

# vinvolved



**Monthly News August 2010**

## **Young Volunteers Recruitment Fair and Celebration Event**

**Tuesday 24th August**



It is August already and just when you were feeling sad and thinking that summer will soon be coming to an end - we have something fun and exciting that will cheer you up!

The Vinvolved Recruitment Fair and Celebration Event for 16 to 25 year olds on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August at St Peters Pavilion on Hurst street in Hindley starting at 2pm.

There will be music and entertainment throughout the afternoon including and games with lots of great prizes to be won.

This is also the day that GCSE results will be being announced so come along and celebrate with us !

There will be a number of organisations attending the event with information on voluntary opportunities available within the local area for young people including:

**British Red Cross, Guide Dogs for the Blind, ACE, The Fire Service, Making Space, Integrated Youth Services, Vinvolved Youth Action Team, Age concern, Sunflower Community Project and many more....**

This will be a great chance to find out more about volunteering & sign up to get involved. So if you are a young person who is thinking of volunteering or even if the thought had never crossed your mind this event is aimed at giving you all the information you need!

**We hope to see you there!**

## Your Youth Action Team



# DVD Project - Take 1

13<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Today was our first day of filming for the DVD project, our first activity took us to the Sunflower Project in Pemberton, where we interviewed the project coordinator and a young volunteer. The aim of the project is to improve the overall health and wellbeing of people living in the local area. Lara interviewed Sue who is the project coordinator, she told us a lot about the organisation and its importance to the local community.

We observed group activities involving children and their parents who visit the weekly group sessions. These activities included painting, dancing, games, playing musical instruments and a healthy snack break. Then Nicola interviewed Emily, a young volunteer involved with the project, she talked about her experiences as a volunteer and told us what she enjoyed about volunteering.

Then we went to our second filming location which was Willow Project in Leigh. Willow encourages women to play an active part in regaining and maintaining their health.

Nicola interviewed Tracy and Judy about what their duties were as volunteers, they also spoke about how volunteering can lead to employment. Lara also interviewed Kath who told us about her role within the organisation and gave us a lot of helpful background information about Willow. She discussed voluntary opportunities with Lara.

Rory was involved throughout the day with the filming especially with the decisions concerning camera angle and interview settings etc. Our director was very successful!

Successful first day – We enjoyed it!

Looking forward to the next filming day at the recruitment event



The Youth Action Team  
would like to welcome our  
newest mem-  
ber - Rosie !



## Comedy Workshop !

The Youth Action Team's next activity will be a Comedy Workshop day taking place on the 10th August. This fun activity is an alternative way of training that will build confidence, help improve team work skills and gain valuable experience speaking to new people.- all while having a great time!  
Skills that are very useful especially as experience for employment.

Being part of the YOUTH ACTION TEAM gives you the opportunity to gain and develop skills and experience through training and mentoring.

You can choose the training that will best benefit you for your career, gain experience needed to become employed, take part in activities to improve your CV and have the chance to do something that you have always wanted to do.

You can be part of this and much more by joining the YOUTH ACTION TEAM



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## V Opportunities...

### Atherton Community Band - Band Members needed

Atherton community band are looking for new members to join and play all over the borough. Tuition will be available,

A great opportunity to meet new people and gain useful skills for the entertainment industry.

### Just Us LGBT Network Board Members / Trustees

Members needed to join the board and help to establish the organisation in the area.

Great opportunity for those looking to work in management particularly in the voluntary sector. Looking for people who have vision and commitment to our ideals



### Ashton Music Festival (Wigan CYPS)

The annual Ashton Music Festival is an annual event which helps to promote services for young people living locally. The event will showcase local young peoples' music bands and other talents. Volunteers are needed leading up to the event to help plan and organise the day.

Planning takes place on a Wednesday afternoon. Volunteers who cannot attend the planning meetings may still attend the event, to help put up stalls, pick up litter, provide refreshments, signpost guests etc. There will also be a need for stage marshals and climbing wall attendants on the day.

If you volunteer for this event there may also be other one off events throughout the year that you may like to get involved with.

Also see [www.do-it.org](http://www.do-it.org) for local volunteering opportunities!

## ...more opportunities

### Guide Dogs



We have been expertly breeding and training guide dogs for more than 75 years, providing thousands to blind and partially sighted people of all ages and from all walks of life.

**Kennel Assistant** - An ideal opportunity for anyone wishing to work with animals. Role will be looking after the dogs at the kennels, grooming and feeding them and keeping their kennels clean.

**Puppy Walkers** - If you like dogs you will love this opportunity, we need volunteers to socialise our puppies, you will 'adopt' a puppy and teach it to get on with people

**Drivers** - if you enjoy driving and want to help out a local voluntary organisation then this could be for you.

Our drivers are an important role in the organisation and help by transporting our dogs to vet and hospital appointments and transporting equipment

### Office Receptionist -

This role will involve meeting and greeting people, answering the phone and dealing with emails. You will be part of a very supportive team making a valuable difference.

For more information or to apply for an opportunity contact  
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## **GET INVOLVED**

**Be part of the team, organise events, meet new people, have fun, gain experience, use and improve your skills.**

**Try something new today**

### **Aged 16-25?**

**If you are interested in getting involved in volunteering, joining the Youth Action Team or wish to let us know what you think about the newsletter, then contact Pauline or Emma from the Vinvolved team**

**All your ideas and opinions are welcome.  
We look forward to hearing from you**

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