

# **Annual Staff Report** June 2016 - June 2017

## West Broadway Youth Outreach (WBYO)

WBYO is a life skills program that is camouflaged as a drop-in recreation centre, geared towards youth ages 4 and up in the West Broadway area & beyond. We provide year-round, free after-school & summer programming in a safe, fun & nurturing environment.

WBYO ensures that local children have opportunities to learn and grow in an atmosphere where their basic emotional, social & educational needs are met and supported by positive role models.

Mission: Provide a safe, fun and caring environment where children are provided opportunities to learn and grow. Free structured programming and positive role models instill a sense of accountability, teach life skills, encourage positive behaviour and support children towards achieving their infinite potential.

Vision: Children realizing their potential

Expectations of Each Participant:

- Treat others the way you want to be treated
- Use appropriate language
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself

### Staff (as of June 2017)

The longevity of staff has provided stability to WBYOs programming for over 20 years. Our team this year is as follows:

**Director - Ken Opaleke** (25 years) **Director's Assistant - Currently Interviewing** Bookkeeper - Val Heide (6 years) Office Assistant and 5ish Fun Run Coordinator - Karly Tidey (1 year)

# Youth Workers (School Year)

Hopeton Miller Major Academic Coordinator (1 year) Emma Higgs

Book Jam Coordinator (as of Apr 2017)

Amanda Impey

Dreams Coordinator (as of Dec 2016)

Phil Collins

Music Coordinator (as of Apr 2017)

Victor Golondrina

Mathletes & Boy's World Coordinator

(1 year)

Marika Beaulieu

Girls' World Coordinator (4 years)

# Youth Workers (Summer of 2017)

Alex Selby **Brian Jennings Quennel Miller** Victor Golondrina Bendu Dukuly Emma Reznichek Poe Helene-Hounslow



### **WBYO Programs**

School Session: September - June

### **MONDAYS**

### **Bookworms - 3:30 - 6 pm**

Bookworms is a literacy program. Kids come by after school and read independently or with staff and volunteers. They may also play with any of the toys, games or computers we have in our space! Every book read is logged and every 10 books read gets them an invite for our monthly Bookworms outing.

### Homework Club - 3:30 - 6 pm

Homework Club is where kids can bring any school work they have been given (they can and are encouraged to ask their teachers for extra work!), and have a space with snacks, supplies and tutors to help them with their work. Homework kids get spoiled at WBYO with treats, outings and anything else we can think of!

### Piano Lessons - 4:00 - 8 pm

Private lessons with our amazing volunteer tutors for 30 minutes each, culminating in an annual Piano Recital in June.

### Small Time Fun Pack - 6:00 - 8:30 pm

This program is geared towards the 4 -7 age group held at the Gordon Bell High School gym. Older children are welcome to join, keeping in mind that the day is for the younger group. We play games like Frozen Tag, Ghostbusters, Simon Says, Everybody's It etc. As always, all games played are chosen and voted on by the children!



## Board Game Sign Out - 3:40 - 8:30 pm

Kids are encouraged to sign-out any of our collection of board games for a week with a permission form signed by their parent/guardian.

## **TUESDAYS**

## **Family Swimming - 3:30 - 5:30 pm**

Meet at Mulvey School at 3:30 or at 646 Portage by 4:00 sharp to walk over to Sherbrook Pool for swimming! These aren't formal lessons, but are a great time in the pool for kids of all ages.

## Mathletes - 6:00 - 7 pm

Mathletes seeks to remove the stigma from math activities and provide an enriched learning environment based on the Manitoba Math Curriculum. Earn Ken Bucks and buy prizes from the WBYO Prize Catalogue created for Mathletes. (Prizes include candy, books, bikes, Ipods etc...)

# Jam Session - 7:00 - 8 pm

Kids get the opportunity to learn about different instruments through free play, circle and special music performances.



## Kids Laundry Night - 3:40 - 8:30 pm

Kids are encouraged to bring in a small amount of their laundry to be washed during program hours. They are taught how to do their own laundry - laundry soap, dryer sheets and machines are provided free of charge.

### Guitar Lessons - 4:00 - 7 pm

Volunteer musicians teach interested youth guitar basics with one-on-one lessons. Youth are provided with guitars to practice with and learn how to read music, how to play chords and play their favourite songs from the radio!

### WEDNESDAYS

## After School Program - 3:40 - 4:45 pm

This program is held in the gym at Mulvey school. We play games like change lines, doctor dodgeball, musical hoops and line-tag. All games played are chosen and voted on by the children!

