



# Corey Hope Gets Signed Up!

By Michelle Prowitt

Corey was scouted by the West Bromwich special football team, when playing football with Get Active.

Corey's main position tends to be a striker but he can play in any position on the pitch stating that he "loves playing football matches with the West Bromwich team but does not like losing matches... fortunately this does not happen very often!"

Corey's dreams for the future are to play for England, Chelsea or Birmingham.



**Well done to Corey Hope. Corey was chosen to play for West Bromwich Special Football Team!**

## Sing For SoLO by Ian Doherty

On the 27th of February I was invited to Sing for SoLO. The event was held at Dorridge Methodist Church and its purpose was to raise money for SoLO. Although the Church choir was there (along with one member who bought his own accordion), Drumtastic and Reynolds cross School was there, I was particularly surprised to find members of my old school (Hazel Oak) were on the list of performers. Mind you, they were even more surprised to see me when I met some of the girls from Hazel Oak backstage!



I enjoyed the event (especially Hazel Oak's two bands and Reynolds Crosses version of ABBA) and I am certain that everyone else did as well. The Event raised over £1000 for SoLO and thanks should go to everyone who contributed, in particular Jan Prior who did most of the organising. Since Sing For SoLO will be back next year I will close with this line: *"Live Aid, you've got yourselves some competition"*.

**Sing for SoLO was held at Dorridge Methodist Church and they raised money for SoLO. Thank you to everyone who took part.**



## Member's Ball Will Celebrate Volunteers!



On Friday 19th June, our members will be putting on their best clothes, glamping up for the night and spending a star studded evening at the St. John's Hotel for their first SoLO Ball.

The SURG group, who have organised the event, wanted to use the night to celebrate the work that our volunteers do to support the members – so Oscars it is! One volunteer, from each of our projects, will receive an Oscar on behalf of their group to thank them for the wonderful work that they do.

The night will have all the elements of an Oscar celebration - red carpet, paparazzi, Jazz band, entertainment, drinks reception and dancing til late! If you have missed out this year (the event has sold out) and would like to have come – let us know – we might run another next year!

**On Friday 19th June its SoLO's first ever Members Ball at the St Johns Hotel. We will also celebrate the work our volunteers do to support the members. The theme for the Ball is the Oscars.**

## Our Members Plan the Summer!



The summer planning was well on the way, with a group of young people with learning disability aged from 8 years on the case! Our planning group, ably supported by Lynn Humphreys and a group of workers from the summer activities team met during March every Saturday. They worked really hard to devise a marvellous programme of things for our young members to do during the summer. This work was funded through a Government Initiative called DCatch. Watch out for the report in the next newsletter.