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Event date: Thurs 24th Nov 05
“WW2 – United We Stand”
Plym View Primary, 6.30pm

Plymouth’s Spaces for Sport and Arts mark the end of an era as they unite to hold the last big event in the city to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of World War 2.

Performers aged 9 to 90 will be sharing the stage at tonight’s “WW2 – United We Stand” event in what’s sure to be an extraordinary evening of music, film, drama, installation art and dance.

Busloads of children and senior citizens from across the city will head to the big event being held at Plym View Primary School. It is the culmination of two months of creative activities that set out to bring the generations and communities together in the four Space for Sport and Art facilities – Whiteleigh Primary School, Bull Point Primary, Plym View Primary in Efford and Plymouth Music Zone in Devonport. Mt Wise Primary and other schools across the city will also be sending a delegation of singers for a multi-generational singalong to be recorded live on the night for a commemorative CD/DVD.

The project has been funded by nearly £20,000 from the Big Lottery Fund’s Home Front Recall strand. Space for Sport and Arts scooped the biggest award in the region to help commemorate the wartime experiences of those on the Home Front during the Second World War and create a lasting legacy.

The Space for Sport and Arts Development Manager, Debbie Geraghty, hopes the whole project can become a stepping stone.

“I really hope this isn’t a one off experience. It’s been magical watching the children use the creative arts to explore other people’s powerful war time experiences. In the end it became a two way street with the older people learning as much from the children as the children did from them. They have so much to share and wouldn’t it be wonderful if they could continue singing and dancing together every week. The facilities are there to use so let’s hope this is the start of something really special.”

For further details please contact Debbie Geraghty on 0787 579 9882 or 01752 213690. Please see Notes to Editor below for any further information.



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NOTES TO EDITOR

BACKGROUND BUMPH

- **For a comment from one of the older people who have taken part in the activities please call Alice Jackman on 01752 703122**
- Over the past 2 years, millions of pounds have been spent building four state-of-the-art facilities for sport and art in Plymouth. These are known as the **Spaces for Sport and Art**. Three of these spaces are attached to primary schools in Whiteleigh, Efford and Bull Point. The fourth is Plymouth Music Zone – a music education centre at Brickfields in Devonport. The aim of this unique initiative is not only to improve children’s health and education but also to put the centres at the heart of their communities and encourage people to use them.
- **Space for Sport and Arts** began as a £130m capital programme which set out to fund new or modernise existing facilities for sport and art in primary schools. It targeted schools in areas of multiple deprivation to provide greater opportunities for both pupils and the wider community.
- **Plymouth Space for Sport and Arts** has now obtained revenue funding from Sport England and Creative Partnerships to fund a full-time post for two years to help create a development programme to make the Spaces a central part of the communities. The newly-appointed Development Manager is based at **Plymouth Music Zone** but works across all four spaces.
- **Plymouth Music Zone** is part of a network of Youth Music Action Zones set up in areas of social and economic need by national charity Youth Music, providing music-making activities to young people who might not otherwise have the opportunity.

Plymouth Music Zone operates a diverse and innovative range of music activities for young people and adults through workshops, tuition, training, curriculum support, team building and music services. We are well-resourced with a wide range of equipment from electronic to traditional for maximum benefit to all participants.

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