

Press Release

14/06/10: - Young People Launch Historic Community Project

Friday evening saw the town of Eastwood come together to welcome the opening of a new community venue run by its young people.

S.A.F.E. – or Supporting Action for Eastwood as it is known is an independent group formed by a group of students who attend the Comprehensive School. The centre will be the hub of the community enabling schools to use the facility while the local community will be able to access various types of information plus the opportunity to engage in family and adult learning.

The event was attended by around forty invited guests including families of the children, plus Mayor of Eastwood Brian Griffin, former Mayor's Keith Longdon and Josie Griffin. Chair of Governors at the School David Hill gave a rousing speech to welcome the community into the centre.

Headteacher Mark Pickford hosted the event and issued honours to all students on the group – a huge mark of pride for those students, he said "I was delighted by the support shown by the community of Eastwood on Friday evening.

The students were a delight, as always, and the comments from both parents, community leaders, business people and other education and support providers have given us the encouragement to press ahead.

"Our challenge now is to find funding to fulfill the potential of what the group and this super facility have to offer."

The new Mayor of Eastwood Brian Griffin said: "It was pleasure to be asked to open the SAFE project Friday evening. The project of Safe and its future is due to a group of students who had a vision and desire months ago to achieve an aim. It is a wonderful example that with hard work and effort their hard work has been achieved.

Congratulations and well done must go to the chairman and his organizing executive and students involved Our Town of Eastwood will hopefully benefit from SAFE and be a great asset for the future".

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