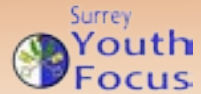


Surrey Youth News



Understanding the needs of young people in Surrey

Surrey CC has just published its important document: “One in Ten: A needs assessment of young people aged thirteen to nineteen in Surrey”. This 83 page report attempts to identify the needs of the 100,000 young people aged 13-19. It is the most comprehensive and extensive piece of work of this sort embarked upon, and yet it has some shortcomings. It acknowledges that the needs of the 90,000 mainstream young people in Surrey are not as well identified as those of the 10% more vulnerable young people for whom data is more readily available. Moreover it sometimes reads as an analysis of County Council service provision, and not as a description of real need.

But the voluntary, community and faith sector must also do better at identifying the needs of the young people with which it works, and at quantifying the impact of what it achieves. The sector is aware of these gaps, and is trying to rectify the shortfall.

The significance of the “One in Ten” report is that it will be the key reference document underpinning future service commissioning—grants and contracts. Copies have been sent to all Surrey Youth Focus members, and it can be accessed at www.surreyyouthfocus.org.uk/news/n109 and also from the Connexions website, www.connexionsurrey.co.uk More details can be found on the inside pages.

The contributions of both the voluntary and the statutory sectors are likely to be crucial to meeting the needs of young people, at a time when the national and local government expenditure is likely to shrink by 25%.

If the needs of our young people are to be met, there will need to be a totally new approach to collaborative working across the sectors.

Mike Abbott
Chief Executive - Surrey Youth Focus

Anthony Durno
Head of Youth Development Service - Surrey County Council



'One in Ten, a needs assessment of young people aged thirteen to nineteen in Surrey' is now published.

The needs assessment is a major piece of research, conducted by the Services for Young People's transformation team, into what it is like to be a young person living in Surrey in 2010. It is the starting point in the journey of change for how future provision is delivered to young people in Surrey to ensure they have a world class start to life.

If you work with children and young people please read the needs assessment, because the risks and vulnerabilities identified in it are already being used to develop the framework of positive outcomes we aspire to for all young people in the county. It is the beginning of the process to establish a set of priority outcomes that will enable us to effectively target limited resources.

Headline Findings

- The majority of young people in our country make a successful transition to adulthood supported by their families, schools and communities, plus the additional services offered to the most vulnerable.
- However, 1 in 10 of our young people is not successful in their transition to adulthood. This does not represent world-class performance.
- The most common indicative factor of the groups who are less likely to make a successful transition is income deprivation, a problem masked by the county's affluence.



Why we need your help

The assessment will be continually updated to reflect the changing need of the young people in Surrey. We need your views and feedback on the needs assessment to help us ensure it is fit for purpose. An online version of the needs assessment can be found by going on the Connexions website. In the current economic climate we cannot afford to get this wrong; we owe it to the young people of Surrey to offer them world-class services and opportunities and the needs assessment is the first step on this journey to this achievement.

Alternatively, please contact Hannah Blackburn at Surrey County Council via Hannah.Blackburn@surreycc.gov.uk for a hard copy.

Next steps

The need identified in this document will help to define the outcomes we have to achieve in order to ensure every young person in Surrey goes on to be a successful, fulfilled individual. As well as seeking inputs from our staff, elected members and young people we asked for the contribution of our partners at a conference event held in May at Brooklands Motor Museum. Once results have been collated and analysed, we will be asking for your contribution once again to refine the results and themes that emerged from the first of consultation.

Garath Symonds, Assistant Director for Young People Surrey County Council

KEEP OUT The Crime Diversion Scheme

Introducing new Surrey Youth Focus Member KeepOut – the Crime Diversion Scheme.

KeepOut – the Crime Diversion Scheme is a unique crime diversion scheme managed by civilian staff but delivered by dedicated teams of Category C male prisoners at HMP Coldingley in Bisley, Surrey, and female prisoners at HMP Send near Ripley, Surrey.

There are two main drivers that KeepOut works to:

- The prevention of crime amongst young people
- The rehabilitation of offenders

KeepOut was started in 1996 by a prisoner nearing the end of his life sentence. It was created with the aim of informing and supporting young people at risk of entering the criminal justice system and those already involved in committing crime. Every year, KeepOut works with around 1,500 young people from across the south east aged between 13-17 (inclusive) at HMP Coldingley and 14-17 (inclusive) at HMP Send.

On Saturday 6th March, we held a launch event at HMP Coldingley to introduce funders, referring agencies, judges and magistrates and supporters of the charity to the next stage in our development. We were very well supported and had over 70 people attend the morning. The serving prisoner team showcased the techniques and skills they use daily with the young people. This included the mask demonstration, testimonials and perception activity. Several of the prisoners who had graduated from HMP Send and HMP Coldingley also attended the event, to show the real difference the scheme has made to their lives. Without the support of the prison and Governor Glenn Knight the event and the scheme would not have been able to take place.

The launch represented a great opportunity to showcase the multi-partnered aspect of KeepOut.

Our work demonstrates the true power of using a joined-up approach towards working with offenders and those at risk of offending. Shown in the picture (below) are some of the KeepOut staff team, Trustees, Youth Offending Team workers, prison staff and, of course, the prisoner team. All play a key part in the success of KeepOut.

James Marlow
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Surrey Youth Consortium
Believing in young people

the lives of children, young people and their families in all areas of Surrey.

Our vision is: "To improve the lives of children, young people and their families so that they thrive within their communities."

We are passionate about improving outcomes for young people and their families (whatever their background or circumstances). We do this through: long-term relationships; involving young people in the design and delivery of services; and by working in partnership across sectors.

We offer:

- An extensive range and reach of high quality services whatever their needs. We maintain long-term relationships and are continually developing and improving our services.
- A one-stop solution for voluntary sector provision to young people and their families, helping to simplify contracting and provision for the public sector.
- Locally sensitive services through voluntary sector providers that have been, are and will continue to be embedded in the social fabric of their communities.
- Outstanding value for money: our staff are professional and well qualified, we are not for profit, our overheads are low, and we provide additional services through a trained volunteer workforce and voluntary fund-raising.

Who are we?

The current members of Surrey Youth Consortium are:

- The Eikon Charity
- Guildford YMCA
- Learning Space
- The Lifetrain Trust
- The Matrix Trust
- Reigate and Redhill YMCA
- Surrey Clubs for Young People
- Surrey Care Trust
- Woking YMCA

Each member has nominated a Director to the board of the Consortium joint venture

Surrey Youth Consortium is delighted to have been accepted as an Associate Member of Surrey Youth Focus, which played an important role in acting as midwife to the Consortium, providing expertise and support throughout the initial stages of our development. We are most grateful to Mike Abbott, the Trustees and staff for all their work to start us off on such a strong footing.

