

## Summerscreen 2007



Once again a collaboration between Kingwood and OFVM is presenting film making opportunities for the learning disabled communities of Oxfordshire and beyond. This year Kingwood has been invited to get involved with Summerscreen 2007 and we hope to make our mark.

Summerscreen is an annual film festival supported by a variety of agencies such as UK Film Council, Screen South, BBC Oxford, ITV Central, Animation Station, Oxfordshire County Council and many more pioneering organisations.

Kingwood is a registered charity supporting people with autistic spectrum disorders to achieve their life aspirations and goals and we also reach out to the wider learning-disabled community. We have supported a number of award winning filmmakers over the last three years and have run two film courses in Oxford as well as teaching staff to facilitate the film making dreams of the people they support.

This year we would like to support filmmaking opportunities for two of our award-winning directors in partnership with the young people and their families who attend Thomley Activity Centre.

Their first project is a short drama written by a young lady with an autistic spectrum disorder who has in the past won an award for a 2006 documentary film. The story is based on her own experiences growing up and would offer acting opportunities to a variety of people including a toddler/ young child with a learning disability, a mother, a number of children attending a school for children with special needs and a male adult to play the part of the school caretaker. We would welcome siblings and other family members to get involved behind the scene using cameras, microphone and lighting etc. We will also be using collage and animation and we expect to have lots of fun!

The director/ writer will be visiting Thomley Activity Centre on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2007 to meet the families and be inspired.

The second project is a dance based piece and will be choreographed by a young man who has Down's Syndrome and lots of experience of being on stage, being in a band and doing contemporary dance in front of an audience. We would also like to involve musicians (especially drummers and percussionists) with and without a learning disability to play live during the production. We are hoping to utilize some of the giant outdoor musical instruments at Thomley.

The choreographer will not be able to make it on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May however we will have him come and meet people on another day during the early summer.

Both productions will take place over one day each during the week of July 28<sup>th</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup> 2007. Editing of the films will be on a separate day and we would encourage those interested to get involved with that also. Dates will be confirmed in the next Thomley newsletter.

The final films will be screened at The Phoenix Picture House in Oxford at the end of the week.

### **SO DO YOU WANT TO BECOME THE NEXT STARS OF THOMLEY?????**

If you would like to find out more about the productions and how you can join in, then please visit the centre during the holidays on the 29<sup>th</sup> May to meet the director/ writer and see what Summerscreen is all about!!

As there will be lots of opportunities to participate in each project, all families attending Thomley during the production days in the summer will be able to join in if they wish. However if your family would be interested in fulfilling the specified roles within the first project then please attend, if possible, on the 29<sup>th</sup> to meet the director or alternatively contact Milly on 01844 338380 or email [milly@thomleyhall.org](mailto:milly@thomleyhall.org).

