

Youth Matter!



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Youth Matter Annual General Meeting

The Youth Matter Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday 25th September at Birchwood Youth Club.

The usual procedures took place. Last years AGM minutes were passed and accepted. Peter Honey presented the Financial Report on behalf of Anna Lightfoot (Treasurer) and this was passed and accepted.

The Election of the Youth Matter! Committee took place. There were 3 new additions to the board this year, Alison Cullen, Essta Hayes and Sandra Wells, all who have a wealth of experience and knowledge of the voluntary youth sector.

Gwen gave the Committee's thanks to Debbie Matthews who is leaving as Secretary due to taking up a new post out of town.

Revalidation certificates were awarded to the Youth Federation, Contact Cheshire Support, Warrington Youth Club, YMCA

and The Children's Society. Well done to all these groups for their continued commitment to providing quality services for young people.

Essta Hayes from Birchwood Youth Partnership then gave an interesting presentation about the work of Birchwood Youth Partnership. For more information why not visit <http://www.birchwood.org.uk>.

Finally, there was an interesting information share which is a part of the regular Network Meetings.

Youth Matter! looks forward to a year full of successful Validations and lots of opportunities to enhance the work it does with Warrington's voluntary youth sector.

Welcome to the Youth Matter! Newsletter

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For a full listing of the Youth Matter! Board of Trustees please visit

<http://www.youthmatter.org.uk/whoarewe.html>

To download and read the minutes of this year's Annual General Meeting or to read the Annual Report please visit

<http://www.youthmatter.org.uk/resources.html>

What's Out There?

Don't forget ... at Youth Matter! we can circulate your job and events advertisement Free of Charge. Simply send the information to adrienneg@thegateway.org.uk and we will circulate to our members



FOUNDATION LEVEL UPDATE TRAINING IN SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN Monday December 8th 2008 - 9.15 to 12.45

This is a new course, run by the WSCB Training Pool, to provide a foundation level update for staff from statutory, voluntary and private agencies in Warrington, who have undertaken the inter agency 2 day foundation child protection course (previously 4 day course) 4 years or more ago and have done little other safeguarding training since.

**Charges:- Up to £50 per delegate
(discounts apply)**

For more information please:

Send your nominations to Marcia Dale,
Training Co-ordinator, Children's
Safeguarding Unit, St Werburgh's School,
Boswell Avenue Warrington WA4 6BB

Tel: 01925 457079

Fax: 01925457017.

Successful nominees will receive more information and a programme nearer the day.

Please note acceptance of a place on the course is based on the understanding that the participant will attend for the full course and a certificate of attendance will only be issued in this case.

An Introduction to Autism Course

This course takes place on Wednesday, 3rd December 2008, 9.00 am - 4.00 pm, at The Personal Development Centre, Irwell Road, Warrington. The target audience for this course is Children's service staff working with children and young people on the autistic spectrum. There is no charge for this course and the Closing Date for applications is 19th November 2008.

To apply for a place on this course please contact:

Kerri Thomas
Admin Assistant CPD Service
Children's Services Directorate
Tel: 01925 443939

Management Committees – it's not just about going to meetings!

This workshop is for anyone who wants to be a more effective member of their management committee

Wednesday 26th November 2008 &
Wednesday 7th January 2009:

Cost: £30 per delegate

Contact Carol Berry at CVA for more information.

Chester Voluntary Action
Folliott House, 53 Northgate Street,
Chester, CH1 2HQ
Tel 01244 323527
Email enquiries@chesterva.org.uk

The Forum

Warrington Children, Young People and Families, Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Forum (otherwise know as The Forum for obvious reasons!!) will be holding its next open network meeting on Tuesday the 2nd December 2008 @ the Gateway from 12 till 2pm.

This meeting will be looking at workforce development, what it means and how we get involved. There will also be an update on the work of the Forum representatives.

For more information on the work of the forum, the representatives or how to get involved contact Gwen on 01925 246887 or email gwenl@thegateway.org.uk.

Refreshments will be served so we will need to know if you are coming. If you're not booked on, you won't get the butty's.

YM! Network Meeting

As you can tell from the article on the front page of this Newsletter, the last network meeting was combined with the AGM and as usual was interesting and informative. It is always a sign of a good meeting or event when people fully interact and want to stay afterwards networking and showing an interest in other projects. The information shares are now a staple part of the Network meetings and we always find people have a lot to say and share.

So come along to the next Meeting and hear what people have to say.

**Thursday 27th November 2008 - 3pm to 5.30pm
@ the Gateway**

Additionally the dates for next years Network Meetings have been set so put them in your diary now so you don't miss out. All meetings are at the Gateway unless stated.

Thursday 29th January 2009	3pm to 5.30pm
Thursday 26th March 2009	3pm to 5.30pm
Thursday 21st May 2009	6pm to 8.30pm
Thursday 23rd July 2009	3pm to 5.30pm
Thursday 24th September 2009	6pm to 8pm (AGM)
Thursday 26th November 2009	3pm to 3.30pm

See you there.



The team at Youth Matter! Would like to wish all its members, colleagues and partners a very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful and 'Prosperous' 2009.

CONGRATULATIONS to Anna Lighfoot, Youth Matter Treasurer, on the birth of her beautiful baby girl Jessica.



What are your favourite memories?

Fancy sharing them with us for a chance to win £30?

If your memories are based on life in Warrington then we'd love to hear them. Simply send your story to us, 250 word minimum in any style you like i.e. a simple memoir, poem or Creative writing piece. Or if writing isn't your thing how about sending us an artist impression along with a sixty word statement explaining your art work. We are looking for interesting, quirky and funny stories about life in Warrington.

Extra points will be given for stories that cover fashion, music and local surroundings. Did you ever dress up and participate in Warrington's walking day? Any stories from your times at The Bell Hall? Where is your favourite place in Warrington and why? Send us your memories by **Friday 5th December** for the chance to win, it's that easy!

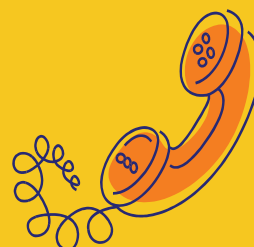
Please send your entries along with your name, date of birth, address and telephone number to – Louise Davis, Warrington Youth Club, The Peace Centre, Peace Drive, Warrington, WA5 1HQ

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us on - 01925 581248

CRB Project

Get your staff and volunteers CRB checked easily.
Contact Warrington CVS and see how their new CRB Project can help you.

Call : 01925 246887 or 01925 246885



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? We are interested in success stories, up and coming events, or even simply highlighting the day to day work that your group does.

If you would like to be included in the next Newsletter and 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,
WA1 1SR**