



Newsletter Jan 2018

We've been busy over the last 6 months! Find out what we've been up to...



Our growing team of young volunteers and Den Assistants have done a fantastic job of organising and managing our clubs and events in the last 6 months! We've had quizzes, games, drama and crafts that we've really enjoyed. We are also very proud of Den Volunteer Keiran Frame, who won Young Volunteer of the year at Active Durham – Leisureworks Sport & Physical Activity Awards.



Our weekly 'Stanley Sound Hub' project launched in September. Every Saturday our expert musicians provide tuition in drums, guitars, instrument set-up and performance skills to young people ages 10+. In December, those performance skills were put to the test as the Sound Hub members put on a fantastic night of entertainment at The Den! We had a packed house with performances by local bands as well as our talented members. We also raised over £350 to put back into the project!



Top left: Sound Hub Gig night
Top Right: Sound Hub Members
Bottom Right: Team building games





Top Left: Woodies' Panto trip
Top Right: The Den AGM
Bottom Right: Halloween Disco



We hosted our AGM in November, inviting everyone along to celebrate what The Den has achieved in the last year.

Our FREE community discos were a big success again this year, with both the Halloween Disco and Christmas having excellent attendance. Great music, fabulous outfits and awesome special effects meant a great time was had by all!



In November we were visited by the Fire Brigade, who gave us an important talk on safety around Bonfire Night and in the dark. We also took our members on some great trips that we were able to subsidise, thanks to securing funding from external bodies. These included a visit to see The Little Shop of Horrors and Woodies' visit to see the amazing 3D panto Jack and the Beanstalk!



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