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Wii support Fairstead Youth Club

Youngsters attending Fairstead Youth Club will be saying a big thank you on Thursday 23 April as they are presented with a Nintendo Wii games console and games by Peterborough based Minster General Housing Association Ltd (Minster).

The donation will be used to bring the young and older people together. The youth club aims to organise special sessions for the older people to learn about the Wii console and games from the young members and encourage future sessions where all ages can play the games together.

Minster residents from the estate will join in the presentation evening bringing along homemade cakes for the children to ice and, in honour of St George's day, all decorations will have a St George theme!

Jake Le Page, Graduate Management Trainee at Minster, explains: "The majority of our residents in the Fairstead area are older people living in sheltered housing and we are always looking for ways to encourage links between the generations; we think interacting with the Wii provides an excellent opportunity for this to happen. The Fairstead Youth Club is already working well on the estate and we hope that this donation will help the group to develop. Minster is very pleased to be supporting the club."

The Fairstead Youth Club was started by Fairstead Area Neighbourhood Group with support from Improving Neighbourhoods and has been providing weekly sessions for young people on the estate since March 2009. The group meets on a Thursday evening at

Fairstead Community Centre and provides a range of constructive activities for young people aged 8-12 and 13+.

Karen Thomson, Fairstead Youth Leader, comments: "All the kids from the club are very grateful for this generous gift. We hope that the addition of a Wii will help to improve motivation and increase both the numbers of young people who attend and the range of activities that we are able to offer. We also hope to get some additional educational games to add to the console."

A range of agencies have been supporting the work of the Fairstead Youth Club including the Police Safer Neighbourhoods Team, Children's Services and Norfolk Council for Voluntary Youth Services.

Ends

Photo Opportunity - Wii presentation, Fairstead Youth Club, Fairstead Community Centre on Thursday 23rd April at 6.30pm

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