



## KDYT NEWS

Winter 2017/18



### Phenomenal, Insightful & Supremely Helpful!

Just some of the words used by Educational Psychologists to describe the impact of listening to Young People from KDYT during a conference at the University of Birmingham.

The Young People attended the conference to speak to Educational Psychologists about how they can support young people on a range of issues they might face in their education.

Feedback from the conference was exceptionally positive, the young people have already been asked to go to another conference in 2018 and other professional bodies have been in touch as a result of hearing the positive feedback.

KDYT have a 'Youth Offer' which states *'The Trust will encourage and support young people in influencing local and national decision making, especially in regard to issues that affect young people'*; feedback from one of the Educational Psychologists demonstrates this taking place.

***'Absolutely brilliant to hear the lived experiences of young people! Without their experiences and stories being shared, we would not be able to support schools and make a positive change. Thank you for taking part and really helping us to develop a greater understanding'.***

The visit to the Educational Psychologists Conference was one of a number of opportunities in 2017, where young people have been supported in accessing key decision makers, including the West Mercia Police Commissioner, NHS Clinical Commissioning Group and we look forward to many more opportunities in 2018.



### Thank You Aldi (Silverwoods)!

KDYT was lucky to receive bags full of food and other goodies from the new Aldi store in Silverwoods, Kidderminster.

To celebrate the opening of the new store, Aldi contacted KDYT to see how they could support the work we do.

They provided bags full of healthy snacks and even more bags full of cooking ingredients that young people will use during our many healthy cooking and lifestyles projects.

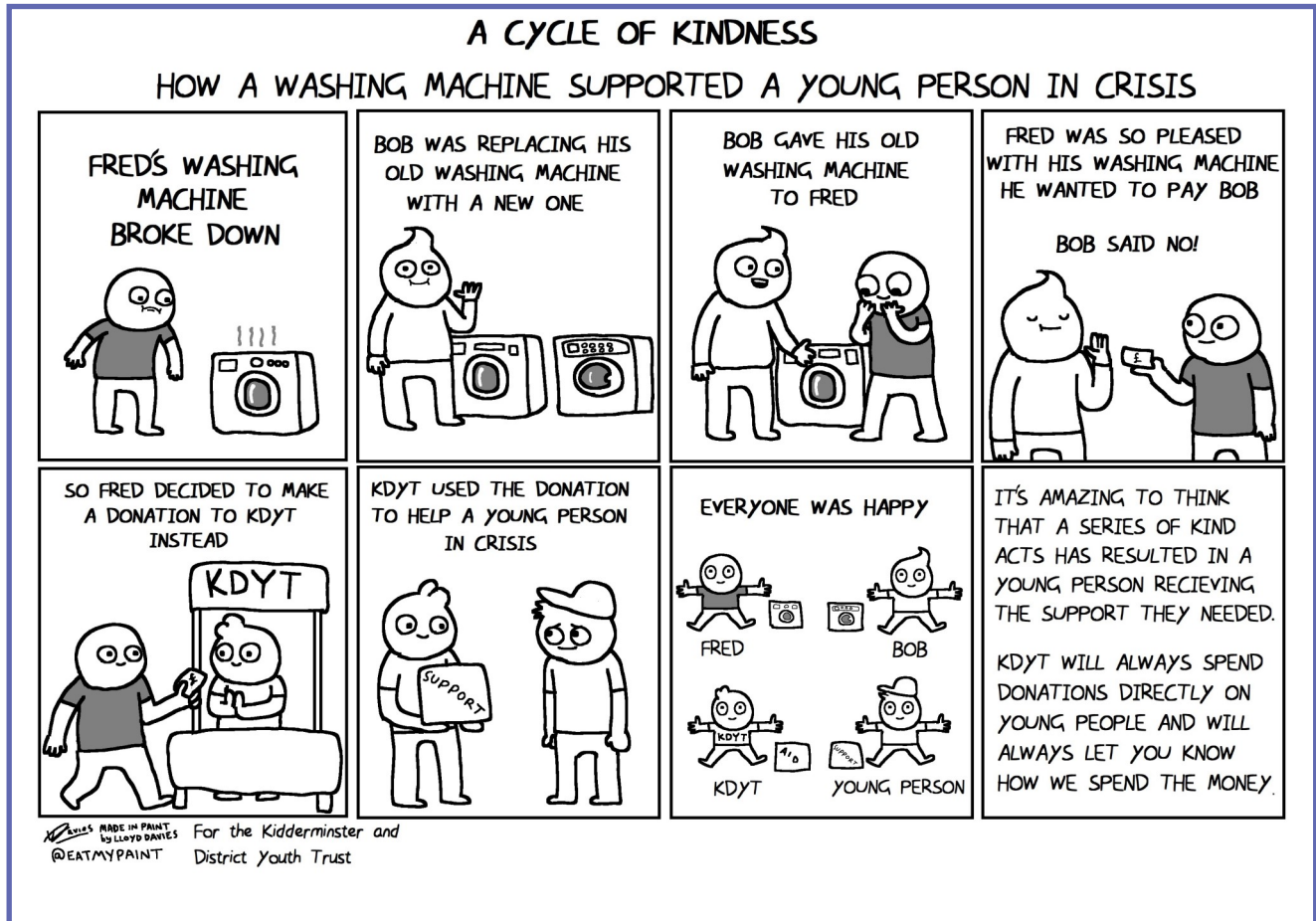
Thank you to everyone at Aldi - you are stars!

