

Youth Matter!



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BECOME A VALIDATED GROUP NOW!

Don't forget, that Youth Matter! Not only provides you with information and our very popular network meetings. The main part of Youth Matter's! work is its quality award, Validation.

The Validation process is a free service employed to ensure that youth services in Warrington are providing the best service possible for young people. The five areas that our friendly and helpful validation assessors look at are;

- Child Protection measures
- Equal opportunities
- Financial structure
- Health and safety
- Management

If you would like to ensure that your group or organisation is working in the best possible way for young people then why not give Gwen Lightfoot a ring and take the first step towards obtaining this recognised quality award.

Call Gwen on 01925 246880 or visit www.youthmatter.org.uk for more details.

Welcome to the Youth Matter! Newsletter

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Warrington's Children and Young People's Trust

Warrington's Children and Young People's Trust was established on 1 April 2008 building on from the earlier work of Warrington's Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership. The trust is a local partnership that brings together the organisations responsible for services for children, young people and families to make joint decisions about how services should be designed and delivered. The trust's vision is that every child and young person in Warrington has the opportunity to reach their potential.

Visit - http://www.warrington.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/everychildmatters/Children_and_Young_Peoples_Trust

FREE INNOVATION TOOLKIT

NfPSynergy, a specialist research consultancy for not for profit organisations have made their innovation toolkit free to download for the first time. The toolkit accompanies Innovation Rules!, a look at innovative ideas and how charities can produce them. The 'Innovation Toolkit' contains practical guidelines and exercises to help charities apply innovation and creativity in the running of their organisations.

Go to <http://tinyurl.com/yzex215>

What's Out There?



Warrington

FREE! Mental Health Training Sessions

These free half-day training sessions are open to Warrington PCT and CSU staff as well as staff and volunteers from voluntary sector organisations working in partnership with NHS Warrington.

ASK: Basic Suicide Prevention Training

This session is suitable for anyone who wants to gain a basic understanding of suicide and to feel more confident about discussing the issue with people they support. The areas it will cover include: what makes people vulnerable to suicide; warning signs to look out for; and how to ask people whether they are thinking about suicide.

Basic Mental Health Awareness Training

This session is for anyone who wants to gain a basic understanding of mental health and common mental health problems. The training will cover what emotional wellbeing /mental health is; how people can improve their mental health; common mental health problems; and what makes people vulnerable to mental health problems.

Dates of the first training sessions are below. To book a place or for further information please phone NHS Warrington's Learning and Development Team on 01925 86 7779

April 2010

Mental Health Awareness	14 April 2010	13.00 – 16.00
Suicide Prevention	14 April 2010	09.30 – 12.30

First Class FREE!!! Fusion Wolves Community Dance Team

Mondays 6-7pm

Starting 22nd February
@Birchwood High School, (Room M3)
Brock Road, Birchwood, WA3 7PT

Only £1 per class!

Fusion is a street dance class that fuses with different styles.

This new class offers the opportunity to perform at the Wolves matches, take part in the Dance leaders' course- or come along just for fun and to learn new moves!

For more info contact Bernadette Bell at
Frontis 25 Benson Road Birchwood

Tel: 01925 856 680

FAIRFIELD SCHOOL OPENING!

Community groups are now using the community rooms at Fairfield Old School. The centre is now open every day with various groups and organisations making use of the space

There is disabled access throughout the building and volunteers are working through the building improving rooms one at a time. The Conference room is fully functional and beginning to be used regularly.

If you would like to find out more or are interested in hiring space, then please call;

**Barbara Nicholls, Community
Development Officer, WHA on**

01925 246810

WYC MEDIA CREW

'WYC Media Crew' forms part of Warrington Youth Club's excellent range of activities. It is delivered over 12 weekly sessions on Monday evenings between 7pm and 9pm at the Peace Centre and offers a creative and innovative approach to learning about the media industry. Our next project aims to make a short documentary to promote the services available to disabled young people in the Warrington area. We are looking for enthusiastic disabled young people aged 11 - 25 years who would like the opportunity to join the 'WYC Media Crew'.