What is Surrey Youth Consortium?

Surrey Youth Consortium is a joint venture of voluntary organisations delivering coordinated, well-planned and high quality services to improve

company, which is independently chaired by Jenny Griffiths. We aim shortly to recruit young people representatives onto the board. The company is in a period of intensive development of its policies and strategies and is planning a formal launch in September.



We are pleased to be working with Surrey County Council in support of their plans for reshaping young people's services in the current austere economic context, and thank them for their support.

For more information

To find out more about the work of Surrey Youth Consortium, please contact either: the Independent Chair, Jenny Griffiths on GriffHobbs@aol.com or the company secretary, Pete Brayne on PBrayne@guildfordymca.org.uk



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There are 2 certificates that young people can gain. The first is the **v50**, for recognizing 50 hours of volunteering. The second is **vImpact**, for an additional 100 hours of volunteering and with an emphasis on the benefits to others of the work they have done.

Recently vInvolved Surrey handed out v50s and a vImpact award at Royal Holloway University in Egham.

Young volunteer Emma Markham described her experience volunteering as a health worker with an organisation called AMURT, who run health clinics in rural Ghana:

"my impact was quite significant: not only did I train and educate the nursing students, but I also got to share my knowledge with the village and set a recycling program into motion to help combat the growing problem with plastic waste. Both of these changes will have long lasting impact and directly changed the lives of many people within the village. Never before have I felt I have honestly helped change so many people's lives by doing something so simple. My project co-ordinators were so happy with my contribution, they feel it is vital that people travel over and assess the situation and make changes which are appropriate to the community."

If you want to find out more about how we can help your volunteers get this recognition go to www.surreyinvolved.org.uk or telephone 01737 784970 or email tracey.osborn@ymcaredhill.com



Picture shows left to right; Esther Nash vInvolved Surrey, Georgia Boon from Oxfam and Emma Markham vImpact awarded Volunteer.



High Sheriff Youth Awards

Helping young people make Surrey safer

Beat the cuts with HSYA funding

I have now been High Sheriff for nine weeks (as I write this on 1st June) and I am delighted that applications for financial support from the High Sheriff Youth Awards (HSYA) have been coming in steadily. At the time of writing we have agreed seven grants to a variety of organisations – these include a YMCA newsletter; a residential event for a group of girls who are experiencing problems within their families, communities or schools; two cricket clubs for young people (in one case equipment, in the other the funding of a coach); a contribution to establishing a village youth club in the south of the county; a borough youth conference; and a football club (help with pitch rental and with buying junior team strips). These are all high quality projects and I look forward to learning more about them when I present HSYA certificates to them.

This year is going to be a difficult one for organisations and charities that help young people, as the public sector funding cuts work their way through and funding becomes much tighter. Private donations are also affected by the recession. So I have been relieved to find that the funds of the HSYA at the start of my year were healthy – and the early signs are that our donors are prepared to commit for this year as well. I really appreciate that continuing support and I thank them for it. I am not complacent, however – far from it – and like

other charities we are trying to widen the pool of donors. But in the meantime, the HSYA does have sufficient funds to consider all applications which meet our criteria.

Just to remind you: if you are young people (or are working with groups of young people) who want to help reduce or prevent crime in Surrey – and that can be in a whole range of different ways – and you need funding to start up a new scheme or to expand an existing project, the High Sheriff Youth Awards scheme welcomes applications for funding from £50 up to £1000.

For more information, please go online to www.surreyhighsheriff.org – it's very easy to apply and we aim to assess every project against our criteria within weeks.

Rob Douglas CBE High Sheriff of Surrey



40 Degreez in Farnham received £1,000 of HSYA funding in 2009 to expand its diversionary activities and the number of young people benefiting from the lively programmes.



Making Melodies at the Girls Brigade Explorer Fun Day

Music, singing, crafts and games were the order of the day for the Girls Brigade Explorers (aged 4-8 years), as they travelled from all over the region to gather at Heathervale Baptist Church, New Haw. The theme of the afternoon was 'Making Melodies', and it got off to a good start, with everyone learning a new song and dance which had everyone laughing as we stuck out our elbows and bent our knees!

Next, the Explorers got creative with an array of stickers, pens, pencils and coloured paper to make their own drum, bells, shaker and guitar, mainly using recycled materials. After all that hard work, they let off some steam with some fun team games, and settled down for their tea.

Finally, there was the chance for the girls to try out their new instruments with a composition of rattling, jingling, banging and strumming as we sang the song we'd learnt, as well as some old favourites. Everyone had an exciting and creative afternoon, and the Explorers happily went home to show off their new skills!

Rebecca Mullen - 2nd Fleet



Girlguiding Surrey East continued their Centenary celebrations with a huge birthday party for Rainbows, held at The Weald School, Beare Green on the 5th June. They enjoyed bouncy castles, big slides, skipping workshop, icing cakes, playing games and singing plus much more.

The Brownies celebrated the Centenary by visiting Port Lympne Wild Animal Park in Kent on the 19th June. They saw animals large and small and went on a Safari Ride to see some of the wilder ones. Before the event the Brownies undertook activities to support animal conservation and made masks for a parade around the park.



The Brownies and Guides had lots of fun both days.

Jpan Wigham & Veronica Ballard



Marie Silvester - busy supporting youth groups in Surrey

Hello to all. This is just a quick update to let everybody know about the projects that I have been working on since I started at Surrey Youth Focus in March.



I am very pleased to announce that a new youth club in Bletchingly will potentially be opening its doors on Thursday 22nd July 2010. This youth club will be operating from the Church House, and will run every Thursday from 6.30 – 8.30. The youth club is very fortunate to have many volunteers who are willing to help. To ease the pressure on these volunteers the club will be operating on a rota system.

A youth club in Chobham has recently opened its doors and is proving to be very successful with lots of young people attending. Any volunteers who live in the area and are willing to give up a Wednesday evening to help in the running of this club would be very appreciated. The club operates from opposite the Rugby Club from 6.30 – 9.00.

I have also been working with volunteers in Lingfield, who are working very hard at getting a youth club re-opened for the young people of their area. The regular youth club unfortunately was closed down in December but Lingfield is very lucky to have several volunteers who want to get this back up and running to be the great success that it was previously.

I have been working alongside PC Neil Smith to try and gather information on whether young people in Bramley would use a bus that would be provided free of charge to take them to the youth club in Cranleigh, and back.

In the Redhill area, I have also been working very closely with the police, who are trying very hard to get a youth club set up. This is in the very early days of discussion, but we will be looking for volunteers in the very near future.

Within the area of Tongham, I have been working very closely with PCSO Michael Langridge. We are trying to get a youth shelter provided for the young people. But this also is in the very early stages.

