

GYM Youth Showcase - Thursday 27 April 2006

Young people had kept telling Gloucester Youth Movement that there was nothing for them to do in Gloucester, so GYM decided to organise a youth showcase. This would bring organisations offering a service to young people together under one roof, and give Gloucester's young performers a chance to do their stuff. For six months GYM members worked flat out organising this event for young people living, working and studying in Gloucester. And last Thursday at the Guildhall it all happened. And was a real success.

Hundreds of people attended the event. And organisations included: Millennium Volunteers, St John's Ambulance, Gloucester Youthwork and Youth Arts Teams, Glofysh, Gay-Glos, X-tream Martial Arts, Hindu Cultural Association, Community Counts, Bangladeshi Youth Group, Gloucestershire Dance, Dial-a-Ride, Lippe and Grapevine.



Once a date and venue was set organising the event involved bringing various groups together, having heated discussions on the content, inviting up-and-coming bands to entertain everyone at the event, publicising the event, doing mail outs.... *need I go on??* A lot of effort was put into this whole event and therefore we wanted it to be a success.



As you can imagine things didn't always go according to plan (organisations dropping out, people being off sick etc). The young people involved could have thrown the towel in at this stage, but a couple of morale-boosting telephone conversations sorted that. Up till the last minute we were getting requests from a lot of organisations and young people asking for tickets.

After six months of blood, sweat and tears, the 27th April was the day to see the fruits of our labour. At 6pm the hall was already filling up with adults and young people alike. By 6.30pm the hall was packed with stands, young people and performers eager for the event to start.



Young people from Gloucester Youth Movement played a key role in hosting and making sure everything was running smoothly.

Performances came from young people such as girl group Three Unique, Ribston dance group, martial arts maestros and Madam Butterfly - all those who performed were from Gloucester! Lots of positive comments were received, and we were asked if we were planning on repeating this event next year.

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