



# Solihull Leisure Opportunities Newsletter Autumn 2008



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## What's In A Name?

Solihull **Leisure** Opportunities will become Solihull **Life** Opportunities on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2008.



Janet Down, General Manager

We asked all of our stakeholders to let us know if they thought it would be a good idea and 63% said yes.

Our core goal is to "Add Value to the Lives of People with Learning Disabilities"

We do this through lots of different activities, the main focus of which are providing social and leisure activities for children and adults with learning disabilities.

Our name change will not change our core business. However, we do so much more than just provide leisure.

Through our leisure projects, employment opportunities, training and supported volunteering activities, our members gain in independence, learn new skills and value is added to their lives.

We are changing our name so that the people who fund us are clear about what we do.

Through our business planning we have identified some key goals:

- To continue and develop the delivery of high quality social and leisure opportunities for children and adults with a learning disability
- To consider the respite needs of parents and carers when delivering these services
- To develop additional services that will increase the life opportunities of people with learning disabilities and add value
- To increase awareness of disability issues through the delivery of high quality training
- To keep our learning disabled members central to all that we do and empower them to support our decision making processes
- To develop our fundraising capacity to ensure sustainability of the organisation for the next five years.

**We hope that you agree with the plans we have, and would welcome any feedback.**

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It will not change what we do, but will let us do much more to add value to the lives of our members with a learning disability

Our 14+ planning group asked the Youth Capital Fund Panel for money to buy a minibus.

The presentation they gave was really good and **SoLO** will be given **£42,000** to buy a new minibus.

David has designed what it will look like and it will have bright stripes.



## Well Done To The 14+ Planning Group

Kirsty Lawrence, David Magee and Ryan Ensor (on behalf of the wider group which included Ian McKenna, Neil Derwent and Neal Jobling) did a presentation to the Youth Capital Fund Panel and have been successful in getting £42,000 so that SoLO can have a new minibus.

The Panel commented that the presentation was really good and professional and the whole panel agreed to award the money.

The bus will be sign written to a design by David Magee So watch out for a very bright bus with diagonal stripes on!