



Dear all,

Happy 2015!

There was no better way to end 2014 than through celebrating the Supporting Inclusion Programme at the House of Commons in December.

And what a great event that was, as you can see from the comments in this newsletter. We are all still over the moon with Communities Secretary Eric Pickles' comment that "SIP was the best £10M" he ever spent.

Our next newsletter will turn our focus to the opportunities ahead for Youth United in 2015. We are just now planning the imminent announcement of the second round of UYSAF funding, which is going to enable our organisations to break new ground in where and how they work and reach out to whole new groups of young people - but more about that next time.

Meanwhile, what better way to start the year than to recap on Youth United's great activities at the end of 2014. Enjoy!

Lindsay



SIP praised by Communities Secretary at Commons event

Christmas came early for Youth United as Communities Secretary Eric Pickles dubbed our Supporting Inclusion Programme the best £10 million he's ever spent!

The accolade came as the Minister addressed our SIP celebration event at the House of Commons, where young people and volunteers mingled with politicians, broadcasters, funders and a pop star or two.

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Duchess Kate supports SIP Scouts

Just before Christmas, the Duchess of Cambridge paid a surprise visit to a SIP-funded Scout group in East London, joining in with Beavers' activities including learning about road safety and understanding disabilities.

Members of 23rd Poplar Colony were unfazed by the presence of one of the world's most photographed people, and after presenting the Duchess with a necker, encouraged her to use it as a blindfold and join in the fun.

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Lights, camera, action!

An unscripted glimpse into the individual stories behind SIP-funded groups, our new video focuses on 10 young people from our 10 network organisations.

Filmed in Manchester, Liverpool, Stoke, Birmingham and London, the youngsters talk eloquently and movingly in their own words about the fun, confidence and experience they are gaining.

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£10k awarded in Hackney partnership

November saw Youth United Foundation receive a cheque from Hackney Council for £10K as a result of the Supporting Inclusion Programme's work within the borough.

The funding will secure our ongoing partnership to help hundreds of young people in Hackney access the benefits of being a member of our network organisations.

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View from the Chair

Sue Lomas, our Chair of Trustees, looks back on the highlights of 2014 and gives an insight into the ongoing role of the Board.

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