



# The BIG Event

at Comberton Leisure

a celebration of  
Cambridgeshires  
youth



6.45 till 11pm

9th April

A Night of  
**WHITE**

if your coming be smart and casual  
and wear something **WHITE!**

for further details talk to your youth workers

**THE BIG EVENT A Night of White** took place on Friday 9th April at Comberton Arts Centre, in partnership with Cambridgeshire's Got Talent and Young Lives:

## Preparation

The youth workers involved with the group and supporting the event were Michelle link and Chris Mogg.

Work started on the BIG EVENT in November 2008.

The three localities in South Cambridgeshire decided to work together on pulling together this annual celebration of youth from around the County.

We had 11 young people representatives from across the three localities that formed the core steering group. The localities were:

- Comberton and Bassingbourn locality
- Cottenham and Swavesey locality
- Sawston and Linton locality

## The aim of the steering group was to look at the following:

- Where the event would take place?
- What it would be called?
- What would it cost?
- Who would come?
- Who would perform?
- Decoration?
- Food?
- Party?

## Hosting and running the actual day

The group met five times leading up to the event.

## What we decided

The event would take place at Comberton Arts Centre on 9th April 2009; this was the only date available, which hit half term. The event would be from 6.45 with a prompt finish at 9.10 followed by food and a party, finishing at 11pm.

## For the event

We would have balloons at the entrance for the event.

We would invite groups to perform who were up for nomination on the night.

We would invite the teenage cancer trust to come and show a short film and talk about the Trust. (Pre the event we had organized a sponsored walk to raise funds for the teenage cancer trust).

We would invite a Councilor to come along and present the awards. Councilor Linda Oliver was there for the event. Presenting awards and saying some words of encouragement at the end of the evening.

We decided to have all the groups up for nomination, all those performing and the programme on a power point presentation. This was to let everyone see who was up for an award and to feel part of the celebration. We also had a number of films to show during the evening. We wanted the event to be as visual as possible.

A full risk assessment was done for the day and evening event.

## The ceremony

Our day started at 11am, helping to set up the area and working with the staff from Comberton. Arranging the decorations for the foyer and for the group hosting the event that needed to work through and rehearse what they were going to say on the night. This was going to be a very long day.

We held a dress rehearsal in the afternoon for all those who were performing on the night; this was slightly problematic due to the technical team who were still working on getting the stage area prepared. But they all had a run through and knew where to enter and exit.



The coaches with the young people started to arrive around 6.00 for a 6.45 start.

We had a break and had a lot of pizza.

## Getting started

We did start on time.

### The presenters for the evening were:

- Phil, Tina, Troy, Beth, Lauren and Orla
- JUNK theatre group opened the ceremony with the Glee version of Rehab

### Other performances throughout the evening came from:

- 'Cant stop the beat' from STARS
- Stage Chance who gave us some African songs
- JUNK theatre group again performing for their new play, 'Conquest of the Self'
- The finalists of Cambridshires got talent
- Jade Warne
- Amie Peart Webb
- James Burke

Jade was the overall winner on the night

For the opening of the disco we had GENISES dance group who thrilled everyone with their hip hop and break dancing.

We ate food and danced on till 11pm.

There was no trouble during the evening and all the young people involved in the event and who came to support the event were a credit to their area and the County.

400 people attended this event

## Feedback

The young people from Whittlesey, March & Doddington had a wonderful evening and were full of positive comments on our journey home. When we started the evening the 3 separate groups on our coach + staff didn't know each other, each sat in their different areas of the coach with no communication across divides. However on the way home everyone had made friendships and were requesting further opportunities to develop



cross locality working the coach was buzzing with ideas and laughter.

The young people were extremely impressed with how professional the event had been organized, and were totally inspired by some of the acts they saw. The whole evening created a positive atmosphere which truly encouraged young people to reflect and respect their own hard work and the positive contributions they had made to their projects.

Thanks Again for a brilliant night, I hope you all had a well deserved break afterwards.

- Our youth groups enjoyed judging categories and were really pleased to have been involved
- We were disappointed not to win anything but happy to enter and pleased that 4 projects were shortlisted the young people agreed that it is an important process to learn how to highlight our work and apply for funding and awards whether or not you win.
- Staff who attended thought the event was great the best yet – enjoyed the programme being longer and hearing a bit more about projects it would also be nice to hear a sentence or 2 about projects shortlisted so audience can get ideas or appreciate the diversity of youth groups entering.
- yp's clearly really enjoying the after party and a reduced emphasis on ceremony and food facilitated more of a party

# Good evening and welcome to The

## 'We would like to dedicated this evening all those young people and

### **6:45 start**

Performances from  
The Cambourne Bloco, carnival group  
JUNK theatre group

### **Introduction of presenters**

Phil, Tina, Troy, Beth, Lauren & Orla

### **Awards for**

Being Healthy Youth Work Award  
Youth Work Integrated Working Award  
The Stay Safe Youth Work Award

### **Step in the right direction!**

#### **Sponsored walk**

Teenage Cancer Trust representative-  
Helen Bearfield-Smith, Regional Appeals Manager, TCT East Anglia

### **First finalist for Young Lives 'Cambridgeshire's Got Talent'**

Jade Warne—singing Run by Leona Lewis

### **Performance of 'Can't Stop the Beat' by STARS at Ramsey**

### **Awards for**

Youth Work and Achievement Award  
The Positive image of Young People Award  
The Youth Work & Environment Award

### **Second finalist for Young Lives 'Cambridgeshire's Got Talent'**

Aimee Peart Webb—singing 'Nothing Compares' by Pixie Lott

### **Performance from**

Bottisham & Soham Locality & Stage Chance

### **Awards for**

The Youth work Inclusion & Equality Award  
The Youth Participation Award

### **Third finalist for Young Lives 'Cambridgeshire's Got Talent'**

James Burke, Freestyle Drummer

10 min Interval



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## ing to the Teenage Cancer Trust and to families living with cancer'

