



**Youth
Matter!**



**Warrington Council for
Voluntary Youth Service
Annual Report 2009 - 2010**

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Committee Members

Dave McNicholl	Chair
Tony Warburton	Vice Chair (stood down July 2010)
Anna Lightfoot	Treasurer
Alison Cullen	Secretary
Yvonne Jama	
Susan Blyth	
Esstta Hayes	
Katie Lightfoot	
Stephen Leach	(stood down March 2010)

Advisers

Margaret Potter	IYSS
Adam Morgan	Stronger Together in Warrington

Volunteers

Ben Tyler	Admin support
Gill Ashton	Admin Support
Claire Workman	Validation Assessor
Scott Beaton	
Kathy Rogers	Validation Assessor

Representatives

Gwen Lightfoot	LSP Network Hub Positive Contribution Outcome Group The Forum Enjoy & Achieve Outcome Group
Peter Honey	Change Up
Nigel Bacon	Warrington Disability Forum
Susan Blyth	LINK Core Group
Esstta Hayes	Compact Champion

Support Staff

Gwen Lightfoot	<i>Development Officer</i>
Adrienne Gilbert	<i>ICT Officer</i>

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Report from the Committee

The past year has been extremely busy for Youth Matter! with the implementation of the capacity building contract between Youth Matter! the Youth Federation and Warrington Borough Council.

As part of the contract we have promoted validation widely throughout the voluntary sector in Warrington and also increased the amount of groups represented at the Network meetings.

During this year we have developed stronger links with the Third Sector Partnership which has involved some presentations from the team at Network meetings. Youth Matter! has been well represented at the Third Sector Assemblies which have been held over the past year, and has taken the opportunity to represent the views and opinions of voluntary sector youth work organisations. In Warrington the Compact, a set of agreements between the Local Authority and the voluntary sector, was re-launched this year. During one of the Third Sector Assemblies a number of the Youth Matter! committee members became Champions of the Compact.

Six network meetings were held during the period. The timings of these meetings were adapted to ensure that meetings are accessible to various shift patterns of people in the sector. To ensure that communication continued and information was delivered to voluntary sector organisations, six newsletters were produced and distributed during the period, along with regular email bulletins and reminders.

Support to groups involved with Youth Matter! continued and, following a period of reviewing procedures around validation, groups worked towards validation during the period.

During the year Tony Warburton (West Warrington Scouts), Sandra Wells, Adam Morgan and Stephen Leach stood down from their role on the Youth Matter! Committee as a result of retirement and changing personal and work commitments, we would like to extend our gratitude to the support they have shown Youth Matter! and wish them well.

*Dave McNicholl (on behalf of the Youth Matter!
Committee*



Validation

Groups validated this year are :

CVS
Warrington West District Scout Council
OORA
Dudes and Divas
Youth Hang Out Group

Volunteering with Youth Matter!

I decided that I wanted to study Youth and Community Work at University, and realised the importance of gaining some experience in the field as it is a very practical subject.

I spoke to the Volunteer Centre and they gave me some details about volunteering with youth groups around Warrington. They also told me about the work that Youth Matter does around Warrington.

After looking at all the different volunteering opportunities, I thought that it would be more than useful to volunteer with Youth Matter! validating youth organisations in Warrington.

I received training on the different areas we would look at when validating the organisations. This training and carrying out the validations has allowed me to gain a greater understanding of what is vital when running a non profit organisation. It also helped me to understand in more depth child protection policies and safeguarding, which play a major part in my degree. This voluntary experience has given me more confidence in my placements with University and has enabled me to talk confidently about subjects that I had little knowledge on before.

Clare Workman



Looking Forward and Funding

Youth Matter! is looking forward to continuing with Validations and Re-Validations, and hope the groups find it as interesting and useful as we do.

Recognising the issues with funding, we look forward to expanding the work of Youth Matter! taking into account what you as members want from us.

We would also like to move into utilising social networking sites as a tool to compliment our website and email alerts.

