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### Newsletter - July 2011

#### PPP Art and Craft Showcase

PULTENEYTOWN People's Project are pleased to announce that on July 30-31 in Wick Youth Club, Lower Dunbar Street, we will be hosting an Art Showcase to display all the incredible paintings, drawings, craftwork and anything else creative PPP classes have applied their gifted minds to.

Open from 10am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday, the Art Showcase will be a chance to see some unique and talented art from the people of East Caithness who attend PPP classes.

There will be a donation welcomed at the door as well as a raffle with a very special art prize for the winner – original artwork from PPP arts and crafts tutors Karyn Fraser and Bettine Bain. All money made at the Showcase will go towards the tutor costs of arts and crafts classes to allow us to continue to develop these sessions.

On the day exhibits will be submitted from all our PPP classes around the county; Keiss, Watten, Wick and Clyth. There will be paintings, textiles, cards and other inventive mediums, many of which the artists have never shown to the public before.

PPP's Ladies Group will be displaying and are excited about the event: "We're looking forward to displaying some of our quilts and cards. We've been coming for a few years now and made lots of different things so it will be nice to have a chance to show them off.

"Some of our members have only just joined and made beautiful quilts in such a short space of time. I'm sure people will be very impressed by them and we hope they enjoy coming along to view them.

"We'll be displaying quilts, cushions, shawls, cross stitching and bags. That's just our class though, there are lots of other classes doing different types of arts and crafts."

Refreshments will be available to purchase on both days; tea, coffee and home baking from some of our classes and people who will be exhibiting their art.

At the Showcase there will be a table full of PPP information, posters and flyers for all the different projects running, plus information on the Community Centre being built on Huddart Street.

This will be a perfect opportunity to come along and see some of what PPP is about, meet staff and members of the public who attend classes, all whilst gazing at some of the best art Caithness has to offer. Everybody is welcome to attend and we hope to see you there; **July 30-31st, 10am-4pm.**

# What's On At The PPP

### Special Events this Month

- MAASK Summer Club starts
- PPP Office operating on limited opening times
- PPP Art and Craft Showcase - 30-31st July at Wick Youth Club
- PPP will be displaying an information table at the County Show - July 15-16th

#### MONDAY

- Lads Learning for Life: 10am- 4pm
- Mums Fun: 11am - 4pm
- Target, Thurso High School: 9:30am - 4:30pm
- MAASK: 3pm - 5:15pm
- Boy's Group: 3:30pm - 5pm
- Unions Computer Group: 6:45pm - 9:15pm
- Computer Group 1: 6pm - 8pm

#### TUESDAY

- Target: 9am - 3pm
- Cooking Class: 9am - 1pm
- Ladies Sewing Group: 10am - 12pm
- Ladies Knitting Group: 2pm - 4pm
- MAASK: 3pm - 5:15pm

#### WEDNESDAY

- Carnegie Group: 9am - 2pm
- Computer Group 3: 11am - 1pm
- Watten Computer Group: 1:30pm - 4.30pm
- MAASK: 3pm - 5:15pm
- Union Computer Group: 5:45pm - 9:15pm

To Get More Info On Any  
Of Our Projects Or To Book  
A Session Please Get In Touch

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#### FRIDAY

- Thurso Drop-in: 10am - 5pm
- Art class: 2pm - 4pm
- Job Club: 10am - 5pm
- MAASK: 3pm - 5:15pm

#### THURSDAY

- Access To College: 9am - 5pm
- Ladies Group: 10am - 12pm
- Wick Drop-in: 12pm - 5pm
- Ladies Group: 2pm - 4pm
- MAASK: 3pm - 5:15pm

Find out all the latest on the Pulteneytown People's Project and receive our news when it happens by adding us on Facebook, Twitter and through RSS Feeds straight to your email.

Friend us on Facebook: [PulteneyProject Wick](#)

Find us on Twitter as: [PPPwick](#)

RSS Feed to our website: [www.pulteneytownpeoplesproject.org.uk/rss.xml](http://www.pulteneytownpeoplesproject.org.uk/rss.xml)

The Pulteneytown People's Project website is updated daily with news, pictures and information on future events.

[www.pulteneytownpeoplesproject.org.uk/index.html](http://www.pulteneytownpeoplesproject.org.uk/index.html)

There is a news page, information on all our projects and biographies on the PPP Directors.

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## Community Centre Construction Blog:

June 27th



Work is still progressing on the roof and additional work is being carried out on the front entrance where the reception will be. Inside there's a lot of work being carried out on creating the walls which separate the different rooms, and the floors on the ground and first floor are being prepared. It's amazing to see the building at this stage after such a short period of time.



Our Community Centre blog:

[www.pulteneytownpeoplesproject.org.uk/centre\\_updates.html](http://www.pulteneytownpeoplesproject.org.uk/centre_updates.html)

## MAASK Holiday Club

THE MAASK Summer Holiday Club starts this month on July 4. Running until July 22, the children will be having three weeks of games, trips and competitions to make it the best summer holiday they've ever had!