I have also been promoting and booking volunteers onto the 'Working With Young People' training course, which is provided free of charge by Surrey Youth Focus. The course is proving very popular, and the October dates are already fully booked, but please feel free to contact me if you wish to be put onto the reserve list.

If you would like to get involved in any of these projects, or if you are interested in volunteering in a youth facility in Surrey, then please contact me at marie.silvester@surreyyouthfocus.org.uk

Future Jobs Fund

The Future Jobs Fund aims to provide some 350 young people currently in receipt of Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) with jobs for up to six months within the statutory, private, and voluntary sectors. For the employer this is an opportunity to take on additional staff at no cost and to help develop the skills of young people.

Employers are now being sought to take on young people for employment. Contact Kate Barry at Surrey County Council: kate.barry@surreycc.gov.uk or FJF@surreycc.gov.uk

Guildford Youth Council tour of Guildford Guildhall 28th April

After the Mayor came to a Guildford Youth Council meeting, she invited the members to have a private tour of the Guildhall. On the 28th April, 6 GYC members went to the Guildhall to meet with the Mayor and learn about the history of the building, democratic and legal processes that happened there as well as the town itself. Members also had the opportunity to speak the Mayor about her role and what she was planning to do once she steps down. The members had lots of comments afterwards

'It was good learning about the history of the guildhall, it was fun – thumbs up'

'It was great to spend time with the Mayor and learn the history of Guildford'

'It was a great insight to the Guildhall history and the history of the town. I really enjoyed it especially learning about the local history of where I grew up'

'The Mayor was friendly and really interested in what we do at GYC'

Natalie Forrester June 2010

National Doughnut Week @ Enterprise Club

My full-time job is working at The Children's Trust in Tadworth, which organises the 'National Doughnut Week'. In the term planning (and to meet the 'Positive Contribution' outcome of 'Every Child Matters') the Enterprise team planned to do a charity evening whereby the young people would donate their tuck money to support National Doughnut Week.

We put activities on with a 'doughnutty' theme which the young people all got involved with and enjoyed very much:

- We hung ringed doughnuts from string and the young people, volunteers and staff raced to see who could eat theirs the fastest without using their hands.
- I asked the young people to design their dream doughnut on a template and the 4 best ones were judged by the staff in the Admissions & Contracts Department at The Children's Trust. The following week when the youth club visited Guildford Fire Station, their prizes were awarded to them by the chief fireman.

There were some left over doughnuts at the youth centre and the next day a group of young people involved with the charity Halow, saw the posters and purchased the remaining doughnuts.

Tim Grove – Youth-worker in Charge, Enterprise

Summer Activities Project

The Guildford Schools Youth Development Worker, Kate Stevenson - in partnership with Surrey Police, Guildford - will be running the Summer Activities Project again this year after positive outcomes last year.

The project will offer a variety of regular activities, 2 days a week, to encourage young people to engage in the local youth services throughout the 5 weeks of the summer holidays.

The young people will be targeted from the Community Incident Action Group (CIAG), and will be offered activities which are positive and exciting and held at times most appropriate to the young people. The activities offered will help curb boredom and deflect anti-social behaviour.

By providing local support for young people we hope to encourage them to engage with local youth services, and develop links which will bring them back for the regular youth evenings in the autumn.

We will be offering an Activities Award for participation on the project through the Summer, accredited by ASDAN with the key theme of highlighting consequences of crime.

Kate Stevenson 07968832362

World Cup Wednesday at Ash Youth Club

Young people from Ash have been celebrating the World Cup through different flavours of the food from the countries around the world! Each young person who attends had the opportunity to pick a country and if their chosen country was picked at random they chosen a recipe and a group of young people learned how to cook the meal.

Summer Activities Coming Soon at Ash Youth Club!

Throughout summer in July and August there will be lots of trips and activities taking place.... quad biking, climbing, go-karting, laser quest, Thorpe Park to name but a few! These are aimed at local young people in Year 7 and above and there will be limited spaces available. For more information please contact Youth Worker Michelle Furlonger on 01252 316385.

Open Weekend 2010

Have a go at something new this summer, join a record attempt, a heritage walk or have a go at a new sport. These are just some of the ways you can get involved and have fun at "Open Weekend" celebrating two years until the opening of London 2012 Olympic Games.

Open Weekend is a national initiative, taking place from 23-25 July. In Surrey we'll be using this as an opportunity to celebrate all the exciting sports and culture at our fingertips in the county, with a host of activities and new things for everyone to try, many of which are free.

Amongst the events on offer is StreetCLASH, which takes place on Sunday 25 July, from 11.30-6pm.

StreetCLASH is a festival for young people – where, amongst other things they test their skills at a basketball or dance workshop, have a go in the skate park or football sports cage. Admission is free. No booking needed, just come along to:

Portsmouth Road car park
Guildford
GU2 4AB

To find out more about "Open Weekend" visit Surrey2012.info or contact Helen Bridgman, Surrey Coordinator for 2012 Games, at helen.bridgman@surreycc.gov.uk or on 01372371615.



GASP Passes the test

At the GASP Motor Project, young people learn basic motor mechanics and practical engineering skills in a modern, specially designed workshop in Gomshall. They work in small groups, in a safe and professional space and start to know their way around a vehicle



and learn how it feels to work as a team. At GASP, we give them hands on experience and help them achieve more than anyone thought possible.

Qualified mechanics run confidence building evening sessions for 14 to 18 year old motor enthusiasts. And it's our morning sessions that have really started to motor, providing an alternative learning facility for under-achieving and disadvantaged young people.

Positive outcomes for Surrey Youth Justice Service

Mike Blower, Divisional Manager for ISSP, Groupwork and Bail and Remand at Surrey Youth Justice Service(YJS), says: 'The YJS has worked in partnership with GASP since January 2010, with GASP providing weekly 2-hour sessions for a group of young people who have been involved in the criminal justice system. These young people – who have

previously struggled in traditional educational settings – have responded very positively to a practical motor workshop environment where they have developed welding and mechanical skills, through the expert tuition provided by the GASP workers.

"Learning new skills within this environment has increased future employment opportunities for the young people involved and has also made a huge impact on their self-confidence and self-respect. This, most importantly, means that they are less likely to offend in the future."

GASP passes the test for those referred by the YJS. One young person who recently completed 10 sessions at GASP and had previously attended other ISSP programmes, told us: *"This project gives us new practical skills – GASP is different from school because it's all hands-on. The guys who run the Workshop are easy to get on with and we have a good time and a laugh doing it. From doing this project I have gained confidence and self-respect – it's not like they are telling us what to do, they are helping us. In the future I want to have my own business: this has given me one more skill that I didn't have."*

High Sheriff visits GASP

Rob Douglas, High Sheriff of Surrey 2010-2011 visited the GASP Motor Workshop with his wife Hilary in early June and talked with the young people referred from the YJS programme (photographs below). He commented afterwards: *"What struck me most was how the motor maintenance had grasped the attention of the youngsters I met; they themselves more -or-less admitted that this was the first thing that had got their attention. It also seemed to help them focus on what they might do next. I was struck too by the quiet and effective way the team at the workshop related to the youngsters; they clearly had their respect, and I felt that perhaps they offered role models to*

youngsters who seemed mainly to come from broken families."