We look forward to continuing to grow the partnerships we have developed over the past year, with both the voluntary sector and the statutory sector, including The Youth Federation.

Youth Matter! is currently exploring funding ideas and look forward to continuing our work well into the future.



Yearly Statistics

From 1 April 2009 to 31st March 2010 Youth Matter has...

Has grown our membership to 69 members.

Hosted 6 Network Meetings, which 100 people attended from 40 groups.

Sent 14 email alerts

Held 8 Committee meetings

Validated 5 more groups

Updated the website at least once fortnightly

Had 3578 unique visitors to our website, with the overall hits on the site totalling 37283. The most popular page visited is the Local Voluntary Youth Groups page.

Attended approximately 55 meetings representing Youth Matter! and its membership.



Thank You

Our continued thanks go to the following:

Tony Warburton stood down as committee member July 2010 one of the founder members of YM!
Steve Leach stood down as committee member March 2010

Warrington Integrated Youth Support Service
Connexions Cheshire and Warrington
Warrington CVS
Youth Federation

National Council for Voluntary Youth Service in particular Barry Lockwood and Chris Brewster

Speakers at the Network Meetings:

Ann Court WBC
Ian Probert
Nick Bent
Cate Beattie
Sandra Wells
Sue Preston
Peter Harrison
Ruth Whitworth

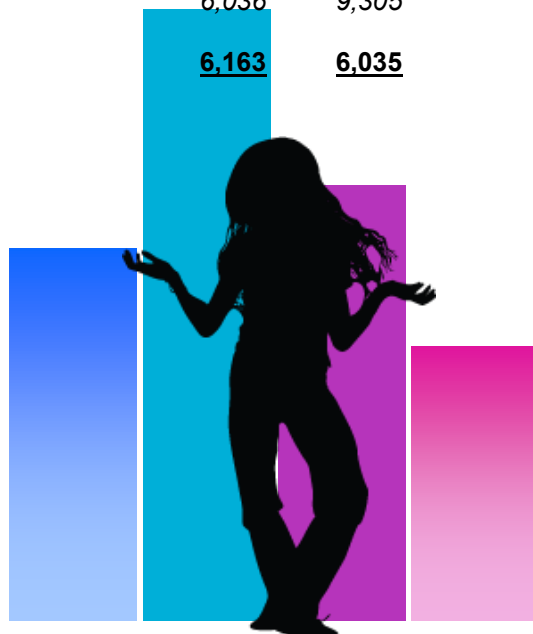
Extended Services
IYSS
Labour party
IYSS
Contact Cheshire Support
CDO
Third Sector Partnership
Neighbourhood Co-ordinator

Youth Matter!

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Final Accounts for Year Ended 31st March 2010

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Last Year
Receipts					
Youth Federation Grant		17,593		17,593.26	12,912
Interest	1.31			1.31	87
Change Up	241.38			241.38	203
Grassroots Grant	1,295.00			1,295.00	3,140
Other Receipts					125
<i>Sub Total</i>	<i>1,538</i>	<i>17,593</i>		<i>19,130.95</i>	<i>16,467</i>
<u>Total Receipts</u>		<u>17,593</u>		<u>19,130.95</u>	<u>16,467</u>
Payments					
Printing, postage & stationary	983.32			983	1,167
Meetings	421.4			421	538
Professionals fees	100			100	100
Travel expenses	160			160	
Insurance	397			397	368
Petty Cash	30			30	85
Subscriptions	185			185	75
Bank charges	175			175	
CRB checks	10			10	
CVS Contract	19,745			19,745	17,216
Sundries					188
<i>Sub Total</i>	<i>2,462</i>	<i>19,745</i>		<i>22,207</i>	<i>19,737</i>
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Net of receipts/ (payments)	925	2,151		3,076	3,270
Transfers between funds	2,151				
<i>Cash funds last year end</i>	<i>6,036</i>			<i>6,036</i>	<i>9,305</i>
<u>Cash funds this year end</u>	<u>2,960</u>	<u>2,151</u>		<u>6,163</u>	<u>6,035</u>



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