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Media Release

Party by the Beach

Party by the Beach is coming to Portsmouth! Next Friday evening (16th July) Castle Fields in Southsea will see hundreds of Portsmouth teenagers coming together to have a good time – without drugs or alcohol - and finding out how to keep themselves safe this summer.

Headling the main stage and fresh from her success at Glastonbury and Isle of Wight festival is 17-year old Charley Macaulay. She will be supported by a range of exciting young and locally grown talent from the Rant Studio 1 studios. Hosting the event is Galaxy FMs breakfast presenters Zoe and Gillies and the Galaxy crew will be there too.

Even if music is not your thing ... this event has a real festival feel with free activities for everyone. From giant sumo wrestling to “drunk” football, xbox interactive gaming, Dance Machine Steppin’ Out, pamper zones as well as free BBQ and drinks for the first 500 young people – there really is something for everyone.

Organised by the Safer Portsmouth Partnership in conjunction with community partners The Southern Co-operative, The News and Galaxy, this event has been arranged because young people have been asking for it!

Bruce Marr, Preventing Youth Offending Project Manager said: “Just like adults, young people want somewhere to go in the summer evenings to meet their friends, catch up and have a good time. However, sometimes events (like festivals) are out of the question as they just can’t afford it, and young people don’t necessarily know of other free or cheap events happening in the city – so they end up hanging out on the streets which annoys some residents. This event

will not only be a lot of fun but will sign post young people to other things happening in the city over the summer.”

“We want young people to be safe and stay safe. Summer is a high risk time for young people who can get into dangerous situations if they drink alcohol – before they realise what is happening they can have an injury from say climbing or getting into a fight.

“One in seven boys and almost a quarter of girls say they get into arguments after drinking alcohol. Violence is often a short step away. More than one in ten 15-16 year olds who drink alcohol say they have got into a fight as a result of drinking. However the good news is 81% of 11-15 year olds do not drink alcohol regularly. We want young people to have an enjoyable but safe summer, to avoid dangerous situations and look after each other both young and old”.

The Lord Mayor of Portsmouth, Councillor Paula Riches said: "I am very pleased to be attending such a great event for Portsmouth's young people. This event provides an evening of free entertainment whilst communicating an important message on how young people can keep themselves safe and avoid dangerous situations this summer"

Wayne Tippett, Manager of The Southern Co-operative Fawcett Road store said, "It's really great to be involved in a local festival that is reaching out to young people. They said they wanted the event so we're thrilled to be supporting it".

The event kicks off at 5pm

*****Media Invitation*****

Media are invited to attend a press briefing on Friday 16 July at 5.30pm at Castlefields, Portsmouth. Available for interview is Charley Macaulay, Bruce Marr (PYOP Manager), Andy Ames HIDs Manager, Zoe & Gillys from Galaxy FM.

The Full Line Up

WHO'S ON

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MC YoungSquidge

The Guide

MC 3-Stylez

The boy I used to be Singer

Zinwe Jaza

Charley Macauley

FREE FESTIVAL TENTS

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Galaxy Chill out zone - wii interactive games

Free BBQ - Southern Co-operative

Pamper zone

Non-alcoholic cocktail bar

Sumo

Bungee run

Penalty shoot out

Boxing academy

Dance machine - Steppin Out

Beach volley ball

Duke of Edinburgh activities

Ends

About Safer Portsmouth Partnership

Safer Portsmouth Partnership is a group of statutory and voluntary community agencies that meet regularly and work together to reduce crime, substance misuse and the fear of crime. Their goal is to make Portsmouth a safe place to live, work and visit.

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