Question mark over funding

The High Sheriff added: *"For the future I worry about the availability of funding because programmes such as GASP are so vital to helping communities deal with the problem of bored and at-risk-of offending young people and yet it is so easy to cut their funding as part of bigger savings. Macro policy to drive growth versus micro attention for the vulnerable in our society – it's a hard balance to achieve."*

To find out how GASP can be an effective part of your referral pathway – and how much it



costs – contact Sally Varah on 01306 731284 or the GASP Workshop on 01483 202951, or email info@gaspmotorproject.org
www.gaspmotorproject.org

YDS Equalities & Inclusion Team



Limpsfield Grange Activity Residential

A great conclusion to a year long Life Skills programme with year 11 was the three day activity residential at Liddington PGL. The young women, who all have particular needs, have been working in partnership with the Youth Development Service preparing for the transition from school to college or the workplace.

Before leaving for the residential, the young women set personal goals which included; rising to the challenges, facing their fears, having fun and finishing the residential still friends with each other! We would like to say that they achieved all this and much more, having all taken part in a variety of exciting activities including abseiling, an army type assault course, team building games, zip wire, archery, fencing and a crate challenge. All that left no time for falling out!

Because of the diversity of the group the activities were more difficult for some than others but, working as a team, everyone enjoyed themselves and achieved more than they thought they could.

Throughout the year the workshops covered self-esteem and confidence building together with sex and relationships, drugs and alcohol awareness and keeping safe. The programme is funded by a Youth Opportunities Fund bid and is run by Trudi Martin and Sheila Smith youth workers from the Youth Development Service. For more information contact Sheila Smith at gransheel@hotmail.co.uk



Club Shout complete Pottery Challenge.

Club Shout youth group organised a visit to Pottery Pals as Part of their arts award challenge. The young people researched and designed their own plate or mug and then were able to go to Pottery Pals and put their designs into reality before coming back to the youth centre and evaluating the process.

The evening was a great success with the young people trying out a variety of different techniques, having specialist help from the tutors at Pottery Pals and having a relaxed evening painting the mugs and plates. Feedback from the group included “can we come again”, “really good fun”, and “really enjoyed myself”. Jo Heath, Youth Development Worker “

Club Shout is a youth club for young people with learning disabilities and medical conditions aged 14-20 years old who will benefit from a small, structured youth group. The Club is based at Frimley Green Youth Centre and offers a structured programme of activities, trips and learning opportunities in a safe and open environment.

Frimley Green Youth Centre

Frimley Green Youth Centre hosted an arts award moderation in May. 26 young people from the centre passed their arts awards; 25 won bronze awards and one a silver award.

Young people from St Michael’s Youth Group, Wednesday arts group and the young parents have been working hard over several months to complete their portfolios and completed a variety of challenges including DJ workshop, calendar project, photo course and so forth.

Sian the first successful silver candidate in Surrey Heath said “It is awesome. I have really enjoyed this award and have given me so many opportunities and have learnt loads. I love photography and want to do it for a career but I feel now that I have developed my confidence loads and have began to talk to others and instruct them how to stand for photographs which I could not do before!” Sian’s folder was commented on by the examiner as an exceptional folder and has been requested to use as an example to be put on the website”

Lauren, a young parent commented: “This project was something new and totally different. I really enjoyed doing this project as learnt a lot, but in a fun way and could complete the challenge with my friends. I would recommend this award to everyone – you don’t have to arty – it is such good fun and a great way of getting an accreditation. I can’t wait to carry on and do my silver.”

Surrey Heath Young Parents take on a cycle challenge....

Tangier cooking, menu planning, cycle training, tent craft and group work have been part of the programme for the last few months as the young parents from Surrey Heath prepare for their challenge of completing their silver expedition...on bikes!!!

The young parents are planning to complete their practice expedition at Henley Fort this week and their final expedition in Forest of Dean in July. Due to the terrain of the roads and the safety of the children, a group decision was made to have the children (aged from 4 weeks to



2 years) to be looked after at base camp by the youth workers, although the young parents will have to come together as a group to look after the children, put the tents up, cook etc, during the evening.

Considering most of the group have not camped before, it is going to be a large challenge for everyone! Nicki Steer, Young Parents Co-ordinator said “Everyone in the group has worked so hard preparing and training for the expedition. We are all a bit nervous, but excited as well. What I am looking forward to is seeing the sense of achievement when they have completed the expedition – it is something they will look back on for years to come.”

Kayla: “I am quite looking forward to it but a bit apprehensive and nervous about doing it especially having my son with me and all the insects around which I totally hate. Having my son with me and all the other children is going to make the challenge much harder. As a group, we have lots of training and can do it - but it is just actually doing it now.”



Old Dean Yachting Residential 2010

During the summer half term, Old Dean Youth Centre took eight enthusiastic young people sailing in the Solent for five whole days. Setting out from Gosport marina on the Monday, young people sailed across to Cowes. Tuesday brought rain and the chance to wear the oilies whilst sailing to Lymington. The top grade luxury showers at Lymington marina made up for the cold and miserable weather! Wednesday saw sunshine and the group had the opportunity to swim in Newtown Creek – which was very cold.

No seals this time but the opportunity to get sunburnt for some! The group also practised ‘man over board’ using a fender or ‘tic-tac’ before heading to their next destination. Thursday again was very hot; the group sailed to Beaulieu, moored up for lunch and again braved the water and the tide. On our final sail back to Cowes, the breeze had increased so the group practised ‘tacking’ – good teamwork shown by all. Finally an early morning start saw us end the residential where we started at Gosport marina Friday morning - a challenging week living and working together for 5 days but we all survived to tell the stories of this adventure.

For more info about the work of the Surrey Heath YDS team please contact:

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Ciaran Cleasby	<i>Camberley, Old Dean and Heatherside</i>	07968 833965



Derek Paravicini

The halow project's fundraising music event at Coverwood Lakes and Gardens in Peaslake with Derek Paravicini was a great success. Derek performed a range of music from well-known musicians such as Elton John and the Beatles and raised the roof with an amazing rendition of Hey Jude. Several of our young people kindly helped out on the night and thoroughly enjoyed attending the concert. We would like to say a big thank you to Allianz Insurance for sponsoring the event and helping to make it possible.

