



# NEWSLETTER

April 2024

## Find A New Home for SNaP Youth

SNaP Youth are on the look-out for a new home...can you help us to find one? In order to make way for South Normanton Community Church to deliver more activities for the community of South Normanton, SNaP Youth will move to another venue. Hopefully, in readiness to start a fresh in 2025.

SNaP Youth is grateful for the support South Normanton Community Church has given us, especially the remit given to us by the late Trevor Whatton, who asked us to use the building as a safe, fun space that would attract young people away from being drawn into negative activities. Trevor recognised the importance of a well-resourced professional youth work provision and would be the first to celebrate the impact of our service. Rather than just reel off a load of stats and facts, we want to use this opportunity to amplify young people's voices. Here are some testimonies of young people who want to share the importance of SNaP Youth: "I wasn't keen on attending a youth club at first, but since joining, I have grown in confidence and have begun speaking to people more often".

"I started to struggle with anxiety and didn't want to leave the house. I went to SNaP Youth because my friend wanted someone to go with. At first I felt a bit uncomfortable, but the workers are so nice and they help me feel safe and supported, they are very caring and happy to sit and talk with me when I feel upset".

I don't know what I would have done without SNaP Youth. My family can't afford trips out to go on holiday, so SNaP Youth was really important to me during school holidays. I'll always



have great memories of our trips to Skeggy and Chatsworth, and learning how to cook, and I'll always be grateful to the youth workers who supported me through tough times. I wouldn't be doing what I'm doing today if they hadn't helped me stay out of trouble, get into college and then get a job". "I needed to get a job, but didn't know how to do it. My youth work mentor gave me lots of tips and reminded me that I have developed lots of skills whilst volunteering. I am now ready to find a job".

## Creative Writing - Short Story Competition

We are looking for original story that reflects a personal inspiring experience of 'what it's like growing up in South Normanton and Pinxton'.

The winning writer from each category will receive a prize and their story will be published in a local newsletter.

Rules:

- The Maximum word count for the story is 1000.
- Categories: 10-16 years & 17 and above.
- The closing date for entries is Mon 27th May 2024.
- Please email your entries to: [info@snapdp.org.uk](mailto:info@snapdp.org.uk)

## Supporting, Inspiring & Celebrating the Achievements of Young People Since 2004

### Opening-Up New Opportunities



We are so grateful to be partnering with South Normanton's very own ROK-ARD KICKBOXING. A few weeks ago Georgina and her team attended a free community seminar that SNAP Youth facilitated at Frederick Gent School around the issue of responding to youth violence and ASB in South Normanton & Pinxton. Inspired by the guest speaker and the work that SNaP Youth deliver, Georgina reached out to offer free taster sessions for all youth club members. Supported by the SNAP Youth Workers, local young people were encouraged to 'have a go'. I can report that those that took-up the challenge and braved the mat enjoyed learning sparring techniques and belting the sparring pads with all their energy. Given the force behind some of those punches and kicks, I wouldn't be too surprised if we see the next **Lauren Price** come from South Normanton and Pinxton.

## Birthday Celebrations

Can you believe it... on the 1st December 2024 SNAP Youth will be celebrating 20years of service to South Normanton and Pinxton. We are all tasked with thinking of a suitable way to celebrate this momentous occasion and would like to ask you for suggestions.

Please send your thoughts to [info@snapdp.org.uk](mailto:info@snapdp.org.uk).

## Birthday Wish List

Can you help us by donating anything from our birthday wish list? We would especially like... A new building, a well

equipped teaching kitchen, craft and cookery equipment, large activity tables, chairs, a Nintendo switch with games, a large wall mounted flat screen TV, T Shirts with our printed logo.

In advance, we'd like to thank you for your kind wishes and any support that you are able to offer. Please make contact using [info@snapdp.org.uk](mailto:info@snapdp.org.uk) or call into see us at SNAP YOUTH (MON-WEDS)

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## SNaP Youth Directors

Like an ice-berg, what is seen above the water or in public only gives a glimpse of what goes on behind the scenes. What is never seen or quantified is the time and energy that the directors give to the charity. Their role is crucial. They have the overall control of the charity and responsibility for ensuring it achieves set goals. Their collective talents and viewpoints, wealth of knowledge and experience is used to ensure the charity has good governance and all decisions are thought through with discussions and wise scrutiny. They make sure the charity is well managed and all employees and volunteers are supported, well equipped, and encouraged to deliver the very best youth work to the local community. And they ensure the charity is represented at meetings and successes are promoted and celebrated.

If you are interested and would like to find out more about the role of a trustee, please make contact on [info@snapdp.org.uk](mailto:info@snapdp.org.uk) we are always happy to chat.

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**50/50  
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12 hour SPAR

@ THE POSTMILL CENTRE  
on  
Sun 19th May  
8am-8pm

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Raise funds  
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### Hello from Sarah

Hello, I'm Sarah Walters and I'm the new Fundraising and Marketing Officer at SNaP. I'm from Bolsover and I've previously worked with other groups around the Chesterfield area. I'm going to be finding new ways to raise funds to help keep services running and exploring how we can expand them too. I'm really looking forward to the challenge.

### How You Can Help Us!

You can raise FREE donations for SNaP Development Project EVERY time you shop online. Just use #easyfundraising! Over 7,000 brands will donate, including all the big names like John Lewis & Partners, BT, Expedia, Argos, ASOS, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! Please support us:

**visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and search for Snap Development.**



### Vote For Us!

Throughout the year, Benefact Group hold charity draws, with those groups nominated having the chance to win a £1000 donation. Please visit their website and nominate SNaP - the more votes we have the better our chance of winning a donation. Visit <https://movementforgood.com/#nominateACharity>

### Get in Touch

Questions? Queries? If you would like further information please email [info@snapdp.org.uk](mailto:info@snapdp.org.uk) or give us a call on 01773510882 (office hours Mon - Weds)



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