Some of the activities the children will be participating in include trips to John O'Groats, Reiss beach, Dunrobin Castle and various playparks, lots of fun arts and sports competitions, as well as a special 'It's a Knockout' day with other local childcare clubs where there will be a barbeque and face painting.

Just as exciting for the children will be the chance to get creative and enter something they've made to the PPP Art Showcase being held on July 30-31 at Wick Youth Club. The best entries from the children will be shown at the Showcase for the whole of Wick to admire.

A full list of all activities is on the MAASK section of our website where you can also find information on all that MAASK does on a daily basis.



## College Course Celebration of Achievement Night

STUDENTS have been celebrating the end of their College Course with a Celebration of Achievement night at Flagstones Restaurant, Thurso.

The ceremony, held on Wednesday June 22, saw six college students, their families and representatives from local educational establishments and Pulteneytown People's Project attend to watch Ashley McPhee, Elly McPhee, Ella Aston, Brett Webster, Jordon Farmer and Nicole Fraser, all 17 years old, receive their awards.

The students have been taking part in a course run in partnership between PPP and North Highland College which aims at breaking down the barriers which young adults may feel are preventing them from applying to college.

The course helps people to reengage with learning and training, join in mainstream activities and supports the students into further education and employment.

Cath Mackenzie, PPP co-ordinator for the course, said: "It's been amazing working with the students and seeing them rewarded tonight.

"The College Course gives them the opportunity to really develop and learn skills which they will find invaluable for their future careers.

"It's been a fantastic journey to get to this stage and they are all fully deserving of their awards. They're all going on to do such interesting courses and will undoubtedly have great success in these too."

During the course students are able to participate in theoretical and practical subjects such as catering, health and hygiene, and work towards gaining their Millennium Volunteering Award and various qualifications.

Awards given out on the night included Volunteering Awards, Ready Study Go Awards, Customer Care, Problem Solving, Team Building, Communication, Numeracy, Working Effectively with Others and ICT.

Ashley, Elly and Ella also received awards for their...(cont. next page)



## Community Centre Construction Blog:

July 4th



Today there's lots of activity on the Community Centre roof, with rolls of material and metal sheets grouped together ready to be used. This is all in preparation for the roof cladding. Also, on the northern side of the building workers are already roughcasting the walls. Very soon it will even be time to install the windows!



## PPP Holiday Period Open Times

FROM the 4th July until the 12th of August the Pulteneytown People's Project will be open on restricted hours.

These hours will be 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm.

submission to the 'Every Picture Tells a Story' competition.

Ella Aston said: "The course has simply been the best, especially meeting all the people who take part. It's helped me so much and now I'm going to do a course in Business and Computing which will be great."

A final prize was awarded to the student with the best attendance, which was Elly McPhee.

Elly said: "Through the College Course I found the perfect subject to study - Business and Accounts. The course was really good for giving me direction in where to go and I enjoyed every moment of it."

Next academic session Ashley is going on to do SVQ Level 1 Hospitality, Elly Business Management and Ella NC Computing. Both Jordon and Brett are going to study SPA in Construction and Engineering. Nicole is expecting her first baby and will resume her studies on SVQ Level 2 Food Preparation and Cooking course in the following academic year.

Speaking of the evening, Grant Ramsay, PPP Chairperson, said: "The student's achievements tonight are truly remarkable. They've all done so well to get here and it's been a great evening celebrating the progress they have made towards moving onto the next stage of their lives."

The partnership College Course is funded by the European Social Fund.



## New Students for College Course

WITH the current students having finished their time at the College Course Pulteneytown People's Project and North Highland College are looking for the next generation of young adults interested in taking part in this life changing programme.

Through the College Course you will be able to study a range of subjects and 'test' several before deciding what you wish to do a full course in. Along the way you will gain certificates in everything from food hygiene to Millennium Volunteering Awards - ideal for adding to any CV and making it more appealing to employers.

The course will help to break down any barriers you feel may exist to prevent you from attending college and you will receive assistance in applying for bursaries and grants to further your learning. You will be helped to reengage with learning and training, join in mainstream activities and find support to ease you into further education or employment.

Funded by the European Social Fund, the College Course is the first step towards a brilliant career. Anyone interested in finding out more should contact Cath Mackenzie on 01955 606950.

## County Show Table

DURING the Caithness County Show (July 15-16) PPP will have an information table at the Riverside and Westerseat Grounds which will be covered with leaflets, pamphlets, posters and everything you could need for a full 360 degree view of Pulteneytown People's Project and its activities.

Find out about the new Community Centre and what it can offer you, pick up a newsletter and read about what PPP is currently doing in the community or find one of our many groups to join such as art classes, computing classes and youth projects. PPP has something for everyone and you will find it all at the County Show stall.