The Building Futures Programme team have been hard at work fundraising for their Prom night that takes place on the evening of Saturday July 24. They recently raised £400



on a sponsored silence and well over £100 at the Woking Car Boot Sale. They plan to have a stretch limo to take them around Guildford and chauffeur them to their Prom venue at the YMCA. We wish them a fantastic evening and hope that they have enjoyed their year with us. It has been brilliant working with them.

We would like to say a big welcome to Dan Curtis, our new Inclusion Manager, who has just joined us. Dan will be overseeing the Building Futures Programme as well as working with young people to help them find creative ways of planning for their future.

Sally Talyorson, our volunteer co-ordinator, has been hard at work attending volunteer events in Guildford and Woking, recruiting new members for halow. We are eternally grateful to all of our volunteers who continue to provide us with the support that ensures our social events run smoothly, enabling our young people to enjoy themselves and have a great time.

Jason Butcher, our Development worker, has been organising events providing opportunities for our young people to experience some new and exciting experiences such as; paintballing, archery, air-rifle shooting, bungee

basketball and human table football. Future events on the halow social activities calendar include; a day at Guilfest, a trip to London to see the musical the Lion King and an overnight stay in Brighton.

On Tuesday 20 July we will be holding an information evening for young people, parents and support. For further details or to find out more about future activities please contact jason.b@halowproject.org.uk .



Focus on Democracy

As part of Epsom & Ewell Borough Councils' commitment to promote democracy, a series of events have been held to encourage young people to get involved with the Council and find out how democracy and politics has a direct impact on their lives.

The main events were held in the lead-up to the election. This included a political speed dating event had at the Town Hall where young people were able to quiz local councillors on issues that affect them and a youth conference held at Lintons Youth arts Centre, hosted by YELL (the Epsom & Ewell Youth Forum) and The Youth Development Service.

A number of quizzes and worksheets were provided to local Secondary Schools & Nescot College. Each School that participated in the programme also received a teacher resource packs (provided in conjunction with the Electoral Commission). A dedicated area was set up on the councils' website with an online quiz to test young peoples' knowledge on politics and democracy.

The Council also arranged a number of 'Democracy Bus' visits to local schools, Nescot College and the UCA. The bus had a voting booth, a ballot paper quiz and an informative 'have your say' film and a local democracy power point presentation. The bus also provided young people with an opportunity to chat with local councillors and officers, and pick up information about how to make sure they are registered to vote. Each young person that visited the Bus was given a 'Focus on Democracy' pack, supplying them with a variety of information from how politics affect everyday life to how they can get involved with local decision making.

The programme engaged over 200 young people, with a further 250 taking part in the online quizzes.

For more information about the programme please contact Louise Basso, Leisure & Youth Development Officer, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council. lbasso@epsom-ewell.gov.uk 01372 732164



Conquer the Surrey 3 Peaks

This year the Surrey Care Trusts' 'Steps Across trek' returns as the 'Surrey 3 Peaks' on Saturday 25th September, with a spectacular and challenging new route. The 26 mile marathon of a sponsored walk will start and end in Shere

and will take in three of Surrey's most demanding peaks, Holmbury Hill, Box Hill and South East England's highest spot, Leith Hill.

The Surrey Three Peaks will cover some of the ground of previous years and walkers will be able to enjoy breathtaking views, beautiful countryside and discover some of Surrey's hidden pastoral corners.

This may be the Home Counties, but don't underestimate the scale of this challenge. Nick Oliver, who was first to cross the finish line last year, thinks that the walk is on a par with even the Yorkshire three peaks: "It was the second year I'd been part of it, and I'd forgotten just how demanding the constant ups and downs are. It's up there with some of the toughest walks I've done, without a doubt."



from left to right, Beccy Bowden, Maggie Randall and Mark Walker

Mark Walker from Morrisons Solicitors in Woking, who lives in Shere, walked last year for an impressive fifth year running. "This is a fantastic walk through really glorious countryside. The great thing about it being 26 miles is that for someone who couldn't run that distance, this is an opportunity to do a marathon."

Surrey 3 Peaks is raising money specifically to support the Trust's STEPS

alternative programmes for young people and its three dedicated learning centres, in Redhill, Staines and Woking. The centres provide an alternative to mainstream school for 14 to 16 year-olds who would otherwise probably not be receiving any education. If you think you've got what it takes to conquer the Surrey 3 Peaks, call the Surrey Care Trust's events officer Vicky Nash on 01483 412751, email walk@surreycaretrust.org.uk or visit www.surrey3peaks.org.uk for more information. There is no entry fee for the walk, but participants are asked to raise at least £125. There is also a half-day option

The
**SURREY 3
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for walkers who want a shorter challenge. Lunch and refreshments are provided. Volunteer stewards are also needed for this event, so if you have a few hours to spare to help give out water, snacks and lots of encouragement, please get in touch.



Girlguiding UK
Surrey West *girls in the lead.*

Brownies and Guides to Display Floral
Designs at Hampton Court Flower Show

Three units from Girlguiding Surrey West have been chosen to create Girlguiding UK Centenary inspired plant displays for Hampton Court Flower Show. Girlguiding UK and the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) have teamed up to give 24 groups of girls from around the UK the opportunity to design and create a display to celebrate Girlguiding UK's Centenary and the 2nd Ash Vale Guides, 4th Horsley Brownies and 7th Frimley Brownies will be showing their creations.

The designs have to be based around a recycled or reclaimed container that showcases the wide variety of objects that can be used to grow plants. To celebrate the Girlguiding UK Centenary, the groups were also encouraged to show what the girls themselves say they enjoy most about being involved with guiding.

The Brownies and Guides designs will be seen by around 160,000 visitors.

Carol Gubler, leader of 2nd Ash Vale Guides is pleased that her unit has been given such an opportunity: "It was excellent see the girls come up with the idea themselves and then problem solving to work out how to bring the design to life."



The 7th Frimley Brownies design 'Weather Permitting' uses a weather vane from the old Heathcote School and a dying tub sourced at a car boot sale planted with a range of plants including petunias and marigolds.

In addition to the containers, Hinchley Wood Guides' balcony design has been chosen as one of six designs to be created for judging at the show. The design is based on the centenary adventure to Iceland for 17 Guides, Rangers and Leaders in August.

And just to make sure Girlguiding's presence is truly noticed at the show, Girlguiding UK will have a central show

garden that celebrates the Centenary and represents the modern, girl-led ethos of the organisation.

For more information please email Rachael House at rach_house@yahoo.co.uk or call 07771 851533

Prince's Trust Team delivers community project in Merrow

Following the end of a successful Prince's Trust Team based in Reigate, the latest Guildford Team is well underway, based at Plantation. The 13 strong team are very motivated and making the most of the challenges being thrown at them. Their latest success has been the completion of a community project in the churchyard of St John the Evangelist, Merrow.

