

Y Pwyllgor Deisebau

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Cyfeirnod y ddeiseb P-03-082: Ysgol Hen Felin

Geiriad y ddeiseb

'Yr ydym ni'r rhai sydd wedi arwyddo isod, yn galw ar Lywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru i ddarparu mwy o gyllid ar gyfer grwpiau fel VIVA i'n galluogi i wneud mwy o weithgareddau min nos.'

Diben

Gwahoddir y Pwyllgor i ystyried y ddeiseb newydd hon.

Cefndir

Cyflwynwyd y ddeiseb hon gan ddisgyblion Ysgol Hen Felin yn Ystrad Rhondda. Mae gwytodaeth ychwanegol am Viva, a ddarparwyd gan Mencap Cymru, i'w weld isod.

Gwasanaeth y Pwyllgorau

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Viva! - Provided by Mencap Cymru.

Viva! was established in November 1992 to facilitate quality leisure, education and training opportunities for young people between the ages of 11 - 25 years old, with and without a disability. Viva! is a registered charity working with up to 250 young people throughout the unitary authority of Rhondda Cynon Taff. The ethos of Viva! is to enable and support all of its youth members to become fully involved in community activities. The aim is to challenge members to raise their aspirations and broaden their experiences and abilities while encouraging them to develop greater independence and make more informed choices for themselves.

Viva! works within the 22 wards listed as among the highest most deprived areas in Wales. Evidence in the RCT Social Care Plan indicated that many young people are at risk of becoming socially excluded because of the social and economic disadvantaged they face on a daily basis.

Viva! facilitates a wide range of quality leisure and educational activities on a weekly basis, including: outdoor pursuits; sporting opportunities and events; residential weekends; trips away including visits to other youth organisations throughout Britain; photography, drama, video, music and other Arts based activities; environmental projects such as beach cleans and landscape projects.

Young people with a disability are also supported on an individual basis, via the Link Scheme Initiative, to participate in local community activities of their choice.

The involvement of young people in the planning and operational management of Viva! is encouraged through work placement opportunities and the development of Youth Advisory Teams, that meet on a regular basis to discuss, organise and monitor the success of project activities.

Viva! works with young people aged 11-25 who have a range of disabilities including physical, learning and mental health issues. Viva! aims to support all those who take part in the activities to become fully involved in their own community. Our aim is achieved through creating, delivering and completing a quality leisure, education and training programme to over 250 young people each year. The programme supports learning through a variety of methods and helps broaden skills, encourage learning, challenge aspirations and offer new experiences. The Viva! Project is youth led and the young people play an active role in the decision making about the organisation and the activities we offer through the youth forum. All Viva! members are encouraged to develop greater independence, make more informed choices for themselves and be more confident in their role as citizens in the local community.

The sports coordinator is involved in both the evening and daytime activities. The main role is to provide sports; games based activities for our members, which will ultimately benefit their health and well-being. The main emphasis of the sports programme is fun, although the benefits to our members extend far beyond this. The sports activities, in which our members take part, help to enhance their social skills, including their collaboration and communication skills. Sports activities also help to teach spatial awareness and co-ordination, which we hope will all ultimately aid to boost our members' confidence. The role also involves liaising with external groups / agencies to establish possible venues for the sporting activities, as well as conducting risk assessments on each venue to assess its suitability, in addition to monitoring each members progress in the sporting activities so that they can fully benefit from the programme.