

# The Wild Bunch

## **How we spent the grant: £4,249**

We spent the grant on professional DJ equipment for the *Wild Bunch* club night for people with learning difficulties:

2 x *Pioneer* CDJ 1000 Mk 2 decks

2 x *Technics* SL-1210 Mk 2 turntables

1 x *Pioneer* DJM 600 Mixer

Headphones

Leads

## **TOTAL £2,595.00**

The rest of the TFN grant had been earmarked for DJ training. However *City & Islington College* approached us to apply to their Development Fund to run a '*Wild Bunch* DJ training Course for People with Learning Disabilities'. The outcome of the application is as yet uncertain. In the event that we are successful we plan spend the remaining £1654 on special flight cases for the new equipment, microphones and lights for the club.

## **What results we have achieved**

This equipment is top of the range and the industry standard for the best clubs throughout the world. The club, the DJs and the audience have all benefited from having the best equipment available – the sound quality and performances are better and the *Wild Bunch* can now rival mainstream clubs. Because we have the industry standard equipment DJs now have the experience and potential to be able to perform in mainstream clubs.

## **Any media coverage of the project**

We have achieved remarkable media coverage since receiving *The Funding Network* grant:

- Nov 2003      Feature in *The Guardian* - 'Dance Without Discrimination'  
  
*Wild Bunch* DJs perform with Radio 1 DJ Jo Whiley and her learning disabled sister Frances at the national *Learning Disability Today* exhibition
- Feb 2004      *Wild Bunch* 'Valentine's Ball' features a *Blind Date* cabaret to raise awareness of relationships & sexuality. Two excellent articles in the *Islington Tribune* – one front page with the headline 'Valentine tackles Love Taboo'

*Xtreme Link* - 2 young rappers from the *Wild Bunch* perform at a 'Breaking into the Music Industry' seminar at City University. Featured in the *Islington Express*.

- June 2004 *Wild Bunch* is currently being filmed by BBC *Inside Out* for a TV programme scheduled for broadcast on BBC1 in the Autumn

### **The project's progress with the TFN grant**

*The Funding Network* grant has enabled the *Wild Bunch* to reduce its costs and move a step closer to being self-supporting as we used to have to hire in equipment in for each club. This will help to ensure the club's long-term stability. Having our own equipment means that DJs can also practise their skills, something we have previously been unable to offer. *Wild Bunch* Committee members have gained confidence after their successful funding presentation and public speaking. Overall the quality of the club experience has been enhanced and become more professional for all those involved.

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