Past teams have had the luxury of two weeks to complete a community project, but the work experience of the course has been extended to a fortnight, reducing the community project element to one week – and in this case Bank Holiday Monday meant only four days were available.

However the young people aged 16-24 have risen to the challenge and pulled together to achieve as much as they possibly could. They attacked the task of revamping the overgrown Garden of Remembrance and painting a fence and railings with enthusiasm.

Graeme (17) is on the Team. Like several other Team members he left school last summer. He didn't want to continue studying, and fell in and out of a couple of jobs. *"Looking back I regret not going to college. Before I started on this course I was at home doing nothing. But now I hope I can find work experience in a garage and I'm talking to Guildford College about a mechanic's apprenticeship. I'm enjoying the challenges of this course."*



The Team's next challenges will centre on finalising their work experience placements and preparing for them. Experience tells us that this 12 week course will prepare these young people well for moving forward with more confidence and direction.

Do you or someone you know need that? The next Guildford course will start on Monday 20 September. Please call Art on 01483 888122 for more information.

This year the young women planned and took part in workshops around Drug Education, Sexual Health, Body Image, Equal Opportunities, Dance and Fashion. Benefits and outcomes of the weekend included young women gaining clear factual information on issues relevant to them. Stigmas and prejudices were examined in our own communities and society. Self-esteem and confidence was raised and communication improved. Some of the young women will join next years Working Party who are currently consulting and planning Respect for 2011. For further information please contact Linda Melham, Senior Youth Development Worker, Elmbridge 07968 832359.

Youth Development Service in Epsom & Ewell



Surrey Champions!

Over the last 9 months young people from The Edge Youth Centre in West Ewell have won area and county events in football, pool and fishing.

In total 12 teams were entered in the county events, with 50 young people from The Longmead and Watersedge estates taking part. The young people showed they had the ability and character to make it through some tough competition. The Edge went on to represent Surrey in the South East regional finals in football, pool and fishing.

In the Under-14's age group the girls and boys football teams went on to represent the South East of England in the national finals in Manchester. They have made the Longmead and Watersedge estates SHINE!

Councillor Jan Mason paid a visit to The Edge to congratulate the young people on their success.



Young people in photo: Lenny Young, Ruth Osei, Alice Seymour, Tony Bailey, Jamie Finch, Aaron Ibc, Umut Barun, Charlie Stanbridge

Youth workers in photo: Mark Roberts, Stuart Mitchinson, Ben Blackman

Youth Development Service in Elmbridge



ELMBRIDGE RESPECT 2010

30 young women aged 14-19 participated in an Elmbridge Respect weekend. This project was a Surrey-wide project between 1996 and 2003, however since 2004 we have localised it to Elmbridge. It took place at Green Park Residential Centre, Aylesebury, Buckinghamshire in March to coincide with International Women's Day. Young women who have previously been participants on the residential are always involved in the planning and facilitation of future Respect weekends.

Epsom & Ewell Phab Holiday!

Epsom Phab is a youth club for young people aged 8 to 16 years, with and without disabilities. We meet each Friday evening throughout the year and provide inclusive activities such as sports, arts, crafts, drama, music and games. The club currently has 120 members, with an average of 80 youngsters attending the club each week.

38 young people from Epsom & Ewell Phab enjoyed a fantastic holiday this Easter. It was held at Bendrigg Lodge, an adapted outdoor adventure centre, in the Lake District. The weather throughout the holiday was lovely – sunny and hot with no rain.

The youngsters were given opportunities to try a variety of activities. On the first day they became familiar with the Bendrigg site – taking part in orienteering, archery, indoor caving, ropes course and a tube slide. In the following days the group went on Lake Windemere where they used Canadian canoes and kayaks to reach an island on which they had lunch. There was a chance for the braver members to walk the plank before returning to shore for a welcome ice cream.

They also had an on-site day climbing on the new indoor wall and abseiling – including a free abseil. Everyone also tried zip wiring and dry slope skiing in Kendal. Whilst some of the group



had a relaxing morning at a farm where they hand fed calves, lambs and chickens, others attempted the difficult Ghyll scramble.

All the activities were organised so that the able-bodied and disabled youngsters could participate together. This enabled the young people to experience team work, develop closer relationships, improve understanding of the needs of others and participate in a wide

range of activities on equal terms.

In addition, many of them were working on their Youth Achievement Awards – for the younger ones they completed 4 challenges towards their Junior or Youth Challenge awards, whilst the



over 14 year olds were working on Bronze and Silver. Alongside the adult volunteers, who gave their time to make the holiday happen, there were 8 young volunteers aged 16 to 19 years who worked closely with the young people to ensure they had an enjoyable holiday.

The group were grateful for the support of the Surrey County Council grant in supporting this project.

Julia Giles - Club Leader Epsom Phab www.phab.org



CYP - 48th Annual 100 Mile Canoe Test

On Friday 28th May 21 young people began their journey towards a weekend that would test endurance, develop skills, promote team work and above all else be filled with fun and laughter. This took its form in the 48th Annual 100 Mile Canoe Test on the River Severn. The fantastic weather on the lead-up to the event resulted in very low water levels...but Surrey Clubs for Young People's team spirit remained high!

SCYP were proud to have one of the largest teams at the event (organised by the National Association of Clubs for Young People) and at times the songs and shouts of encouragement could be heard over half a mile away. The team consisted of experienced paddlers who have completed this event many times before, to those who had only picked up a paddle at the beginning of 2010, but experience didn't matter as the Surrey team paddled alongside over 200 other young people and youth leaders in the final race to the finish line.

SCYP were thrilled to have Garath Symonds of Surrey County Council join the team and experience first-hand the benefits of the trip and how SCYP strive to offer young people from all over Surrey new opportunities and chances to develop their skills. As well as the support of youth



leaders on the water, SCYP had a fantastic land crew and support team ensuring all those who got wet throughout the day had a warm minibus waiting at the finish line and hot meals every morning and evening.

So congratulations to all those who participated this year and we are already looking forward to next year's event and seeing new faces!

If you would like any further information about SCYP or any of its events please contact us at admin@scyp.co.uk or call us on 01372 377221

PEER Productions

Introducing new Surrey Youth Focus Member - Peer Productions

Woking based Peer Productions is a unique youth arts training company. Founded in 2006 by community artists Nina Lemon and Jason Orbaum, the company runs a one year volunteer course in "Peer Education Through Theatre and Film" for 16 to 24 year olds. The course trains young people as actors and educators, empowering them to deliver a number of high quality community arts projects as well as offering them the opportunity to undertake the Arts Award Gold, a Level 3 arts leadership accreditation.

Peer Productions aims to create educational plays and films which provide young people with the knowledge and understanding they need to make informed personal choices, as well as promoting acceptance of others and social cohesion. Previous topics covered include homophobia, social exclusion, teenage pregnancy, intergenerational safety, mental health and risk taking behaviour.

