



Doneyloop Youth Club

Club Newsletter September 2011
The Importance of Volunteering



Club Website www.doneyloopyouthclub.com

Welcome to the very first Doneyloop Youth Club newsletter, we hope that the newsletter will become a regular part of the Youth Club to let you know what we are up to and how you can help.

With a look back on the club outings plus activities and a look at what is planned for the future.

As we all get back to normal life after the summer holidays its time to get the youth club up and running.



Last years committee deep in planning

It is hoped that the club members will have a greater input this year in that the club does and where they go and how to get the funding needed, this will be through the Junior Council. This responsibility will help our young develop much needed skills for the future and all members will enjoy the club much more as a result. We hope also to bring onboard some new faces with new ideas for the club from new and existing families

Background

Around 5 years ago, the Club was started by Charles Byrne and Mac McLaughlin, since then we have built your own independent club house, all the staff are volunteers. The club depends heavily on parental and community participation. It is a nondenominational youth club.

**Tuesday evenings 7pm to 9pm
are for the Senior Club, secondary
school and upwards.**

**Friday evenings 7pm to 9pm
are for the Junior Club 7 years and
upwards.**

We tend to put on more organised activities for the younger kids such as craft, games and sports. Although craft is sometimes available for the older kids, as well as sports (e.g. football, basketball) many of them just love to 'hang out' together, chatting and listening to music.

We feel that having a chance to get together in a relaxed, safe environment – outside school – is very important for the teenagers in the area.

Special events as well as the usual activities, the Club puts on special events such a Halloween parties, Barbeques.



**Mac is still
in the class
room, the
Computer
class for
kids this
time.**

Who runs the Youth Club?

We the parents do so get involved for the sake of your own children and there future plus the overall benefit to the community, larger pool of volunteers will bring new skills, ideas and support to the Club.

We are hoping that all parents of children who come regularly to the Club could commit to volunteering just once per term or perhaps a couple of times each year. You would not need to be 'Garda vetted' to volunteer or even bring any particular skills. However, if there was some skill / useful experience that you could bring along so much the better, even if it was a favourite game of cards with the kids. You could help out with the football, pool/snooker, various craft activities or other games or just (like the kids) hang out with everyone there and enjoy a cup of



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tea, a biscuit and chat. The most important thing for the Club is your presence to ensure the safety of the children by having the correct ratio of adults to children. We also hope this will be a great opportunity to get to meet other parents and young people in the area.

Outing to Toddsleap



The Youth Club funds We have a shop that sells a variety of drinks, crisps and sweets (Jamie Oliver probably wouldn't approve but it is only once a week) the sales of which generate some of the Club funds plus car boot sales Christmas bazaar and the weekly subscription that pay for trips, parties, games, DVDs, sports equipment, etc.

The Community Barbeque 2010



A safe, fun environment, We encourage a fun and happy atmosphere but watch keenly for overly rowdy behaviour and bad language which we quickly stop. In this way we hope to provide a fun but safe environment where kids can learn new skills, make new friendships and build on existing ones.

We hope that with continued efforts from both current volunteers and you the parents the Club can go from strength to strength providing local kids with a great

place to hang out and have fun. Want to help out? What should you do next?

If you feel that you could volunteer once a term (or, even more!) or have any questions please send an e-mail to us at doneyloopyouthclub@eircom.net telling us when you'd like to be on. Many thanks. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Committee members are:

Chairman:	Damien Wright
Vice Chairman:	Daniel McMenamin
Secretary:	Alison Bell
Assistant Secretary:	Celia Byrne
Health & Safety:	Alan James
Treasurer:	John Byrne
Assistant Treasurer:	Paddy Bell
PRO:	Rita Wright
Assistant PRO:	Valarie Bradley

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Register for the 2011 /2012 season

Is on Thursday 22nd September 2011 - 7:30pm - 9pm

Youth Club re-opens:

Snr Club Tuesday 4th October

Jnr Club Friday 7th October

7pm to 9pm

Registration Fee: €10 / £9 per child
€15 / £13 per family

Weekly fee €3 / £2.50 = 1st and 2nd children; 3rd child free.

Registration is open to the Alt & Doneyloop local community. Applications from outside the youth club area will be considered at the first monthly Management Committee Meeting after Registration Night.

For more information see the website.