There are 15 places on the project and referrals can be made by the young people, parents or carers, or schools and other agencies.

Warrington Youth Club are currently taking referrals for their next group of young people.

The next course starts on Monday 29th March 7pm till 9pm at The Peace Centre.

Contact Jennifer Ashton by email jennifera@warringtonyouthclub.co.uk or call 01925 581227.

Youth Matter! Network Meeting

The Network meeting is on...

Thursday 25th March 5.30 – 8.00 Inner Space, the Gateway, Sankey Street, Warrington

This next meeting will involve an informative talk from Cate Beatty about Youth Accreditation.

The finishing time is the latest time that the meeting will finish.

The first half hour of the meeting is given over to networking and to look at the resources and information available to the groups both from Youth Matter! and other organisations.

Please bring along anything you want to share.

We have now started to post the notes from each Network meeting on our website. Why not take a look at what happened at January's meeting if you missed it?

Go to www.youthmatter.org.uk/networkmeetings.html



Looking for reliable online information for everyone working with Children and Young people?

Then why not visit <http://www.cypnow.co.uk>

This site is a national site offering information about current CYP issues, jobs, training, news, resources and more. Check it out!

FUNDING INFORMATION

HLF - Young Roots Young Roots is a grant programme designed to engage young people aged 13-25 with their heritage. Young Roots projects stem directly from the interest and ideas of young people, who are supported by youth and heritage organisations to develop skills, build confidence, and connect with their local communities. Programme budget is £3000 to £25,000. Young Roots is a rolling programme and there are no deadlines for applications. You will receive a decision on your application within 10 weeks from us receiving your fully filled-in application. To find out more visit <http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/youngroots.aspx>

Cash 4 Clubs Cash 4 Clubs is a sports grants scheme which provides funding to support grassroots UK sports clubs. Cash 4 Clubs gives clubs a chance to win grants ranging from £250 to £1000, whether it be to improve facilities, purchase new equipment, gain coaching qualifications, or generally invest in the sustainability of their club. Grants are awarded on a quarterly basis after selection by their committee. The judges include representatives from Betfair, SportsAid, and other independent and sports committee members. Application forms are available on their website. Visit <http://www.cash-4-clubs.com>

B&Q One Planet Living Awards The B&Q One Planet Living (OPL) Grant®* offers between £50 and £250 of B&Q materials to schools, community groups and charitable organisations for long-term sustainable projects. Projects must support at least one of the following themes; Save energy, Conserve nature, Grow your own, Support local culture and heritage. Applications must be from a school, registered charitable organisation or other recognised community group, eg residents' association, youth centres, Scouts, Guides. Projects can apply for funding between 1 February 2010 and 30 September 2010 and successful projects must collect their materials no later than 31 October 2010. Applicants need to contact the environmental champion or store manager at their local B&Q store to discuss project details. Why not find out more by visiting http://www.diy.com/diy/jsp/corporate/content/environment_ethics/ethics/community/grants.jsp

Warrington Charities Trust—Apply before May! Grants can be up to £1000 per organisation and applications must be in before the last Friday in May 2010. Registered Charities or Voluntary or Community organisations which undertake and provide charitable activities can apply. All projects must operate for the benefit of the community in Warrington Borough and aim to improve quality of life in the Borough. The trust aims to support small local groups who find raising funds difficult. For an application form and guidelines **contact Warrington CVS on 01925 246880.**

Want to be in the next Youth Matter! Newsletter?

Are you a Voluntary Youth group or organisation that works within or around the Warrington area and want to advertise the work that your group does?

If you would like to be included in the next Newsletter, email alert, or on our website, then send all the relevant information to adrienneg@thegateway.org.uk.

Alternatively you can call Adie on **01925 246885**, or post your information to

Adrienne Gilbert, Project Support Worker, Warrington CVS,

the Gateway, 89 Sankey Street, Warrington,

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