

Youth Matter!



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YOUTH MATTER VALIDATIONS

The Validation process is a free service employed to ensure that youth services in Warrington are providing the best service possible for young people. Two Validation assessors will conduct an on-site assessment of the organisation, looking at the following five areas:

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

When the assessment is complete, a report is written and then discussed with committee members. If the process is successful a certificate of Validation will be awarded to the organisation. In recent months, four groups have successfully passed the Validation process. These are:

Padgate Youth Group
Warrington Wolves Foundation
Culcheth Methodist Church youth Club
Foundation for Peace

Congratulations to these groups and their commitment to the Validation Process and ensuring a quality service for their young people.

Welcome to the Youth Matter! Newsletter

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YOUTH IN FOCUS

The Big Lottery Fund opens applications for Youth in Focus on 1st September 2010. This will make up to £30million available for projects in England that support vulnerable young people through difficult changes in their lives. The minimum grant that can be applied for is £500,000 with the maximum being £1.5million.

The groups that are being targeted are:

- Young carers
- Young people leaving care
- Young people leaving youth offenders institutions

You can apply to Youth in Focus if you are a partnership led by a voluntary and community sector organisation.

To find out more visit
www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

Call 0845 4102030 or email
youthinfocus@biglotteryfund.org.uk

INFORMATION SHARING GUIDANCE

Not sure what information you can share? You can pop into the CVS office and pick up a copy of the Information Sharing guidance.

Copies of Warrington's Children and Young Peoples Plan is also available from CVS.

What's Out There?



LOUD & CLEAR

Loud & Clear is a skills development project for young people aged 14-20 interested in youth work or volunteering. Young people develop confidence and skills through practical experience of volunteering in a supportive environment, providing access to accreditation in the form of Youth Achievement Awards, and supporting young people to become volunteers and have a voice within both the youth club and the wider community. The programme has been slightly revamped and is compiled of 12 sessions to be delivered between 7.00pm and 9.00pm On a Wednesday at the Peace Centre each week, and will start on September 29th. The course includes:-

- Presentation Skills
- Planning a Youth Work session
- Sign Language
- Disability Awareness
- Health and Safety and Fire Prevention
- Child Protection and Safeguarding

And much more, the course is delivered in a relaxed environment and young people are supported with gaining their Youth Achievement Bronze Award. Following the course young people will have the opportunity to take part in some volunteering roles within Warrington Youth Club.

Do you know a young person who would like to be referred to this project? Then contact:

Dave McNicholl, Senior Manager,
Warrington Youth Club, The Tim Parry
Johnathon Ball Young Peoples Centre,
Peace Drive, Warrington, WA5 1HQ
tel:01925581226
email: info@warringtonyouthclub.co.uk

Do you work or volunteer in a childcare / leisure / activity group in Warrington?

Providing a service which older children and young people up to the age of 24 years could attend?

Warrington Borough Council currently has some funding 'Inclusion Matters' to encourage young people with a disability



to try out or join, groups providing holiday activities. Your group could benefit from new members and the funding could enable new / adapted equipment to be purchased.

To find out more about Inclusion Matters and how it could help your group and community please telephone 01925 443139 and talk to Janet Spiers or Gillian Wright.

Training Courses with Warrington CVS this Autumn

Tuesday October 26th

Food Safety CIEH Level 2 £50

Thursday November 4th

Building Confidence £12

Thursday November 4th

How to be Assertive £12

Tuesday November 16th

First Aid for Appointed person £40

For more information visit
[www.warringtoncvs.org.uk/
currentcourses.asp](http://www.warringtoncvs.org.uk/currentcourses.asp)

or call 01925 246880 and ask for Karen.

STUDENT CASHPOINT WEBSITE

Do you have a friend or family member gearing up to go to university or college this academic year? Is your son or daughter about to embark on another year of study, but already struggling with student debt?

The arrival of A-level results acts as a timely reminder of the journey that lies ahead for those about to start their university career. The rising costs of going to university, combined with the current economic climate, mean that the Bank of Mum and Dad is facing more demand than ever for help with tuition fees, student rent, books and living expenses.

