

RAW



Hello and welcome to our spring Raw newsletter.

I can't believe that we are already planning things for the summer. The big RAW summer event is just around the corner put the date in your diary now !!

It is at the Weatherley Centre in Biggleswade from 11 till 4 pm on Thursday 26th of July. We have asked Gordon the disabled basketball man to come back, we will have a disco and Karaoke as well of lots of other exciting things to amuse us during the day.

Sharon is arranging a number activity days at Randall's Farm throughout the summer. These days are for the younger ones so if you are interested please ask your worker or carer to put your name forward.

We do lots of great things at the farm including pond dipping, mini beast hunting as well as learning lots of Forest Skills.



Total Respect

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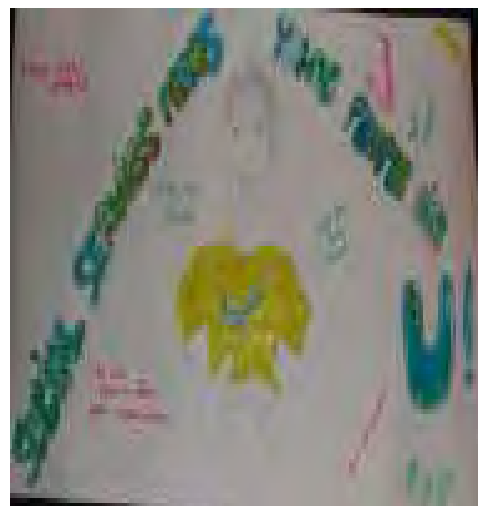
We have a number of Total Respect training days coming up so if you want to join in please talk to Sharon or let your worker or carer know that you are interested.

"Total respect is an experience that people should take into consideration, as it's an interesting and exciting two days working with RAW members. When I went on total respect, it really influenced me to join the team and to work with young people, even though I am a young person myself, I would still like to work with others and to get involved.

You get to do all sorts of activities which involve games, quizzes, art and design, watching and writing about the videos which involve a young person who was or is in care, and much more.

I really enjoyed my time spent with the RAW team on total respect and would like to do it again."

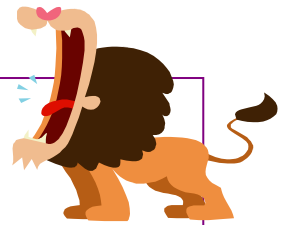
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Trainer Training

Do you want to become a trainer?
Play games that have a meaning?
Boost your confidence and self esteem?
Improve your communication skills?

Do you hate writing, exams and boring training?
WELL
We are something different!!
We work with young people, which include all of
the above

TRAINER TRAINING!

**TRAINER TRAINING JUST GOT BIGGER AND
BETTER!**

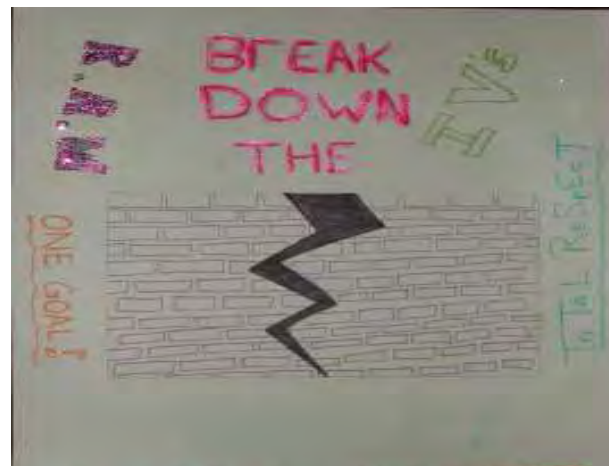
Failed at school?
No school grades?
Feel useless?
No qualifications?

Why not join our trainer training course, it is about
to become an NVQ, and we are all hoping more
young people will decide to do it.

There are now an amazing 20 + young people who
are getting involved with the training course!

Don't hesitate!

