



***Breaking Barriers
and Aiming High
for people with a
learning disability
and their families***

**Inclusive,
Leisure,
Education,
Activities
Project**

Winter 2009

**Special points of
interest**

- We are a small local Charity, doing our best with limited resources.

Exciting New Sessions for 2010

Following the feedback received last term, ILEAP have introduced some great new sessions for 2010. A new monthly Cookery Club, a monthly meal out for our younger members, an after school Gardening Club, a partnership with the 3 Phab Clubs serving South Warwickshire and a Chance to Dance at the popular Evolve NightClub all compliment our existing programme of Saturday Clubs, School Holiday programmes, Pamper Clubs, Footy, Multi Sports, Nights Out and the ever popular Ten Pin Bowling.

ILEAP Membership: Don't delay Join today!

ILEAP members have to be 4 years or older and we target people with a mild / moderate learning disability / difficulty. It will cost £2 per month to join for the 2009 /2010 academic year and once you're a Member, all group activities are great value at approximately £2.50 per hour and include entrance & activity fees.

Are you up to the Challenge?

2010 will prove to be a challenging year for the ILEAP Charity as much of our current funding comes to an end in March 2010. To compensate for the loss of funding ILEAP will find more creative ways to become more efficient working in partnership and utilising existing provision where possible. We plan to look for funding to subsidise our Members chosen activities on an individual basis and hope to be able to meet the needs of our current members whilst finding new funding streams for new members to get involved.

Why not join the ILEAP Charity so that you can take part in some great activities during the February Half Term. There really is something for everyone so why not take a look at the planned programme on our website at www.ileap.co.uk

Sessions planned include Cookery, Arts and Crafts, a new sensory sessions for people with PMLD, New age Kurling, Ten Pin Bowling, Youth Clubs, Meals Out, Trips Out, Soft Play and Scalectrix to name but a few.

Volunteering with ILEAP

Volunteering is a great way to achieve national accredited qualifications, such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award, Community Sports Leaders Award or the V Inspired Award. It compliments your studies whilst offering you rewarding and worthwhile experiences. Please check out the Volunteering page on our website for further information or gives us a call for a chat about available opportunities. If you know of anyone who you think would make a great Volunteer, please pass this information on to them.

Have your say at ILEAP'S Monthly Members Committee Meeting

During 2010 ILEAP will be working toward the Silver level of the Warwickshire Awards for Involvement Award. This Award is a kitemark that showcases ILEAP as an organisation that takes user involvement very seriously. We plan to have a monthly Members Committee meeting on a Saturday Afternoon from 2.45pm—3.30pm at Stratford Community Sports Centre, Alcester Road, Stratford-upon-Avon. Saturday Club participants and other Members and their families are all welcome to attend. Please see our website for the dates of the Committee Meetings and for Agenda's and Minutes of meetings.

Committee Members will be empowered to Chair Meetings, apply for funding and organise activities and events. ILEAP plan to take Committee Members away during 2010 on a teambuilding residential so get involved early on so that you are eligible for this opportunity.

What our Members and their families think of ILEAP

We are very proud of our reputation and we collect regular feedback from our Members and their families, please have a look at what people say about us below and on our website www.ileap.co.uk

Please complete the evaluation forms and email any feedback so that we can let our funders know about the great work that we do.

We feel that this feedback is the best way to promote our service. Take a few moments to read some of the sound bites below. If they give you that warm feeling then there are loads, loads more to read on our website www.ileap.co.uk We use all the feedback received to continuously improve our programme so please keep it coming in. Thank you

The ILEAP programme gives my Son plenty to do and plenty to choose from. It makes the holidays go quickly and helps him to keep active. There is always something new for him to try - this year he went cycling on the Greenway for the 1st time and really enjoyed it. The sessions at Kenilworth Youth Centre are within walking distance of where we live and it is really good to have something in Kenilworth that he can go to.

Fantastic choice of activities. Consistently well managed. Many Thanks for the continued success in bringing fun and variety to my Childs holidays.

Many Thanks to you all, ILEAP continues to be a lifesaver for our Daughter through the holidays, seeing her friends and the ILEAP team is a real boost for her.

An invaluable service for parents and young people. Providing a varied and stimulating set of activities throughout the holiday, which promotes independence and friendship for those taking part. Well-done ILEAP!

ILEAP is invaluable. In the school/college holidays it is the only opportunity my Son gets to be with other people his own age and not be with his Mum all day. He gets bored at home as he cannot easily entertain himself so it gives him the chance to do interesting activities.

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Thank you to ILEAP Fundraisers

ILEAP Parents Boo Lewis and Martin Whitmore are our latest fundraisers to organise events through www.justgiving.com/ileap. Their combined efforts raised almost £2000 for the Charity and Boo's contribution help to fund the ILEAP 2009 Xmas programme, whilst Martin's efforts provided our Staff and Volunteers with staff uniforms giving ILEAP a professional image whilst out in the community

ILEAP would love more and more people to raise money for them in this way. So if you have any ideas for fundraising events, please visit www.justgiving.com/ileap or get in touch and we will help you to get started. Thank you.

Complaints Procedure

If you have any complaints about the service offered by ILEAP you can start by talking to the ILEAP Manager, and if you do not get satisfaction then you can talk to the Chairperson. If you prefer you can send a written complaint directly to Darren Clews (chairman.)

We will acknowledge receipt of that letter within 5 working days and send a considered response within a further two working weeks. If, at that stage, you are still not satisfied your complaints will be passed to the next meeting of the Management Committee.

2010 Summer Ball

The ILEAP 10th Anniversary Summer Ball will be organised by our Members Committee (see page 2.) It will take place during the Summer Holiday and will be an opportunity for everyone involved to dress up and experience a black tie event. Join the ILEAP Charity today to be kept informed of future events and opportunities.



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with any information for the next Newsletter or the Website at www.ileap.co.uk