

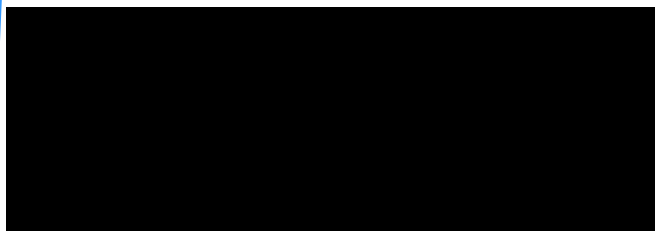
Youth Matter!



Newsletter
Edition 23
March 2011

Charity No: 1124908

This Newsletter is sponsored by Warrington Youth Support Service



Local News Update

The Childrens Society challenge grant cut from WBC -for more information contact John Chandler Programme Manager at jhc@childsoc.org.uk

A visit to see Nick Hurd is being planned by Representatives from the 3rd Sector Network Hub—for more information on the outcome of this visit speak to Nigel Bacon at Warrington CVS 01925 246880

Orford Festival 19th June—Do you want to get involved contact Simon Harris 07825228189

Warrington Safeguarding Childrens Board publish an e newsletter . For this and details of the training programme check

www.safeguardingwarringtonchildren.org.uk

Merseyside Youth Challenge Trust are offering discount rates for events check www.myct.org.uk

Stronger Together Area Youth Forums to find out how your young people can get involved contact Tracy Lowe 01925 442160.

Welcome to the Youth Matter! Newsletter

Page 2 — What's Out There

Page 3 — Networking and Information

Page 4 — Funding information

Warrington Budget Cuts

Youth Matter! has been active on behalf of its membership seeking your views and raising awareness around the impact of the proposed budget cuts to voluntary, community and faith sector groups in Warrington.

Gwen contacted groups directly by e mail to ask what the implications are to them, consultation documents have been completed , questions were raised to take to the Radio Warrington debate, discussions entered in the LSP Network Hub and the Forum Steering group.

But we still need to know more from you if we are to continue to address the issue.

If you have any points on this matter that you want Youth Matter! to address on your behalf or if you want to offer support to a group who may be struggling or if you have some good news let Gwen know. Now more than ever we need to be coming together to support each other .

OFSTED Report

Warrington Childrens Services have recently undergone a successful OFSTED inspection following a dire inspection in 2009

For a copy of the full report check out www.warrington.gov.uk or the Youth Matter! website

What's Out There?

NCVYS Envoy Project

What is it - ENVOY believes that all young people should be given the chance to be active participants and decision makers within their communities.

We are NCVYS's national youth forum, a group of young people, aged 11-25 from across England and work in partnership with NCVYS staff to develop, support and promote NCVYS's youth participation work to young people and youth organisations across England.

Through a relatively new project called Young Partners, which have been developed by ENVOY, young people across England joining the youth forum, have the chance to get involved in a range of opportunities, including mentoring and training and loads more.

The Young Partners project has been funded by BIG Lottery until 2014. This new project builds on ENVOY's work and seeks to increase their reach and impact amongst other young people.

Get your young people involved **NOW**

To find out more check out
[www.http://www.ncvysenvoy.co.uk](http://www.ncvysenvoy.co.uk)
Or Tel : 020 7278 1041
Or e mail envoy@ncvys.org.uk

What is workforce development?
Check out what it means to you
and your group at
<http://www.ncvys.org.uk/Workforce.html>

Update on Vetting and Barring The government has announced their plans to scale back the Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS) and criminal records regime to common-sense levels while still ensuring vulnerable groups are appropriately protected.

The proposals, which come after a comprehensive review of the existing system, include:
Criminal record checks only being required for those working closely or regularly with children.
The merging of the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) and Independent Safeguarding Authority to form a streamlined new body providing a proportionate barring and criminal records checking service.

Checks will also be made portable between job roles.

Those working or volunteering with children will no longer need to register with the Vetting and Barring Scheme.

Employers who knowingly request criminal records checks on individuals who are not entitled to them will no longer be able to do so.

The proposals have been included in the Protection of Freedoms Bill and are expected to come into effect early 2012.

To keep up to date and for more information check out http://www.safenetwork.org.uk/news_and_events

Do we have your right contact details , fed up getting information that's not relevant , missing out on important updates???????

If these questions apply to you then make sure you complete the Youth Matter! database form and send it in to Adrienne at the Youth Matter! Office

Completing the form will also ensure that you go on the Warrington Community Information Directory (WCID) and also receive information around training , funding, consultations and much more.

Find the form on the Youth Matter! website at
www.youthmatter.org.uk/resources/databaseform

If you receive this newsletter and its not for you please tell us, you are still more than welcome to go on our mailing list.

Youth Matter! Network Meeting

The Network meeting is on...

**Thursday 17th March 3.00pm—5.30pm at Fairfield and Howley
Neighbourhood Centre Fairfield Street Warrington WA1 3AJ**

This month Bill Holroyd Chair of the Warrington Youth Zone will be updating us on the proposals to develop a Youth Café in Times Square (See the recent Warrington Guardian article) and gathering your views on the idea. Come along and have a say on this issue.

Also at this meeting there will be an informative talk from Phil Chadwick, Education and Promotion Officer, WBC on how to be more effective in engaging with environmental issues.

As usual there will also be an opportunity to network, 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.

Couldn't make the January meeting ? Then take a look at
www.youthmatter.org.uk/networkmeetings.html and see what you missed



**Want to know more about Youth Matter!, raise an issue
share some information or anything else then contact
Gwen Lightfoot Development Manager on 01925 246880
or e mail gwenl@thegateway.org.uk**

FUNDING INFORMATION

The Trust house Charitable Foundation supports projects in the UK that address issues in rural communities and/or areas of urban deprivation. Within these two main headings, priority is given to helping established projects that work in the fields of Community Support; Arts, Education & Heritage; Disability & Health Care.
<http://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/index.html>

The Ironmongers Company wishes to support projects that provide opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people to fulfil their potential. Grants range from a few hundred pounds up to around £10,000. The average grant awarded is £4,000. The deadlines for receipt of applications are 31 January and 31 August respectively.
<http://www.ironhall.co.uk/charities/organisations.htm>

Drink aware grants support high engagement alcohol awareness raising, such as positive alternative programmes or educational theatre, as well as innovative pilots, multi-agency educational partnerships and initiatives combining alcohol awareness with sport or other activities. There are 3 grant schemes: Ideas Fund - up to £2,000; Awareness Projects - up to £25,000; and Big Impact Awards - up to £100,000. Funded projects include peer-led education schemes, alcohol education work, awareness raising among disadvantaged people who are at risk of harm from alcohol misuse, pilot projects and innovative work.
<http://www.drinkaware.co.uk/grants#drinkwiseprojects>

Warrington Charities Trust—Apply before May! Grants can be up to £1000 per organisation. Applications must be in before the last Friday in May 2011. 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.**

Stronger Together Neighbourhoods in Warrington has pots of money available for each neighbourhood area. There is also a Pan Warrington fund for groups that work across the whole of the borough. For more information on these grants contact the Neighbourhood Co-ordinators via www.thirdsectorwarrington.org.uk/neighbourhoodworking

Want to be in the next Youth Matter! Newsletter?

Are you a Voluntary Youth Group or Organisation that works in 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, ITC Officer, Warrington CVS,
the Gateway, 89 Sankey Street, Warrington,
WA1 1SR**