



# MSDP NEWS

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for Deaf People

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## Football Fundraising for MSDP

The finest junior football tournament in the city, The Liverpool Champions League, took centre stage during the month of July. Sponsors included Merseyside Fire & Rescue, Liverpool Mutual Homes, Merseytravel and Arena Homes.

It was a great couple of weeks down at De La Salle School in Norris Green which saw teams from across the city attempt to battle it out to discover which clubs are able to boast the title of 'Champion of Champions'. The winning clubs were Whiston Juniors (11s), Woolton Wanderers (12s), Ash Celtic (13s) and The Farmers (u14s).

Liverpool Champions League's organiser and Everton FC scout, is MSDP's very own Jimmy Woods, who has built the tournament over the passed 10 years. He says that the tournament, "is about bringing the youth of today together, knocking down the barriers around each of the different communities and making the city unite as one."

The tournament also held a special raffle for a replica Champions League trophy, with all proceeds going to MSDP. With the assistance of Barclays 'Match Funding scheme' and the Fire fighters, the total amount raised came to £1,386.00. The raffle, won by Mr N Bates of West Derby, gave the Charity a much needed boost to their fundraising. Many thanks for all your contributions.



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# Winter Survival Information Fayre

A community event organised by Liverpool City Council  
and partners to be opened by the Lord Mayor

**St George's Hall** (*North Entrance*), **William Brown Street**

**Tuesday 15 November 2011**

**10.00am - 2.30pm**

A wide range of organisations offering expert advice on a number of issues including Fuel Poverty, Energy Efficiency, Healthy Living, Keeping Active, Benefits Maximisation and much more

## Guest appearance by Pete Price

### **FREE Prize Draw** (*for Liverpool residents only*):

£100 payed directly into your fuel/energy account, plus various other prizes

### **Also on the day**

- \* FREE hot drink on arrival
- \* Chair based exercises
- \* Reiki Healing Sessions



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## British Sign Language Broadcasting Trust

British Sign Language Broadcasting Trust, or BSLBT, is a TV Production Company that produce programmes for Deaf people. They produce a variety of programmes for Deaf People on Freeview and satellite channels. For a list of programmes, or for more information, visit their website at [www.bslbt.co.uk](http://www.bslbt.co.uk).

BSLBT are currently running a Zoom Project, which is a filmmaking scheme for any new Deaf filmmakers to make a 10 – 15 minute film. Their aim is to encourage Deaf people aged 18 or over to be involved in TV productions, including filming, acting, props and so on.

BSLBT are currently inviting people to apply on their website. The deadline for submissions is 5pm Friday 4th November 2011.

## Volunteer Receives Award

Margaret Harrison has been an MSDP volunteer for over 20 years, supporting the Society's Deaf Blind group in Birkenhead to be as active and sociable as they wish. Margaret has also offered her support to other charities, such as Age Concern, where she has taught dance for 18 years and still continues to put on shows.



To celebrate the support she has given and continues to give at 76 years of age, Margaret was given the award for Volunteer of the Year for Volunteering in the Community for the Older Generation (65+). The awards were organised by Wirral Council for Voluntary Service. Congratulations!

## Volunteers

The Society has always been grateful to the support provided by its volunteers. Recently, MSDP has increased the number of volunteers that support its service users, which has been of great benefit to clients and the service overall. The volunteers provide support with shopping, accompanying to social events or just getting out and about, which makes such a difference to clients' quality of life.

MSDP recognises that not all volunteers want to give their time to support services, and as there are many other departments within MSDP that require additional support, such as Reception and Training and Development, volunteers are offered roles that will best suit their interests as well as the needs of the organisation.

Many of MSDP's employees started as volunteers, but have gone on to become Administrators, Support Workers, Interpreters, Social Workers and Managers.

If you would like to become a volunteer and support the Charity, please contact MSDP Reception for an application pack on:

**Tel/Minicom:** 0151 228 0888 or **email:** [reception@msdp.org.uk](mailto:reception@msdp.org.uk)

## Text Donate to MSDP

MSDP, with support from Vodafone, can now receive donations via SMS texts.

“Let your fingers do the talking!” and donate via SMS to MSDP. It is simple to do: Text **DEAF08** plus the amount you want to donate, (£1, £5, £10, £100) to 70070 e.g. **DEAF08 £5** and sent it to **70070**.

MSDP will receive the full amount PLUS an extra 25p for every pound donated, if you say yes to GiftAid.

**Thank you for your support!**



## **Workplace Health and Wellbeing Charter**

MSDP has been awarded the 'Workplace Well-being Charter' by Liverpool PCT.

This is a charter mark that MSDP applied for a few months ago via 'Health at Work' and we had to provide evidence of our commitment to the well-being of our employees. There are three different levels of award, which are 'Commitment', 'Achievement' and 'Excellence'. The different levels are awarded based on the size of the organisation and what policies and procedures are in place. MSDP fits the category of 'Commitment' but as we have a large number of policies and procedures and have regular health and safety meetings, we were awarded the 'Achievement' level which is a credit to us as an organisation.

The success gaining the charter will now open many more funding streams to us from the PCT and hopefully this will enable us to be recognised as an employer who is committed to the well-being of it's staff.

## **Grange Road West**

There have been many changes happening with MSDP's Wirral offices in Birkenhead. As many people will know, MSDP has an office on Grange Road West but moved a few years ago to the Lauries Community Centre.

The Grange Road West building is currently being renovated and updated, and when it is finished, MSDP will be moving back.

It is hoped that the work will be completed and MSDP will be back in Grange Road West in the new year.

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## Dates for Your Diary

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Winter Survival (St Georges Hall)	15th November	10am - 2.30pm
Coffee Morning	15th November	10am - 12.30pm
SVP Christmas Bingo	26th November	Doors open 6.30pm
Coffee Morning	29th November	10am - 12.30pm
EPC Christmas Bingo	30th November	Doors open 12pm
Coffee Morning	13th December	10am - 12.30pm
MSDP 1 Day Closure	16th December	ALL DAY

**MSDP will close for Christmas on Friday 23rd December 2011  
and will re-open on Tuesday 3rd January 2012**



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