Just ask for more information and don't miss out on
this great opportunity... call 01234 353335



Total Respect

T TERRIFIC
O ORIGINAL
T TASTEFUL
A ARTICULATE
L LOVING

R RESPONSIBLE
E EXCITING
S SOCIALABLE
P PLEASING
E EDUCATIONAL
C COMMUNICATION
T TRAINING

Bullies

Bullies are for people that are so hated themselves they hate on other people, that's their fun, we enjoy fun in another way drinking, clubbing so on ..., but those people that hate on others and cause stress and misery to someone, will one day feel the same, but it will be more hurtful, more painful, and will last so much longer, why don't people think about what they are doing to someone, before they do it, before they cause someone pain hurt n depression, life is too short, just live life like tomorrow is your last, some peoples life has been misery n stress, think about that, and think about the life you've had, are you grateful?, you've been given a gift to be here, to be loved, cherish that, bless + think!!, Katie's views on hating! It's true! xxx

By Katie Evans

Young peoples thoughts

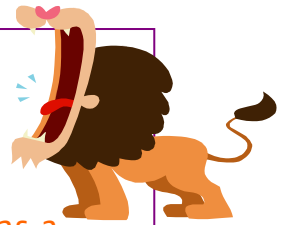
'It's all
about the
money!'

'Adults
make it,
we live it!'

'Social
workers
should
treat us
as
humans'

'Adults
are the
best!'

Ricardo's Day



At 8 o'clock I'm reading, as slowly as a
tortoise

But I'm getting there in the end.

I've almost finished but ...

Oh, no, it's time to go!

At ten o'clock we're talking and shushing



And listening and ignoring;

The teacher is roaring like a lion

Who hasn't been fed.

At twelve o'clock our tummies are
grumbling;

Impatiently waiting for food ...

But it's not happening!

Yes! We're lining up for dinner,

But our line is as dotty as a doodle page!

At two o'clock we're changing our clothes,
Some fast, some slow;

The teacher waits, tutting.

We line up ... the line is as straight as a
ruler's edge.

We're now doing symmetry

With our bodies stretched out

We're falling to the floor.

We're laughing and nattering

And that's not all ...

There's a lot more to come!



At four o'clock we're going home,

Don't forget to check out the
website:

www.raw4us.co.uk

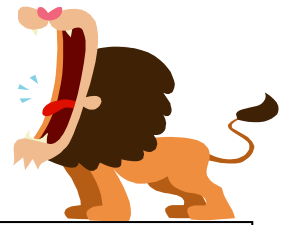
Any suggestions for the website
please let me know

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We welcome your contributions
to the newsletters too.

So any poems or information
you wish to share would be
great!





COME AND JOIN RAW MEMBERS AT THE 4TH ANNUAL FUN EVENT

Thursday 26th July 2007 between 11am & 4pm
The Weatherly Centre Eagle Farm Road Biggleswade

Disco
 Karaoke
 Bouncy Castle
 Buffet Lunch
 Art & Crafts
 Dance

T-Shirt Painting
 Fire Engine
 Circus Skills
 Basket Ball
 Sports Information Stands

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I hope that you find this edition of our newsletter informative and please please let me have any information stories and poem's that you would like to see in the next edition. Please keep in touch through the raw web-site or e-mail me direct sharon.buckley@bedscc.gov.uk or call me 01234-276768

Special thanks to all of the young people who have contributed to this news letter, and a real big 'THANKS' to Katy who designed this edition.

Hope to see you all at the 'RAW' summer event.
 Sharon



Hi Everyone!

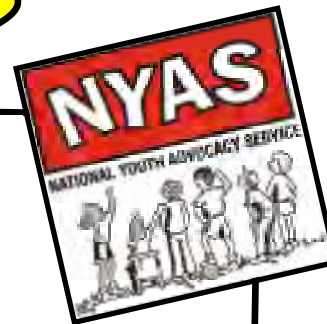
Hello! My name is Karen and I work for NYAS in Bedfordshire.

Advocacy

My job as an advocate is to help you to get your voice heard and put your point across, if you have a problem. If you want something stopped, started or changed, we are an independent and confidential service that can help you. For example if you are having problems with a service

you are receiving, you want to make a complaint, or just if you feel you are not being listened to.

If you phone the free phone help line no. on 0800 616101, they will discuss your referral with you!



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