

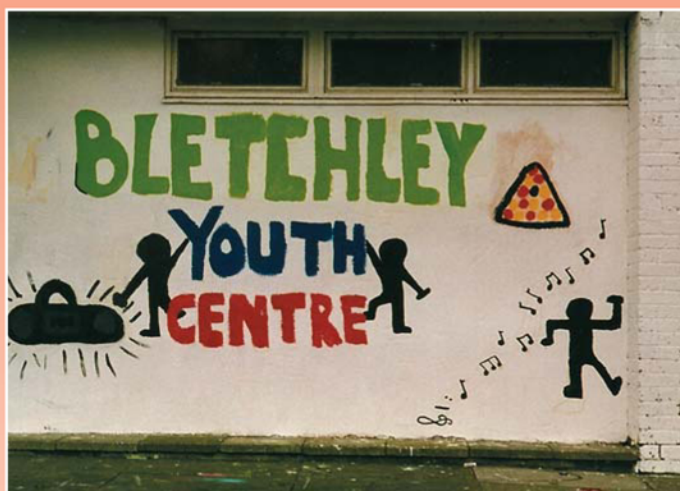


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The Milton Keynes Mix

A unique region's blend

Bletchley Youth Centre



Bletchley Youth Centre established in Derwent Drive since 1968 provides a great space for young people. Many clubs and projects currently operate from there including outreach work to some of the south Milton Keynes estates. It's an informal educator undertaking a lot of work through sports and arts.



Milton Keynes Mayor, Councillor Jan Lloyd, visiting Bletchley Youth Centre

A recent reunion in 2009 of former members reminisced and celebrated the heady early days of the centre when 'Esmerelda' – the gig night – brought bands such as Black Sabbath, Status Quo and Genesis to the Centre for fees of £30 a gig, ensuring tickets were only a few pounds.

'It was a youth club, and like other youth clubs, youths played football, drank coffee and cola, listened to live music and generally hung out. But Bletchley Youth Centre was much more than that!... Without Bletchley Youth Centre and all the great characters that inhabited this unique time and space my right of passage would have been far more difficult and certainly a lot less fun.'

Mick Burns, former Bletchley Youth Club member, late 1960s – early 1970s

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