Co-Artistic Director Nina says "As far as we know, there is no other organisation like us in the UK, maybe even Europe. We really believe that our mix of peer education and training is what makes us unique in what we do. We have an excellent relationship with many of Surrey's schools, as well as across other parts of the South East, and have lots of schools who we tour to year after year, with repeated positive feedback". The company's most successful touring project to date is 'The Teenage Pregnancy Project'. Aimed at ages 13+ and set in a young parents youth group, it explores the impact of being a teenage parent using testimony from teenage parents in Surrey.



The play is designed to tackle the stigma of having a baby at a young age, whilst also educating young people in the reality they may face. It also covers many different forms of contraception, including how to put on a condom. In the 2010-11 academic year Peer Productions will tour The Teenage

Pregnancy Project and The Alcohol Project, a new play which will tackle the social, emotional, economic and health implications of the use of alcohol.

In addition to their touring plays, Peer Productions make educational DVD resources for schools and colleges. Their first feature film 'The Homophobia Project' is set in a world in which everyone

is assumed to be gay or lesbian, and it is heterosexuals that are in the minority. It has been described as "an ideal educational resource for secondary schools and organisations working with young people". The company is currently in the production phase of their second DVD 'The Mental Health Project' which uses the history of Brookwood Asylum as the starting point for a whistle-stop tour of the history of mental health, its treatment, and how the expediences of the past have become the stigmas of today.

Outreach projects with targeted groups are a key part of Peer Productions' work. As well as informing some of the educational touring plays, these confidence-building drama and film projects provide groups with high quality arts projects



they may not otherwise have access to. The company work with a wide variety of groups with differing needs, including young Muslim men, young people with moderate learning difficulties, Lesbian and Gay teenagers, teenage parents, older people, those with mental health issues, young people with experience of the criminal justice system and young people at risk of social exclusion.

This year, Peer Productions launched The Black Box Theatre, a fringe performance venue at their base, Woking Youth Arts Centre in Knaphill. The two season pilot has seen comedy nights, plays, a youth open mic night and new films and plays written and directed by young people. Co-Artistic Director Jason said "It's important to us that young people have a space to perform their work and take part in a variety of exciting projects. The 45 seat 'black box' studio space is perfect for this and it's something the whole community can come and enjoy."

The company also runs a large inclusive youth theatre for ages 8 to 23 on Sundays at their base. They are pleased to announce that this summer they will be running a 'Glee' club summer school. For one week only young people will have the opportunity to take part in a dynamic show choir and create their own spellbinding performance. If you are interested in taking part please email glee@peerproductions.co.uk.

To enquire about a project or to discuss how Peer Productions could work with your organisation please contact General Manager Claire Tristram on 01483 476825 or email claire@peerproductions.co.uk. For more information about the company please visit www.peerproductions.co.uk.

Challenge for Woking Explorer Scouts.

After a series of training sessions which began last October covering subjects such as navigation, cooking skills and emergency aid, 41 Explorer Scouts, from the borough, together with leaders made their way along the M4 to the Black Mountains in mid-Wales, for a weekend of fun and challenging hikes over the Bank holiday weekend.



As an introduction to the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, the younger scouts carried out both high and low level hikes and were also able to appreciate how maps looked in three dimensions, by seeing the features of mountain and valleys and picking out land marks.

The scouts endured torrential rain, strong winds, and sunshine

over the weekend and the 7 months training paid off. It was a fantastic weekend for both the young people and the leadership team, not only to experience the outdoors, but also learn new skills, and put them into practice.

Woking Explorer Scouts monopolise London

Forty Explorer scouts and their leaders from Woking made their way to Waterloo Station, to compete in the London Monopoly Run. The object was to visit as many places on the new Monopoly board in nine hours and return to Woking with photographic evidence.

In teams of five, the scouts hared around London, jumping on buses, diving into underground trains, and one team even scootered from place to place, travelling from Clapham Junction to Canary Wharf, visiting places such as the MI5 headquarters, The Gherkin, Tate Modern, London Bridge and the O2 Arena.

En route the teams also had to find numerous items such as a Red Ferrari, a Segway and spot any famous celebrities. After a hectic day they returned Woking to complete the day with a succulent barbeque.

The event was organised by Freddie Pollard one of the Explorer Scouts from the Weyahead Unit in Pyrford.

'It was a great day, and far more fun then we expected' commented Freddie and added *'using scooters was more challenging then travelling by foot.'*

The winners of the competition were the team from the Maverick Unit based in Westfield.

Brian Pinto - 01483 480904



Surrey Cadets Celebrate their 150th anniversary in style

On Saturday 26th June, over two hundred Cadets from the Sea Cadet Corps, the Army Cadet Force and the Air Training Corps, including a Cadet Band, paraded through the streets of Godalming town to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Cadet Force Movement – 'Cadet 150'.



Members of the public crowded the streets and cheered on the Cadets who marched through Church Street, the High Street, Bridge Street and onto The Burys. The inspecting officer was the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Mrs Sarah Goad JP who was accompanied by Mayors from local Borough Councils from across Surrey including the Mayor of Waverley, Councillor Mrs Carole



Cockburn.

The spectacular parade coincided with Armed Forces Day and also included a Canoe Race from Guildford to Godalming on the River Wey which involved 35 Sea and Army Cadets. Additional activities included a military display, a national fundraising prize presentation and a ceremonial tree planting to mark the anniversary.

www.cyclechallenge150.weebly.com



Another of the many events celebrating the 150th anniversary sees 3 officers, Captain Adrian Paice, Captain James Davis and Major Terry Hayter along with 96.4 Eagle Radio's afternoon presenter Kim Robson be cycling 150 miles in 48 hours over 3 days, passing through every major town in Surrey such as Guildford, Woking, Redhill, Reigate and Camberley - in all a total of 17. Supported en route by Cadets from all

detachments we will be raising money for both Help for Heroes and the Surrey Army Cadet Force Association. Were looking to raise £10,000.00 for this event and need your help to do it!

The event kicks off on Friday 23rd July in Godalming High Street at 9am, hope to see you there or at the finish line in Guildford High Street on Sunday 25th July at approximately 3pm.

This event will be based in Surrey however it will be covered both locally and nationally through press, television and are own websites such as www.armycadets.com and www.cadet150.org

For further information please contact Captain Adrian Paice on 07973 322538



Spelthorne Young People's Centre Pilot

A weekly programme totalling 50 hours of activity is the initial target for an under-utilised youth centre being brought back to life as part of Surrey County Councils' transformation project for services for young people.

