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LATEST NEWS

From Fenland's Youth District Council

Hello again! The YDC held their first meeting of the new school year this week and it was fantastic to see so many new members and some old ones too! I would like to thank Neale Wade for allowing us to hold the meeting at the Academy. It was a very busy meeting, so here are some of the highlights.

Because we had so many new faces join us, I thought it would be good to start the meeting with a couple of ice breakers. I divided the group into three teams with a mixture of students from each school. The task was to create a tower with just spaghetti and marshmallows. The highest and most stable tower would be the winner. I saw some great examples of team working and some even more impressive construction skills!



We welcomed Graham Chappell from the Rural Road Safety Group back to the YDC. Graham gave a short presentation to promote Road Safety Awareness week which is from the **18th – 24th November**. The YDC are privileged to be actively supporting the **2young2die** campaign again this year, to highlight the dangers to young drivers, particularly males, in Fenland. It is vital that young people are made aware of the dangers. More information is available at www.brake.org.uk or www.roadsafetyweek.org

YDC Grants

The YDC has a pot of £10,000 to award to local groups involving young people. Applications are assessed at each YDC meeting, with the decision being made by the YDC Councillors.

At this meeting, the YDC allocated **£1247.97** in grants to two groups.

The **Wisbech Girls Venture Corp Air Cadets** application for £350.00 was approved. This will contribute towards the cost of a trip to Snozone in Milton Keynes, to enable the cadets to complete their badge on snow sports, which counts towards the challenge award that each cadet is expected to complete.

The **20TwentyProductions** application for £897.97 was also approved. This funding will be used to start a holiday club for up to 20 children aged 6-12 yrs whose families have been facing particular difficulties or challenges. It will provide them with a safe place to learn new skills and improve their confidence.

If you know a group who may be interested in applying, then please contact Ross McGivern or Sharon Dove on 01354 654321

I am also pleased to say that one lucky YDC member will be on the judging panel of the Coalwharf Road design competition. They will be able to give their opinion on the submissions and, along with the rest of the panel, decide on the winner. This is a brilliant opportunity to influence the appearance of a part of Wisbech for years to come, and I would like to thank FDC for giving us this unique chance.

In other news:

- We have finally decided on the colour and style of our YDC polo shirts
- We have agreed on a number of roles and responsibilities for our members; these will be formally presented in November
- We have a list of guests we would like to invite to future meetings

Our next meeting is at Cromwell Community College on 27th November 2013 from 2pm