

FUTURES NEWS

COMMUNITY BUSINESS – Community Conversations held at Marsh Farm Futures on 30 October 2018

Local community groups, voluntary organisation representatives, young people and residents took part in a Community Conversations event at Marsh Farm Futures (MFF) on Tuesday 30th October. The event was opened

forward to supporting you with Community Business and your ideas". Ishaq Kazi, Programme Manager at MFF running the Power to Change Project said "we are one of seven organisations in the country to have

been selected by Power to Change, an independent Trust. The key purpose of the programme is to engage residents and develop ideas to set up community businesses that will be owned, run and managed by local people to address

business. Annette White, a Director of MFF who is overseeing the programme said "It's great to see our local residents come up with some superb ideas and show huge enthusiasm. I want to reassure everyone that community businesses will address local issues as they are responsive to change, they help their whole community recycle money back into the local area and they give the power back to their local community". The event provided an important opportunity for participants to generate great ideas including recycling furniture, community energy, community market stall and an online disability shop.

During 'Community Conversations' attendees were split into 3 groups to discuss and come up with ideas. Feedback included the following:

COMMUNITY BUSINESS IDEAS

1. Community Bakery
2. Youth Training
3. Community Garden – all community groups/residents involved
4. Community radio station
5. Community choir
6. Community energy (green), solar panels, community bulk buying
7. Community Mobility shop
8. Furniture recycling business



by Anna Pedersen – Chair of Marsh Farm Futures Board who welcomed and thanked everyone for coming out on a cold Tuesday evening. Speaking to attendees at the event, Anna said: "I am extremely grateful for your attendance this evening and look

local issues.

Over 25 people attended the event hosted by MFF at Futures House. During the event, MFF raised awareness about Power to Change and the Empowering Places Programme focusing on community

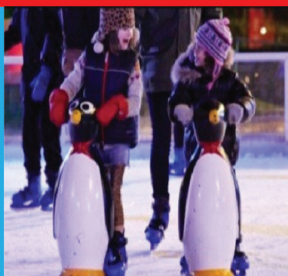
Mini winter Wonderland

COMING TO FUTURES HOUSE THIS DECEMBER

Free Ice skating / free Snow ball games / Sparkles Café

Santa Grotto (£2.50 per visit)

**For two days
Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th
December**



power to
change



LOTTERY FUNDED



ISSUES HIGHLIGHTED

- Bring back the market and maybe the youth could support running the stalls
- Youth services /space – Need this as a matter of urgency, sports training– one stop shop
- Look at a more holistic approach at what's needed
- Health and Social Care and services for elders
- Empowering Young women – social skills and wellbeing
- Arts and crafts
- Recycling furniture/Fix items
- Affordable prices for hall and space hire
- Accessible funding opportunities for community groups and residents
- Consultation with the community/residents of Marsh Farm on all issues
- Residents need to feel involved
- Council tenants are not housed permanently (a Council matter)
- Social services need to be involved more
- Working together as a community

Next steps

- Set up the Community Business Network (CBN) with those who attended plus those who have shown an interest but were not able to attend the event and community groups.
- Our next Community Conversation – Community Business Awareness event will be on the 22nd January 2019.



Anyone interested please contact Ishaq Kazi on 01582 512555 or email: ishaq@marshfarmfutures.co.uk

Futures Junior Youth Club

The Junior youth club is for children aged 7 – 10 years and runs here at Futures House on a Wednesday evening 6 – 8pm. It started on Wednesday 11th July with an attendance of 25 children and has continued to run every Wednesday including school holidays. Children have been

given membership forms to take home that both they and their parents have to complete.

Currently the session is run by the Community & Youth Manager and Volunteers.

We have had attendance of between 24 – 56 since we started and we now have over 100 children on the register. They love being able to come in and leave their parents at the door!! They like most of the games that

NEW Futures Junior YOUTH CLUB
Aged 7-10?
Want to make new friends?

Computer Games Sports
Board Games Arts & Crafts

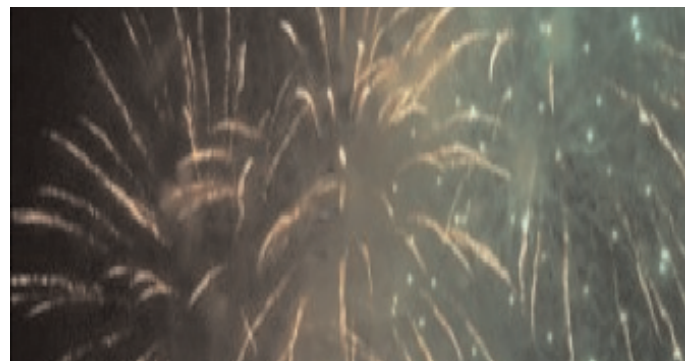
Starting 11/07/18 At Futures House
Every Wednesday from 6pm to 8pm
Weekly Entrance Fee Only £1

For more details contact Cathy on (01582) 512555 or email Cathy@marshfarmfutures.co.uk
Futures House, The Hoakes, Marsh Farm, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU3 3QB

we have bought, with Air hockey, and the games consoles being really popular but the star of the show is the Uni-hoc (indoor hockey) which they absolutely love.

Cathy McShane, Youth and Community Involvement Manager says "We also run a tuck shop, which is very popular. Most of the sessions during the holidays have just been 'Club nights' this is where they come in and just play with what is there. We always have a chat with them at the end of the session, where we share any relevant information and they give us ideas of what they would like.

