

## The RAW Summer Event

On July the 27<sup>th</sup>, the RAW group, staff from children's services and volunteers presented the third annual Raw summer event at the Weatherley Centre Biggleswade.

The event was opened by Joseph, aged 10 years and Carly a Raw member. Following the opening a local band called 'Pretty Basic' performed for the crowd. The guests walked around looking at all the excellent stands and taking part in all of the activities both inside and outside run by various agencies including NACRO, the National Youth Advocacy Service, The Youth Service and our own 16 plus team, who helped with T.Shirt designing and painting, plus much, much more.

We also had a bouncy castle which was enjoyed by all ages. We had all sorts of activities including circus skills, a disco, wheel chair basketball, a dance workshop and an amazing chip pan fire demonstration from the local fire service.

In the afternoon after the superb food there was a karaoke competition, where 2 members of staff, Steve Hartwell and Gordana Bejic- Rados nearly bought the roof down with their attempt to sing!!! There was also a rendition from the 'Wooden Hill old geezers'. Luckily enough the young people were far better singers and scooped the top prizes. Following on there was a fantastic dance performance from one breath taking dancer called Paulina well done to her.

To finish we had another wonderful local band called 'Order of the Day'.

This was the best and most well attended summer raw event to date.

Well done to the RAW group and all of their supporters.

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