

PLUGS Club Report Autumn 2010

This term has seen a really good start to the year for PLUGS. The sports and societies fair and volunteering fair gave us great opportunities to raise our profile and after taking a good membership, we are still being approached by people interested in joining. With large numbers of people looking for units we have been lucky that units started approaching us to help them find units. Now nearly all units who required it have additional adults and leaders working with them. Our socials have also had good turnout this term and a good time had by all.

We were invited to join the city in its Vision celebration in the city centre and were welcomed by the local Trefoil Guild for a cheese and wine evening afterwards, where we further strengthened our relationships with them. We have also been invited to a Senior Section afternoon where our members can explore options available to them and local Ranger groups that might be open to them.

One local district approached us to help them in a recruitment campaign in local schools to help units low on numbers and we will be working alongside them in this project.

PLUGS' main event so far this term has been Children in Need. We camped outside the Students' Union for 48 hours and spent two days selling tea coffee and bacon sandwiches to students, lecturers and anyone that walked past. We managed to raise £658.45 over two days and were invited to represent the Union in the local celebrations being broadcast from Campus. We were visited by the Dean of Students who gave us a healthy donation, and also by Pudsey who helped us dish out sandwiches for a short time. We were even featured on local BBC Spotlight news with Pudsey! We were praised by all staff in the SU offices and especially sabbatical officers and the volunteering department. It was an absolutely exhausting two days but everyone enjoyed it and pulled together to make it a great success.