## Cartoon Demonstrates The Impact Of Donations!

KDYT has worked with the fabulous Lloyd Davies from 'Eat My Paint' to create a cartoon which shows the journey of a donation made to KDYT and its impact on a young person.

The story shows how a kind gesture from one person to another, resulted in a donation being made to KDYT and its impact on a young person.

The young person, we were able to support with the donation, was homeless at the time and was able to buy warm clothes and toiletries.



KDYT really appreciate the generosity of all the donations made to us, we wouldn't be able to do the work we do without them, we recognise that people want to see the impact of their donation and always let people and organisations know how their donations are spent.

If you would like to discuss donating to KDYT please get in touch, we are happy to introduce you to the young people, show you the work we do and discuss ways you can help.

## The KDYT Youth Café Begins To Take Shape!

The first stage of the KDYT Youth Café has taken place with a redesign of the downstairs space to accommodate the café.

The Youth Work office has been moved to where the Games Room used to be; the Games Room now occupies the meeting room, which has now moved into the former Youth Work office.

These changes allow us to be able to open the Youth Café for longer and will allow the fantastic KDYT Young Leaders to take a key role in running the café.



Thank you to the Big Lottery Fund and Big Lottery players for helping us to make this possible!





## Rory, Tom and Luke Celebrate 10 Years Attendance.

Rory, Tom and Luke celebrated a decade of attending Kidderminster Youth House with a fabulous party that saw youth club members ride a mechanical rodeo bull, play archery and eat lots of party food.

They have seen many changes at KDYT throughout the years they have been attending and they have always been active, fun and valued members.

As they reach the upper age range of youth club, they are considering becoming volunteers, where they will receive training and other opportunities whilst helping other young people.

Kidderminster & District Youth Trust was established to provide young people with a place to go where they could grow from young people into adults, realising their full potential and achieving great outcomes.

We are really proud that we have many young people who have been with us for years and even more who stay in contact a long time after they have finished working with us.

We now have children of people who use to attend in the 1980's and 1990's attending; which is a great tribute to the vision of our founding Trustees.



## #FirstTenner Campaign Raises Over £300.00 for Youth Clubs.

KDYT's #firsttenner campaign was huge success with over £300.00 raised for Youth Club equipment, Young People have chosen to buy a Nintendo Switch which will be used during all our youth clubs and by other partners, meaning that it will be used by hundreds of young people each month.

We would like to thank everyone who donated their #firsttenners, your generosity really makes a difference to the work we do and the young people are super grateful for your support.

## Anti-Bullying Week 2017 & This Morning #BEKIND Campaign!

KDYT ran a week of activities to raise young people's awareness of Anti-Bullying Week, which also saw us gaining national recognition on the fabulous 'This Morning' show on ITV, with Ruth and Eamon.

Young people looked at how being kind to each other can make a big difference to the lives of everyone and came up with ways they could help each other.

They were challenged to do something nice during youth club and in return received a fabulous Smiggle wristband that promoted the This Morning campaign.





## Congratulations Craig

Craig Bateman, member of the KDYT Management Committee, took part in the BBC2 gameshow Egg Heads and successfully made it to the final round.

Craig has been a big supporter of KDYT, first in his role as Member of Worcestershire Youth Cabinet and then as a Member of the KDYT Management Committee, where he sits alongside two young leaders and three Trustees.

Craig is active in encouraging young people to undertake social action and is involved heavily in the #iwill campaign and Model Westminster; we look forward to working with Craig for many more years to come.

## Fundraising Committee

If you love meeting new people, running exciting events and helping a good cause then we need you on our team.

Kidderminster & District Youth Trust are a local charity supporting young people and providing lots of fun activities for them to take part in.

We are looking for dynamic, outgoing and creative people willing to be part of the KDYT Fundraising Committee.

For more information please get in touch:

info@kdyt.org.uk or 01562 228113 or call into Kidderminster Youth House and speak to Mike and Ben.



## Winter Trips & Activities!

KDYT ran our regular holiday trips and activities during the winter period, these were chosen and planned by young people and a good time was had by all.

- **Comic Con** - Young people dressed up and had a great time meeting with characters from Doctor Who, Star Wars, Ghostbusters, The Walking Dead and Ironman.
- **Go Karting** - A great time was had at Full Throttle Raceway, Stourbridge, where young people pitted their skills against each other to get the best time.
- **Christmas Dinners** - Fusion Youth Group visited The Old White Horse in Stourbridge and our Flannel LGBT+ Group had a Christmas dinner at the fabulous Tappeto Lounge in Kidderminster.

All the trips we run are subsidised so that any member can afford to come, this does cost us money, so if you know someone or a business who would like to support us with these adventures please get in touch.



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