

SELWYN LAUNCH GROUP

Supporting Young People with Disabilities in Selwyn



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Hi Everyone

Hope you are surviving the winter so far? Since our last newsletter, Selwyn Launch Group has been ticking along nicely. The Tuesday group of eight young adults (pictured right) are still enjoying this programme and the activities they plan and are learning a lot of great skills and making long lasting friendships. This group is now under the management of Brenda Thomas, (IDEA Services), who replaces Neil Russell. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Neil for the support he has given the group since its inception.



We held our inaugural Annual General Meeting in March and now have a core committee comprising of twelve members and the following Officers duly elected:

Sandra Gilmour	Chairperson
Jane Thomas	Secretary
Robin Ashby	Treasurer

On the 22nd May, we held an information evening with Katherine Fraser, the Manager from Independence House, who explained how Independence House works, the criteria required to be a part of their service, costings and the various options for independent living they offer. This was a very informative evening and it was very good of Katherine to give up her time to speak to us.

Following on from this information evening, we are planning on inviting some other agencies to talk to us on the options their organisations offer for supported independent living arrangements for our young people. We have booked the Lincoln Events Centre on the 29th July from 7pm-9pm and hope to have four providers come and speak to us. This will be an open invitation, so if you know of anyone that may benefit from this evening, please feel free to extend an invite to them.

We would also welcome some input from families as to what requirements you feel could be better addressed in the Selwyn District. With feedback from parents/caregivers with regards to their needs, we can then proceed to assist with avenues which will hopefully address these issues.

INFORMATION EVENING

Subject: Supported / Independent Living Options
Date: Tuesday, 29th July 2014
Time: 7pm-9pm
Venue: Lincoln Events Centre
Meijer Drive, Lincoln

Any inquiries, please contact Jane Thomas (03) 347-9707.

If you no longer wish to be on our database, please advise Jane Thomas (jarakthomas@hotmail.com) and she will remove your name from the database.

Stay safe and warm over these winter months.

Sandra Gilmour

Chairperson

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