

Christmas Update 2018



SSYI has had a busy 2018, growing our work in the Shelfords & Stapleford. Our collaborations with Romsey Mill continue to develop with joint projects and support on policies, training, and management oversight of our youth workers. We have continued to support the Playscape team on the Cope project at the river end of the Great Shelford recreation ground, and collaborate with them on plans to renovate other facilities there.

Highlights of the year have included the summer residential in Norfolk with 12 of our young people and the brilliant fundraising evening with Milton Jones in October. Most recently we are embarking on some exciting new initiatives and developments. Our links with Sawston Village College have continued to strengthen as we continue to do more work with them, including increased one to one support. We are currently running three weekly clubs, mentoring multiple youths and have just started “detached” work around the local area. We also look forward to linking up with the new CaraCoffee venture, run by Romsey Mill in Great Shelford, in 2019.

The most exciting news we have had this term is confirmation that we will be taking over the lease of the Social Club in January, meaning we will be able to renovate the space and run more activities from the building. The young people are very excited to have an input, including helping to refurbish it, paint it and add new resources to make it a better space for the youth of the area.

We have been celebrating the end of the year with our young people. On the second to last Friday of term we took over 20 young people to the ‘North Pole’ Winter Wonderland on Parkers Piece. They had an opportunity to go on the fair ground rides and buy food from the stalls before we took to the ice for 45 minutes of sliding around. Although there were a few tumbles no one was hurt, and a great time was had by all.



To finish off the year we had a Christmas Party in the youth club with karaoke, a quiz, and lots of Christmas food!

We want to thank all our supporters; without you the work we do would not be possible. We value your continued support particularly with our new ventures and plans to renovate the club room.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS from Jon, Zac, Tina, and Craig (our professional youth workers), the Trustees, Committee, and volunteers