Marsh Farm Fireworks



The annual Marsh Farm Fireworks event held on Monday 5th November 2018 was once again a spectacular success. Over 4000 people attended, our largest crowd ever, to enjoy the music and colourful display.

Marsh Farm Futures, with sponsorship support from Nisa Local and Luton Borough Council, brought this annual event to the community.

Co-ordinated by BT Events, local people and others from across Luton came out in full force to enjoy the display. Officers and staff from Bedfordshire Police, Bedfordshire Fire Service and St John's Ambulance were on hand to make sure everyone had a safe and enjoyable time and there was an array of food choices to cater for all tastes, together with fairground rides for the children.

Local resident, Lauren, said "I loved the music, great fireworks. It was brilliant!"

The display was opened by Marsh Farm Futures director, Roy Davis who said: "Marsh Farm Fireworks has been going on for a number of years now and attendance has grown rapidly. The display was fantastic and it really was in every way possible a community event and Marsh Farm Futures are proud to be able to bring this free event to residents.



We welcome your feedback to improve our services
please email
info@marshfarmfutures.co.uk

Service Provider	Type of Service	Time/Day of the week	How to access Service
MFF Community Resource Room	Free computer use with internet and printing facilities	Mon – Fri 9.15am - 4.15pm except when in use by a service provider	Turn up and dial 200 from front desk or dial 01582 512555 to check whether it is available
Customer Services Luton Borough Council	Council Tax, Housing Benefit, Advice on Council Services etc	Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am - 5pm Lunch 1pm – 2pm	Front Desk, Futures House
Job Club	Employment support and assistance with online job searches, CVs and application forms	Tuesday 9.30am – 1.30pm	Drop in Service – Dial 203 and ask for Cathy McShane
Junior Youth Club	Evening club for 7 – 10 year olds Computer and board games, sports, arts and crafts.	Every Wednesday 6pm to 8pm	£1 entrance fee. Just turn up with a parent/Guardian. For more information call Cathy on 01582 512 555
Luton Foodbank	Emergency food supplies to local people in crises and in poverty	Monday 11am – 1pm	Referrals only. Call LBC Crisis Support on 0800 456 1673 or Citizen Advice Bureau on 0844 245 1285 for an assessment
Money Matters Credit Union	Financial advice, loans and savings	Thursday 10am – 12pm	For more information Tel: 01582 666877 Email: office@mmcu.co.uk
Councillors Surgery	Local Councillors Roy Davis and Don Worthing meet with local residents to discuss their issues	1st & 3rd Saturday of every month except August 10am – 12pm	Drop in Service

Community Voice

Futures Community Voice (FCV) are looking for new members. If you are passionate about the Marsh Farm area and have ideas on how to make positive change then please email: communityvoicemf@gmail.com or call 01582 512555 and speak to Anya.



STAY AND PLAY

For parents / carers & children aged 0-5 years

Toys, books games and more

Fruit platter for children

Community Hall 3, Futures House, The Moakes, Luton
Every Monday during term time 9:45 - 11:45am

£2 per family including refreshments
Call Anya on 01582 512555 for more info



FUTURES COMMUNITY VOICE

This is to inform all residents that there is a
COMMUNITY/RESIDENT VACANCY
FOR MARSH FARM FUTURES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

If you are interested please email your name and contact number to
fcv.lu3mf.com

or call Steph or Anya on 01582 512555

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact us

Closing date for applications is 4th February 2019

Futures Community Fun Day 2018

This year's Futures Community Fun Day took place on Sunday 8th July 2018. The event organised by Marsh Farm Futures, was opened by the Mayor of Luton, Naseem Ayub and MFF Chair, Cllr Anna Pedersen.



Over 1000 people attending the fun event throughout the day and the ever popular water zorbs proved to be a huge success to cool everyone down in the heat. This year's activities included live music from actor and singer, Tony Bignell, various fete games and a magic show. There were also some gospel singers from Marsh Farm Lighthouse church and Ukie Toones Ukulele band ensuring that there was something fun for all ages.

Staff from Marsh Farm Futures, Futures Fun Factory, Futures Community Voice and Power to Change programme were all on hand to discuss the various community initiatives happening. Signposts once again provided their fantastic volunteers who helped with the setting up and clearing away on the day, car parking and whatever else was needed.

Entry prices to Futures Fun Factory were considerably reduced during the Fun Day and visitors enjoyed taking part in the Fun Factory lucky dip.

Local resident Alison Clarke said "It was very good particularly the music and the Luton job skills van was very informative."

Organiser, Cathy McShane, Youth and Community Manager for Marsh Farm Futures said: "Having all ages come together for this community event is fantastic. Like last year, we made every ride and attraction free so that everyone could come and enjoy themselves. "We are hugely grateful to Signpost and its volunteers who support us every year at different events with setting up, clearing and car parking. We will continue to aim to make this annual community event more enjoyable as each year progresses. Thank you to colleagues, volunteers and the community who contributed to making this day a success."



Futures Fun Factory

Futures Fun Factory will be holding a Christmas party on 22nd December 2018 from 3-5pm.

Tickets for this will be on sale by 19th November and will need to be purchased in advance. £6.00 per child and £2.00 per adult.

Food will be included for all attending children, they will receive a gift at the end and we will be providing a disco area and games.

For further information contact:

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