Faces and voices from the past were brought together along with some amazing young people, volunteers and our lovely supporters. Some of the young people from Walsall Studio School provided a dance performance and a group of young musicians, playing in public for the first time. It did not take them long to get the 100 strong audience tapping their feet. Gap* founders, Steve Silverton and Charlie Clayton spoke fondly about the gap*s formation. Volunteers from as far away as New Zealand and Japan send video messages of support. Former Trustee and treasurer, Zoe Lisser was given a special award for her years of service, and the gap*s latest promotional video was shown whilst the specially invited guests were treated to snacks and drinks. It was a night of celebrating highlights and hearing of the young people who have been impacted by their engagement with the gap*. Zabrina & David ably hosted the evening (though don’t ask him about the ‘lost quiz’!). It was a chance for people to meet up and give the glory to God as we celebrated together. We are eternally grateful to a loyal group of friends and volunteers who helped make the night such a success....here’s to the next 10 years!
Welcome to the team...

Following the recent departure of our youth worker, Rob Jones, we are really excited about having the lovely Laura Ball joining the team. Local girl, Laura comes in to manage the Venue drop-in as well as adding to the HeadSpace rota and helping in developing creative strategies for engaging with young people. She is looking forward to learning more about young people and how she can help make a difference in their lives. She once cycled through three countries in six hours!! She is also a keen dog lover....welcome to gapsville, Laura!

Hi, I am Liv, I have chosen to be part of the HeadSpace team because of all the help they’ve given me - with the personal experience I have had, I now feel it’s my time to give something back. Some of the things I love are working with people, Mac and cheese (now officially my new fave food).....and quavers, OMG, love quavers.

Hello I am Carolyn and have joined the Headspace project because I believe good mental health opens doors to success and I love to help young people become empowered to make the most of the opportunities that come their way.

I like to step out of my comfort zone and I once completed a tandem sky-dive for charity. Jumping out of a plane was exhilarating, though my friends thought I was a little crazy - I prayed quite hard before the jump!

As well as the West Brom award (see left), the gap* has also been recently blessed with funding awards from The Big Lottery Fund, Alfred Haines Charitable Trust, Squishy, Grantham Yorke Trust, and The Entertainer (via their ‘Jack Gives Back’ programme). This up-turn in income allows us to develop the work we are doing with young people, to expand working hours for our staff and to sustain projects we have begun. This is addition to the fantastic regular financial support we receive from individuals, churches and small businesses around Sutton.

We are so grateful to God for His provision over the last ten years of the gap* and we trust in the plans He has for the future of our work.

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