing model which is unique compared to other Youth Zones. This coupled with the number of young people visiting, means it represents great value for money and every effort will be made to ensure we can sustain this model in the future.



Over the coming year, we will look to encourage ongoing funding from existing supporters as well as engage new ones, and will continue to remain focused on managing our funds astutely in order to remain secure and sustainable during the 2015/16 financial year and longer term. As we continue to extend our services and reach out to more young people in Wigan and Leigh, the need to generate increased and sustainable funding is ever more critical.

Income **£1.7million**

| Local Authority: | Patrons: | Trusts and Grants: | Gift Aid: |
|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| £400,000 | £380,000 | £299,000 | £281,000 |
| Fundraising Events: | Membership and Entry Fees: | Voluntary Donations: | |
| £207,000 | £91,000 | £57,000 | |

Expenditure **£1.635million**

| Staffing Costs: | Delivery Expenditure: | Management Costs: |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------|
| £1,033,000 | £215,000 | £87,000 |
| Utilities and Building Management Costs: | | |
| £300,000 | | |

OUR BOARD

All activity at Wigan Youth Zone is overseen by our Board of Trustees, who strive to make our centre the best place to be for the borough's young people.

They wholeheartedly support the unique offer the Youth Zone provides and are proud of the way the charity has performed this year. They are also incredibly grateful to our new and long-standing corporate partners, trusts and foundations and individual funders whose invaluable support has enabled us to thrive.

Thank you to the Board of Trustees for their time, support and wise council.



FUNDRAISING

Support for our fundraising continues to grow and our events are quickly gaining a fantastic reputation.

Events such as our annual Wigan to Blackpool bike ride continue to be a popular day out and the number of runners supporting us in the Wigan 10k has grown.



Our annual ball was a real high point of the year and the guests, as well as our staff and young people, really got behind the James Bond theme. With the help of organiser Debbie Ainscough, the Piefall event smashed fundraising targets once again.



The event was only matched by our second Boxing Show in January which had significantly grown in popularity since last year and proved to be an evening full of sportsmanship, exciting bouts of quality boxing and laughter.

We have some exciting additions to our fundraising calendar this year with our North West Celebrity Golf Classic and Sportsman's Dinner at The Mere in Cheshire on June 2nd 2015.

The day will offer our supporters the chance to play in one of the region's top golf spots alongside a host of sporting legends.

A huge thank you to all who have supported us this past year. We couldn't have done it without you. ■



For info on all our fundraising events contact Spencer Parry by emailing spencer.parry@wiganyouthzone.org

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