

## **NEWS LETTER FOR PARENTS**

Welcome to the new Aiming High newsletter, which will be coming out to you on a regular basis, to keep you informed about what is happening in Trafford.

Aiming High is about transforming services for disabled children and their families.

In Trafford, we are currently working on improving short break provisions and setting up a programme to help young disabled people make a smoother transition into adulthood. Money has also been given to Trafford to help parents get involved in shaping services.

The two people who are involved most with Aiming High in Trafford is Angela Killion and Amy Tinker. Amy is the Project Manager for Aiming High, and Angela is the Transition Project Manager.

The Trafford Parent Partnership Service is also working with Amy and Angela to provide a range of events for young people and their parents or carers.

## **Participation Fun Day for Young People with learning disabilities aged 14-17**



Two days of art, drama and other fun activities so that the young people will have a great time, and will be able to provide us with the information we need about transition, and their future choices. Then we can make changes to improve the transition process for these young people to meet their needs.

Free transport will be provided for those who need it. Lunch will also be provided. Venue to be arranged.

If you are interested or want to find out more, please contact Angela Killion on telephone 912 1655 or email [angela.killion@trafford.gov.uk](mailto:angela.killion@trafford.gov.uk).

## **FREE Pamper Sessions for parents of children with a disability. Or a FREE coffee, cake and a chat!**

Have your kids gone back to school or college? Feel in need of some pampering or a chat?



We would like to offer any parent or carer the opportunity to take advantage of some free pampering. Or come along and have a coffee and chat.

You will also be able to meet Amy Tinker and Angela Killion, find out what they are doing and give them some feedback.

## **Pamper Session Dates**

- ♦ Monday 21st Sept at St Matthews Church Hall, Chester Road, Stretford, M32 8HF. 930-1130 am. Some free parking.
- ♦ Saturday 26th Sept at VCAT, Park House, Northenden Road, Sale, M33 2DG. 930-1130am. Free parking.

These sessions need to be booked in advance. Please contact Trafford Parent Partnership Service on 912 3150 or email [parentpartnership@trafford.gov.uk](mailto:parentpartnership@trafford.gov.uk)



## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

We need a logo for Trafford Aiming High. Can you help? We are offering a prize of vouchers for the Trafford Centre for the best design, to go on the top of the newsletter in place of the rainbow.

Entries must be in by 30th September 2009, and must be no bigger than A4, with your name, address and age on the back. Open to any young person with a disability in Trafford, up to the age of 25.

Send all entries to Amy Tinker, Cherry Manor Centre, Cherry Lane, Sale, M33 4GY. For further information contact Amy on telephone 912 5067 or email [amy.tinker@trafford.gov.uk](mailto:amy.tinker@trafford.gov.uk).

The winner will be announced on Monday 5th October.

## **AIMING HIGH FUTURE EVENTS**

- ♦ Amy will be hosting a Provider Day to find out what services there are which would be good for Trafford.
- ♦ There will be the appointment of a Short-Breaks Co-ordinator to help parents access services in Trafford.
- ♦ There will be a social activity for families to be held in November/December. Further details will be included in the next newsletter in October.
- ♦ There will also be an Aiming High e-forum which we hope will be live by October. We will be publishing details about this in the next newsletter.
- ♦ We are also going to employ a parent to help promote future Aiming High events.
- ♦ This newsletter is on the Parent Partnership website [www.traffordparentpartnership.co.uk](http://www.traffordparentpartnership.co.uk) and also on the CYPS website [www.cyps.org.uk](http://www.cyps.org.uk) in the Children and Families section.
- ♦ If you know someone who would like to receive a future copy of the newsletter, or you would prefer to receive this newsletter via email please contact Amanda Window on telephone 912 1091 or email [amanda.window@trafford.gov.uk](mailto:amanda.window@trafford.gov.uk)

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