Nick Charalambous has been tasked to take on the challenge of turning the moribund Leacroft youth centre near Staines into an exemplar young people's centre. "The brief is to take an inactive youth centre and re-establish a youth work programme and youth offer" said Nick who usually leads for Youth Justice on education, training and employment issues, "We're aiming for a low cost, high performance and co-produced solution which is governed by local stakeholders and partners who have a vested interest in the centre's success".

Initial discussions with local partners have been encouraging with 14 of possible 21 time slots already pencilled in. Planned activities include offers for young people who are NEET, young carers, a parents' group, sports, and skills development alongside a twice weekly traditional YDS open night. In addition some of the accommodation within this large building is being adapted to provide hot-desking and meeting facilities for youth professionals, which will enable much more effective local delivery of important services for young people. Further plans are for an arts, cultural and music programme and developing activities for Saturday and Sunday opening. Ideas are also being developed around the use of the grounds around the Leacroft centre for cultivating a small allotment that young people will plan and maintain.



Although some building works need to be complete before the centre becomes fully operational, Nick is hopeful that the 50 hour target will be met by the beginning of the autumn school term. For more information Nick can be contacted by email at Nicolas.Charalambous@surreycc.gov.uk.

Case Study of a Relaunch *Ceri Garthwaite shows just what is involved in reviving a flagging young club.*

Back in March 2010 I started looking at the problems at Stanwell youth centre. The number of young people accessing the centre had declined to a handful turning up on a regular basis. We decided to have a re-launch evening where young people could come

to the centre, find out what activities they are able to access and tell staff what they want from their local youth club.

I felt that my first move should be to speak with local young people to find out what activities they were currently engaging in and how they liked to spend spare time. I started attending Nick Charalambous's Phoenix Project based at Ashford Youth Centre on a Thursday evening as I was aware high numbers of Young people attended on a regular basis from a variety of schools. I spent these evenings chatting informally with the young people about where they felt safe hanging out in their free time, where they lived and whether they had any previous experience of Stanwell Youth Centre. Many of the young people I spoke to didn't take part in activities other than those at the Phoenix Project and were unaware of what was going on at Stanwell Youth Centre. Most interestingly I learned that a culture existed in Spelthorne which was such that young people could cross the A30 moving from Stanwell to Ashford but it was not safe for young people from Ashford to enter Stanwell. There was a lot of interest, positive feedback and ideas for a re-launch of the Youth Centre.

I went on to meet with the Head of Thomas Knyvett College, Mrs Aboud, in part because the majority of young people who I had met attended here. At the meeting I discovered that a high percentage of students at the school live in Stanwell and that the Mrs Aboud, and her staff, felt these young people needed more localised positive activities.

At the beginning of June I started doing detached work with a part time youth worker in the Stanwell area. My aim was to invite the young people who do not attend the Phoenix Project or Thomas Knyvett College to the re-launch evening and find out why they weren't already accessing the centres' facilities. We found several young people hanging around the shops a couple of minutes walk from the centre and near the graveyard, also a few moments walk away. The young people we met told us they didn't know what was happening at Stanwell and would like projects to be better advertised. We passed on information about the launch night and received great interest as well as several pizza orders!

It was around the time detached work started that I decided to broach the issues within the centre's staff team. Three dates were set aside for training and discussion prior to the re-launch. I will run a team building session and cover best practice policies. We will also run a session on communication skills and dealing with young people who display difficult-to-manage behaviour.

The DJ project is booked and all equipment has been ordered for the re-launch evening. Staff are excited about a fresh start and an opportunity to provide a valued input to what is going on at the centre.

To be continued....

Ceri Garthwaite, youth crime prevention worker
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Libraries' Youth Offer

The National Youth Libraries Board has devised a library offer to young people that shows what libraries need to do to deliver national and local policy requirements.

Surrey County Council Library Service are working with The Reading Agency to progress their objective of delivering the full National Library Youth Offer.

There are four key themes of this work:

- Involving Young People – enabling the library service to develop the processes and skills to support effective consultation, accredited volunteering and involving young people in decision-making.
- Creative Reading – enabling the library service to build a 21st century reading service for young people including online.
- Headspace – an holistic project-based model to enable the library service to involve young people in designing a library space for young people.
- Making Change Happen – an introduction to standards and frameworks for young people's participation, self-assessment, action planning and partnerships.

Communication has already begun between Services for Young People and the Library Service on exploring how the Library Service's work on delivering this Youth Offer can best serve the needs of young people in Surrey.

If you would like to find out more please contact Paul Ainslie, Children & Young People Lead for Libraries, 01932 5654331 or paul.ainslie@surreycc.gov.uk



Studio ADHD Angling Project at Henfold Fisheries

Young people from The Studio ADHD Centre have been participating in fishing activities during the past three years, and are now able to use the expertise of Instructors from the West Sussex Angling Academy on a weekly basis, at Henfold Fisheries, Newdigate.

Nancy Williams, Senior Therapist at The Studio Centre explained that case studies show significant improvement in emotional control and behaviour in school when young people with ADHD, who are at risk of exclusion, have a mid-week session on the Angling Project. They learn patience, appropriate behaviour and are able to discuss and reflect on personal issues, whilst learning a skill that will be an interest for life.

The twelve-week course has a strong educational component and is ONC accredited. Members of the Angling Project were presented with Bronze certificates and medals

by Mike Catterall, Charity Director of Mercury FM, who has awarded a grant for equipment and course folders.

They were also joined by Daniel Williams, Regional Officer for London and South East Angling Trust, and Natalie Djohar from the Big Lottery Angling Research Team, who are promoting the development of angling projects for young people across the UK.

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Surrey Young Farmers' Celebrate 30 years of Cowpie Country Show

Wacky races and spectacular stunts thrilled thousands of people who flocked to the 2010 Cowpie Country Show. 15,000 people celebrated the Surrey Young Farmers' 30th Anniversary event. Lauren Dawes, Surrey Young Farmers' County Chairman, said 'It went really well. Despite not having much sunshine we had a great turnout.'

The first Cowpie show was held in 1980 and developed from the Young Farmers' outdoor competitions day. The name Cowpie originated from the numerous cow pats found on the early show sites. For many years 'Cow pies' were collected from the fields and dried ready for hurling on show day!

Each year's show is planned over nine months by volunteers from Surrey Young Farmers. Each club contributes to the running of the day and submits entries for the varied inter-club competitions. These range from Musical Cars (like Musical Chairs) which takes place in the main ring, to static

exhibits such as model sheep and door plaques in the Young Farmers marquee, through to duck rearing and live stock judging in the Live Stock Marquee. Each year there is a theme to these competitions. This year the theme was 'My home county'. A 10 foot model of Leith Hill Tower created the focus for the Young Farmers marquee.

For more information about Surrey Young Farmers or Cowpie Country Show please call 01483 769786 or go to www.surreyyfc.co.uk





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