



*Surrey Council for Voluntary Youth Service  
Supporting the Voluntary Youth Organisations of Surrey*



## **CWDC/ South Coast Consortium**

**Integrated Youth Support Services**

**Free Training - Briefing Note**

**8 March 2010**

### **Summary**

Surrey Youth Focus has been part of a Consortium of universities, local authorities, and voluntary youth sector organisations that has bid successfully to the Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC) for funding to promote Integrated Youth Support Services (IYSS).

The Consortium comprises the statutory and voluntary youth sector across East and West Sussex, Hampshire and Surrey. The total value of the grant is nearly £460,000. This has to be shared across the four counties, but I estimate that the funding brought in to "Surrey PLC" is over £100,000.

**I stress that all this training is fully funded, and free.**

The scheme has 3 elements, each of which has a different project manager/ lead contact. Please follow the instructions below:

### **1. Youth Work Apprenticeship**

We have places for some 24 Advanced Youth Work Apprenticeships across the Consortium area, and have the opportunity of a "customised" course running in Surrey (Guildford) for up to 10 young people. The training provider is a well known training organisation called Youthforce, who will provide:

- *Briefing on apprenticeship and employment whilst on the programme*
- *CWDC induction standards training*
- **NVQ level 3 in Youth Work (ABC)**
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- *Key skills – ICT, communication and application of number level 2*
- *Career and CPD training and advice*
- *Mentoring and one to one support throughout the programme*

**Next step?** Contact: Youthforce directly. To find out more or ask for an application form email [claire@youthforce.co.uk](mailto:claire@youthforce.co.uk) or call on 01273 776 779 Applications must be received **by no later than 5pm on Thursday 1st April 2010**. The course will start in late April. More details are on our website.

## **2. Foundation Degree at Brighton University**

The Consortium has some 25 Foundation Degree places at Brighton University, of which 2 are assigned to Surrey, though there is some flexibility about this number – more will be possible if required.

The Degree is a Foundation Degree(FdA) in Working with Young People and starts this April 2010, and runs from April – June initially, and then for a further 2 academic years. There is an opportunity to transfer across at any point to the full JNC level BA in Youth Work, requiring a further 2 years attendance (the latter is **not** funded by the Consortium).

To be eligible you will have to:

- *have at least 12 months experience of working with young people*
- *be able to demonstrate their capability and capacity to study at higher education*
- *be supported in their application by your manager*

**Next step?** Contact Brighton University directly: Jane Melvin (Course Leader)  
Tel: 01273 641859 Email: [j.r.melvin@brighton.ac.uk](mailto:j.r.melvin@brighton.ac.uk) NOTE: the course starts in April!

## **3. MA in Youth Work at Brunel University**

This element of the bid covers the cost of six graduates attending Brunel University's MA course (part – time) in Youth and Community Work, and for employers to be funded to employ the graduates on a part –time basis for the two year duration of the course. The value of EACH grant is £20,425. **Surrey Youth Focus** is project managing this part of the scheme

The aim is to recruit graduates, **particularly from within the Voluntary Community and Faith sector**. In view of the likelihood of this offer being oversubscribed it has been decided to allocate place across the sub- region : Sussexes-2, Hampshire – 2, and Surrey – 2.

### **The course**

The MA course at Brunel lasts two years part time (day release) starting in Sept 2010, and finishing in June 2012. The course fees (£3,800) are fully funded. Details of the course can be found at:

<http://www.brunel.ac.uk/about/acad/sse/ssecourse/cdata/2423/Youth+and+Community+Work+MA>

The University will need to be satisfied about the academic standards of the students being put forward, and also that the employer placements provide the necessary supervised work experience.

### **Employment**

The bid allows for each of the six employers to be funded to **a total** of £18,700 over the two academic years of the course. This funding should cover fixed term contracts for the two years with a minimum of 21 hours work a week. The intention is that employees on the Graduate Scheme should gain a variety of experience during their employment covering the IYSS elements: Youth work (both generic and targeted) Information advice and guidance, and Youth justice. The Graduates must be managed by a JNC qualified youth worker, or, if not directly available, this support can be hired in. Additionally each Graduate should have a suitable mentor to support them and ensure their development.

### **Scheme co – ordination and support**

This Graduate recruitment scheme is being co – ordinated by **Surrey Youth Focus, a voluntary sector umbrella body.**

Surrey Youth Focus will work with the six chosen employers to ensure a common induction process for the students, and to provide training to the mentors identified by the employers.

Surrey Youth Focus will also remain in contact with the students throughout to provide advice and support. It is a requirement of this scheme that the Graduates be released collectively for an additional 4 CPD days a year so that they can share learning and experiences together. These CPD days will also be organised by Surrey Youth Focus.

### **Timescale for Recruitment ?**

This invitation is open to employers **up until a closing date of 31 March 2010.**

Successful employers will be contacted during April. Any offer will be wholly dependent on the students put forward satisfying Brunel University about their suitability at an interview. These student interviews will take place in **April/May 2010**

The work placements and academic year will then commence this September.

### **Next step?**

In Surrey please make any expression of interest direct to [Mike.Abbott@surreyyouthfocus.org.uk](mailto:Mike.Abbott@surreyyouthfocus.org.uk) by the closing date of **31 March**. In the highly likely event that the two places in Surrey will be oversubscribed, the names of the sponsoring employers will be drawn out of a hat by a third party.

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