



Get Talking in Hanley Park



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Creative Communities Unit

Between January and June 2011, the Creative Communities Unit at Staffordshire University trained and supported a team of local people to be community researchers.



The team asked people what activity they would like to do in Hanley Park.

This research was called Get Talking in Hanley Park.



We found out that people love Hanley Park. They like to walk in and through the park and like the play areas. They think it is a green relaxing place.



People would like more activities which are for everyone including:

- Carnivals
- Education
- Music on the bandstand
- Speakers corner
- Arts trails
- Community and family fun days
- Outdoor theatre and cinema





- Sports events
- Flower festivals and gardening
- Activities for specific age groups
- Boats on the lake



People said some things make it harder to enjoy Hanley Park.



- There is not enough information about what is going on in Hanley Park
- The toilets are not always clean.
- Sometimes people do not feel safe in some parts of the park.
- There is nowhere for people to buy food and drink.
- There is nowhere indoors.
- The buildings need repair and re-use



The research team spoke to at least 55 people of all ages. About half were men and half women.

People were from a wide range of cultural backgrounds and from different places. We spoke to a mixture of working and unemployed people, students, disabled and retired people.



This research follows on from the Quality Streets project in 2009-10 and the Groundwork Trust consultation in Hanley Park in 2010.



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Local people, Stoke on Trent City Council, Staffordshire University, the University Quarter and Staffordshire Police are working together to make Hanley Park better.

We are hoping to get the go-ahead to apply for funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund for the park.



Since we did the research a new Park Ranger, Pauline Withington has started working in Hanley Park.



UniQ held a Community Treasure Hunt through the park in July.



Pauline is going to support a new Friends of Hanley Park group.



The first event is in the Lifestyle building at Stoke College on Saturday 26th November at 11am. Please come along!



You can also join the new facebook group called I Love Hanley Park.

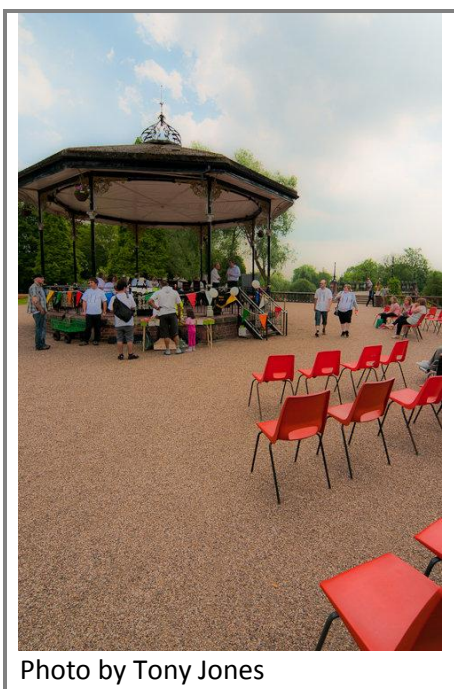


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It's all acoustic - no amps or mikes. Bring your own props, no mains-powered electrical items please. Performances are at your own risk.

Friday 28th October 12-1pm

Wednesday 2nd November 12.30-1.30pm

Wednesday 16 November 12.30-1.30pm

Saturday 26th November 1.30-2.30pm

Wednesday 21 December 12.30-1.30pm

We need 5 performances, an audience and helpers on each date.

If you would like to perform, or to offer help, contact Penny Vincent at Staffordshire University, or just turn up! When slots are full, they're full!



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