

# York Young Carers

## February Newsletter 2012

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**Christmas Party!**

### Events coming up

Tues 14th Feb	Sport taster sessions at Energise	10am to 3pm
Thurs 16th Feb	Sport taster sessions at Energise	10am to 3pm
Sat 25th Feb	X Factor Live Tour in Manchester	12 to 7pm

### LAFFS groups coming up

Tues 7th Feb	Younger group	Fulford	6.15 to 8.15pm
Mon 20th Feb	Middle group	Moor Lane	7 to 9pm
Mon 27th Feb	Older group	Moor Lane	7 to 9pm
Tues 6th March	Younger group	Fulford	6.15 to 8.15pm
Mon 12th March	Middle group	Moor Lane	7 to 9pm
Mon 26th March	Older group	Moor Lane	7 to 9pm

# What we've been up to

At the end of December we all had lots of fun at the Young Carers Christmas Party. We had a UV Rave at the Rock Church and were joined by young carers from Harrogate, Selby and Hambleton and Richmondshire. There were some great attempts to stay on the bucking bronco, lots of very colourfully painted faces, a big raffle, a band, a DJ, a dance off, Christmas dinner and of course, lots of raving!



Briony, Erin, Ellie, Olivia and Lily at the party

In January 40 of us went to the pantomime at York Theatre Royal. This year it was called 'York Family Robinson' and was as weird and funny as always!

At the end of January, the older group enjoyed a residential weekend at Centre Parcs in Sherwood Forest. The young carers enjoyed relaxing in the spa, learning how to horse ride, having a go at windsurfing and swimming in the dome.

## Chance Project

The Chance Project got going on the 16th January. It's run by CJ and Kev from Inspired Youth (you may know them from the Young Carers Revolution) and is an arts and media project about young people's experiences. Ten young carers from the middle and older group are involved in it. We're looking forward to seeing what you all create!

## Surveys

Thanks to everyone who let us know what you think of the Young Carer Service by sending back your surveys. The surveys are very useful to us and help us to get more funding for the service. If you sent back your survey we put your name into a prize draw—well done to Georgie who won the £20 voucher!

## Reminders

Thank you to those of you who have sent back your Annual Consent Forms. For those of you who haven't—please send it back ASAP. You won't be able to come to groups and trips until we've had it back! If you've lost yours, or are having problems filling it out, please let one of us know.