

Volunteer Centre Sutton 15th Annual General Meeting

The Centre's AGM always has something new and interesting to offer and this year was no exception.

The AGM was attended by The Mayor of Sutton, Cllr Gerry Jerome, who opened proceedings by introducing the new mentoring DVD

‘PLACING PEOPLE WHO LISTEN WITH YOUNG PEOPLE WHO NEED TO BE HEARD’

The Mayor praised the mentoring team saying ‘This year see’s The Volunteer Centre celebrate 15 years of mentoring within our Borough. MAPS, the mentoring wing of VCS, has grown from strength to strength, and at the end of 2010 MAPS claimed the Centre for Social Justice Award and the GamesAid Award for their innovative way of working and dedication to both volunteers and young people alike.’

Mentoring Manager Chris Parker then spoke of the beginnings of the mentoring initiative which started with just 6 young people being mentored in local schools and now involves 300 young people supported by 140 dedicated volunteers. The mentoring team was then introduced including the new staff roles for the LEAP and Children in Need projects.

Chief Officer, Adam Knuckey, talked of the need to view the role of the Volunteer Centre within the whole infrastructure of volunteering where there is no one way of delivering results or obtaining funding and where the lessons of history should be embraced. Adam spoke of ‘the challenging times that have resulted in the situation where volunteering is both in vogue and difficult to fund. The VCS of the future will be one that continues to balance innovation and authenticity in approach to our mission.’

New Trustees

Four new trustees were voted onto the Board of Trustees of the Centre bringing valuable new experience and strengths to the Board.



Left to Right Andy Wotherspoon, Adam Knuckey CO, Mayor Cllr Gerry Jerome, Elizabeth Mohr, Tony Hazeldine and Phong Ding