

## **JusB**

JusB is a Christian community youth project which aims to provide a safe environment (a youth centre), support (detached youth working team of 3 paid youth workers) and activities (available at the youth centre) for the young people of the Bromley North area (which includes the wards of Plaistow & Sundridge and Bromley town centre) so that they are valued and empowered during the transition into adult life.

The JusB project stems from the report of a working party established by St Mary's Church, the police, representatives of the youth service in Bromley and young people. The working party itself was prompted by a concern about rising levels of youth crime and a recognition that this appeared to stem from a sense of alienation and disconnection amongst young people.

There is no statutory youth club serving either of these wards, except The Zone which is an advice and drop in centre for 13-24 year olds at Bromley South, and little voluntary or community provision even within the uniformed movements. This leaves young people to "hang around", sometimes in quasi-criminal gangs, or gather in the (mainly privatised) town centre where they are perceived as a nuisance.

Young people locally have been consulted and have expressed considerable support for the provision of a place to go and things to do. A pilot rock concert organised by JusB and held in the summer attracted 103 young people.

The first year of the project, will combine centre-based work with street work, opening the centre one night per week (Tuesday) with sessions for two different age groups Juniors Year 6 - Year 9, 5.30pm - 7.30pm; Seniors Year 10 - Year 13, 8pm - 10pm) and providing on the street support two nights per week. The detached outreach team will aim to make contact with young people on the streets and in the parks, with a view to encouraging them to use the centre as well as providing information, support and advice directly to them.

The large hall at 61 College Rd will house a pool table, table tennis table, 2 play station consoles, and a cafe. There will also be an information stand on relevant issues for young people. The small hall will house the computer suite comprising of 3 laptops with Internet access. This will also be the film studio where young people can make and edit films. The front room will become the recording studio complete with music production equipment and DJing decks. Young people will be able to record full band sets as well as vocals. All activities are subject to change as JusB is committed to providing only those things that the young people have requested.

The following Information leaflets are available from the Parish Office:

JusB – A young person's guide

JusB – A parent's guide

JusB – A Christian's guide

JusB – Centre Volunteer

**The cross is the cost of my forgiveness.**

**Anon**