## Video Game Party (Homework Club Kids Only!) - 5:00 - 6 pm

This program is held at our centre and is a chance for homework kids (only) to unwind after school by challenging one of our awesome volunteers to any number of non-violent video and arcade games, playing mini-basketball or tetherball, and enjoying some of our most awesome toys - all prior to hitting the homework books.

## Homework Club - 6:00 - 8:30 pm

(see Mondays)

Bookworms - 6:00 - 8:30 pm (see Mondays)

# Yum-Yum Club - 6:30 - 8:30 pm Kids are encouraged to join our amazing volunteer nutritional studies students as they instruct and prepare delicious and healthy meals for all the kids at our centre!



## **THURSDAYS**

### Crafts, Nails, Lego Mania - 3:40 - 5 pm

Kids can come for "give and get" manicures, crafts and games! We also pull out a giant box of 10,000 Lego pieces to play with.

### Dreams Program - 4:00 pm - 6 pm

Dreams is a career mentorship program that provides youth with the opportunity to explore the infinite possibilities their future holds and supplies them with the tools to get there. Wednesday meetings include guest speakers, career info sessions, workshops and large group projects. The Program also provides opportunities for youth to have dinner with a mentor in their Dream career, or shadow a mentor for a day.

# Team Sports Night - 5:30pm - 8:30pm

This program is geared towards the 8-12-year-old age group. Younger children are welcome to join in and often do. We use either the field or the gym at Mulvey School. On these nights, we play games like basketball, soccer, soccer-baseball, volleyball, baseball and floor hockey. As always, all games played are chosen and voted on by the children!

## **FRIDAYS**

## Girls' World - 4:00 - 7 pm (6:30 - 7:00 pm group clean-up)

Girls in grades 5-10 are welcome to join our Girls' World at our centre. Programming is self-directed by the girls and often offers exciting and empowering outings. Projects

## Book Jam - 4:00 - 7 pm (6:30 - 7:00 pm group clean-up)

Exciting literacy program for youth looking to increase their reading skills through games, crafts, cooking etc. in a fun, safe environment at our centre. Parents (as always) are encouraged to join in! Mystery Book Search is an incentive program

focused on reading. Two books are chosen (One in Easy-Readers and one in Novels). If a youth reads a chosen book to a volunteer, or submits a book report, the youth wins great prizes. Prizes are added each month the chosen book is not read.

## Boys' World - 4:00 - 7 pm (6:30 - 7:00 pm group clean-up)

Boys' World invites young men aged 10-15 to participate in unique activities.

## WBYO Special Events & Highlights

### June 2016

• 6<sup>th</sup> Annual 5ish Fun Run

### July 2016

• Summer events (see calendar)

## August 2016

- Summer events
- **Rotary Graduation**

### September 2016

- Programming moves from Crossways to Portage Ave.
- Back to School Dance

### October 2016

- Haunted Forest
- Halloween Trick or Treat Outreach

### November 2016

Volunteer Appreciation Night

### December 2016

- Annual Holiday Party
- New Years' Dance
- Extra Special Homework Club outings around our city (see calendar)

## January 2017

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#### February 2017

- Annual Valentines Dance
- Festival de Voyageur

### March 2017

- Basketball and Floor Hockey tournament
- Lawyers for Literacy
- Oral Health Presentation and Check-Up from Dental Students

### April 2017

- Annual Volunteer Appreciation Wine and Cheese Night (hosted by staff)
- Jr. Volunteer Appreciation
- Spring break
- Globetrotters Game

### May 2017

- Homework Club Spring Fling
- Youth in Philanthropy Celebration

### June 2017

- 7th annual 5ish Fun Run
- Young Eagles Take Flight program
- Annual Piano Recital at Lion's Manor



### Other Events of Note:

- Syrian families have been increasingly attending program, and the children's English and understanding of routines are improving rapidly.
- Our new more visible site is attracting more kids and families: Homework Club attendance increased from just over 80 students last year to just over 120 students in 2016/17.

# Staff Goals for 2016-2017 were:

- ❖ Have 500 people register for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual 5ish Fun Run.
- Continue to remind our kids that their potential ends just beyond infinity.
- Complete renovations and move into our new dream site on Portage Ave.
- ❖ Build on our budding relationship with Kiwanis Club of Winnipeg who have shown interest in supporting WBYO.

## Staff Goals for 2017-2018 are:

- ❖ Have 500 people register for the 8<sup>th</sup> annual 5ish Fun Run.
- Continue to remind our kids that their potential ends just beyond infinity.
- Continue our Lego drive to advertise the new space for our Lego Wall.
- Find a sponsor to cover the cost of printing new Homework Club T-shirts.
- ❖ Make a sponsor opportunities list to encourage sponsorship of various activities (i.e. The Red River Ex, Visiting the Zoo, etc...)





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