Many parents and students don't realise they could be eligible for thousands of pounds worth of grants, scholarships, bursaries and awards from the Government and educational charities, as well as the universities themselves.

[Student Cash Point](#) is a FREE, comprehensive directory of student funding which can help you find out about over 3,000 student funding opportunities to help your kids with a variety of university expenses. And for those still pondering over where to go, you can compare the amount of funding you might be eligible for at different universities - helping you make an informed choice about where to study.

Help your friends and family get one step ahead in the race for student funding. Tell them they can register for free on www.studentcashpoint.co.uk

YOUTH MATTER! AGM

The notes for the last network meeting in July are on the website at www.youthmatter.org.uk/networkmeetings.html

The next network meeting will be replaced by the AGM which will take place on Thursday 30th September at Fairfield and Howley Neighbourhood Project.

The AGM starts at 5.30pm until 8pm and there will be a buffet.

If you would like to attend then please email your confirmation of attendance to adrienneg@thegateway.org.uk or call 01925 246885.

There will be the usual AGM formalities, a couple of presentations and our usual information share. Please bring along anything you want to share.



ContactPoint

On the 6th August 2010 ContactPoint was switched off. The database will be destroyed using Government-approved security standards and processes. The Government continues to consider the feasibility of a new signposting service for professionals to help them support and protect our most vulnerable children.

Spotlight on ... O.N.E

We are O.N.E [Orford Neighbourhood Enterprise] a non for profit community group based in Orford, Warrington. We have come together to benefit our whole community, and we provide activities, clubs and events for all our residents of all ages. O.N.E formed in April 2010 but we have actually been going for approx 4 years as we had various children's club which amalgamated to form one group. Incorporated within our group is Old Orford Residents Association & 3 children's groups, our 0-3's Pirates & Princesses, our 4-9 years old children's group & our older 10years+ group.

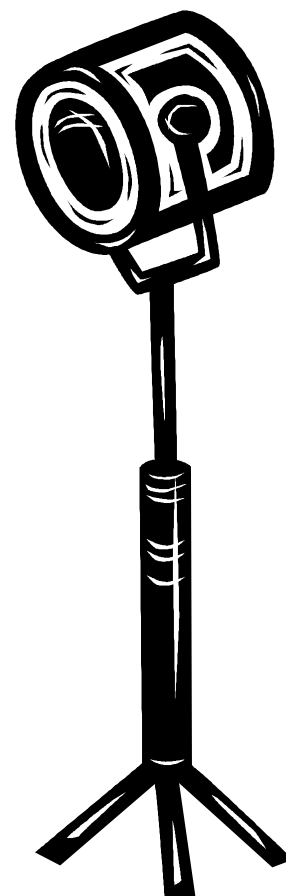
At the beginning of this year we had a few volunteers & active committee members leave our groups which lead to our amalgamation, which in turn lead to more newer volunteers, a new committee & a stronger group.

Over the years we have done many trips including visits to Chester Zoo, Blackpool, Llandudno, Gullivers World etc. We also partake in many community activities including the Orford Park Festival, The Health & wellbeing day as well as activities we host ourselves like our arts& craft days, community disco events.

In 2009 we were validated by Youth Matter & in 2008 we won a Golden Gates Award for reinvigorating the local Residents Association. Some of our children have won awards and have also taken part in various activities & events including Inspire. Our younger group, Pirates & Princesses, were chosen to do the Media shots at Gullivers World for Barnados Big Toddle and also to lead the sponsored walk. All of our volunteers are CRB checked and we strive to provide training such as food hygiene, health & safety, first aid etc for all our volunteers.

Our future is looking brighter as we are involved in the Orford Park Project, and we are moving into the new built community building which will be replacing the old rangers cabin. We hopefully will be relocating in early 2011.

If you would like anymore information please contact Sue on 07896580445 or Wendy on 07969512683 or email us at O.N.E.orfordcommunity@gmail.com



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

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