### **Youth Bank Awards**

East Cambridgeshire  
Fenland  
Huntingdon  
South Cambridgeshire  
Cambridge City

### **Performance from JUNK theatre group**

#### **Award for**

Young Persons Contribution to Youth  
Work Award



### **Young Lives 'Cambridgeshire's Got Talent'**

Winner announced

### **Welcome on stage**

Councillor Linda Oliver  
Julie Bristow and Amanda Sylvester

### **Performance from Winner of Young Lives 'Cambridgeshire's Got Talent'**

#### **Photo call**

Various winners to have their photo taken

#### **Finish**

9:10 approx

#### **Food served**

9:10 onwards

### **Young Persons Party till 11pm**

**With DJ & Live Bands  
enjoy !!!**



**BIG Event' at [www.teenagecancertrust.org](http://www.teenagecancertrust.org)**

## Negative

Staff were gutted that they may be seen as unsupportive of the walk but when the date came through we had already booked holidays, a residential and another project so all staff were busy and unable to support yp from our locality to participate in that event.

It was clear how hard the yp and staff involved had worked as always and we only wish we could have done more. I also think that there are some localities that could be encouraged to support the event a bit more as it does always seem to be the same youth workers from the same areas involved – maybe central team could look at a quick review / evaluation for field staff days.

The Big Event held at Comberton Arts Centre showcased the talent of young people across Cambridgeshire who are supported by Locality Youth and Connexions workers.

***The event which was many months in the planning was a mixture of song, dance and other amusing entertainment. Led and presented by young people from the South Cambs and City area, some who had never undertaken such a role before, the event highlighted many positive images of young people as well as raising some topical issues.***

Jon Butler (locality manager)

In preparation for the event young people from South Cambs and City had fully planned the event with support of youth staff and also held a sponsored walk in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust. On the night itself young people and youth staff arrived in buses from across the county, all behaved in a suburb manner and nobody let themselves or individual clubs down.

The event was attended by over 200 people from youth clubs across the county and ended with a buffet tea and disco which saw young people mingling and socializing for the remainder of the evening.

***The Big Event was a wonderful celebration of young people's talent and enthusiasm for design, participation and learning through positive activities. The atmosphere was electric. The experience as a guest was inspiring and motivational. The staff organizing were energetic and supportive, it was a seriously entertaining evening.***

Jo Shickell (locality manager)



## From the steering group

- We learned so much from putting together this event.
- I really didn't think I could go up on stage a host, but I did, and loved it
- I was so stressed, but danced it off
- I want to do it again
- I felt so proud of what we had put together
- Thank you for letting me be involved and for my Easter egg

## We would all like to thank:

- Comberton arts center.
- The three localities in South Cambridgeshire and all the staff that helped during the run up and on the day. Cambridgeshires got Talent. Young Lives.
- Thanks to Locality Managers Jo S and JB for their attendance and support.
- Richard Jenkins for all his support. Linda Oliver for giving up her time to celebrate with us. Derek Budd for taking the photos
- Chris and Michelle for all their hard work and commitment leading up to and on the day.
- And to our fantastic young people who organized the event.



## Notes for both events

### Sponsored Walk

- 1PM March 28th, arrive approx. 12:15 12:30PM
- The walk is approx 10 miles, 5 miles each way. It is up to the young people whether they want to walk 10 or 5 miles.
- Everybody to make their own way to Newnham and home again. If you have access to a minibus try to organise club transport as this may make it easier for your young people.
- Every club has to send at least 1 2 youth workers (you could collaborate with other clubs on this) who will be responsible for their young people during the afternoon and will also have young person's contact information.
- Every young person must have a completed
  - Parent permission form
  - Medical / photographic form
  - Sponsorship form
- Suitable clothing and foot wear to be worn, drinks will be provided during the walk.

### The BIG Event 'A Night of WHITE'

- The event takes place at Comberton Leisure, West Street, Comberton, Cambridge. CB23 7DU. Phone 01223 264444
- Please book your own coaches and send invoices to the Sawston locality office at Sawston Village College and we will pay them. Please make sure you mark them 'The BIG Event'
- The event starts at 6.45 and ends at 11pm, the awards ceremony will end at approx. 9pm when we will have food after this there will be an after event party for everybody. Hopefully with local DJ's and bands.



## Budget break down for the BIG EVENT April 9th 2010 at Comberton Arts Centre

|   |          |
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| beautiful ballons   | 200      |
| additional staffing costs 41 hours @£8,72                 | 361.88   |
| comberton leisure / hire of space                         | 500      |
| comberton arts centre / technical equipment               | 500      |
| VAT   | 87.5     |
| hire of rehearsal space                                   | 25       |
| pizza / day of the event                                  | 202      |
| pre event meeting   | 12.34    |
| catering for the event / food                             | 1,225.00 |
| catering for the event / drink                            | 280      |
| hire of coaches and transport to the event                | 1,666.57 |
| gifts for the youth forum                                 | 87       |
| programme printing in kind                                | 0        |
| poster printing in kind                                   | 0        |
| additional staff time for the set up and event<br>in kind | 0        |
| total   | 5,147.29 |
| income  |          |
| big event grant   | 4,000.00 |
| Cottenham and Swavesey locality                           | 500      |
| sawston and Linton locality / in kind                     | 367.29   |
| admin costs / printing and copying costs                  |          |
| comberton and bassingbourn                                |          |
| staff costs in kind / food contribution                   | 280      |
| total income  | 5,147.29 |