

Special points of interest:

- Meeting Dates
- Health Related Behavior
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- One Children's Workforce

This monthly update is intended to let you know what happens at a strategic level so that you are aware of things that may affect you in the future, or things that you may want to find out more about. If you have any concerns or suggestions that you wish to be fed into this process and discussed at a strategic level, then contact Sally Perks at YOW on 01902 771163.



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May I take this opportunity firstly to wish you all a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. To make sure that in 2009 you don't miss out on the YOW Strategy Updates, and your opportunity to stay up to date on what is happening regarding children and young people at a strategic level, here are the dates of this years Children and Young People's Strategy and Development Board Meetings. You should expect to receive your YOW Strategy Update directly after these meetings.

- January 14th
- February 25th
- April 8th
- May 13th
- July 8th
- September 9th
- October 21st
- November 2nd

If you have anything that you wish to be discussed at a strategic level keep these dates in mind as this is your opportunity to address any concerns or suggestions that you might have.

The Health Related Behaviour Survey

During the summer term 2008 all schools in Wolverhampton with pupils in years 6, 8 and 10 were invited to take part in the Health Related Behaviour Survey organised by the Schools Health Education Unit.

A total of 2,442 pupils from 32 schools (22 primary, 8 secondary and 2 special / PRU s) completed the survey.

A summary report has been produced, printed and delivered and 6 individual topic reports on healthy eating and physical activity, drugs, alcohol and tobacco, emotional health and well-being, health and safety, relationships and sexual health and citizenship are to be available shortly.

A copy of the summary report is available on the City Council's consultation database or by contact Jane Hayes on 556991. An example of just some of the very useful information is listed below;

- 44% of Yr 6 girls worried about moving to secondary school
- 62% of Primary pupils eat fresh fruit "on most days"
- 61% of Primary pupils do not drink alcohol at all
- 40% of Primary pupils travel to school by car
- 12% of Year 10 girls smoke
- 63% of Primary pupils said they knew nothing about Chlamydia

My Place Proposal for Wolverhampton

The Department for Children, Schools and Families works across Government to ensure that all children and young people:

- Stay healthy and safe;
- Secure an excellent education and the highest possible standards of achievement;
- Enjoy their childhood;
- Make a positive contribution to society and the economy;
- Have lives full of opportunity, free from the effects of poverty.

The Department's aim is to make this the best place in the world for our children and young people to grow up by ensuring that every child gets the best possible start in life, receives an excellent education, and has the support and protection they, and their family, need to allow them to fulfill their potential.

The BIG Lottery Fund has therefore been asked to deliver £190 million capital funding to develop world-class youth facilities on behalf of the Department for Children, Schools and Families.

In response to this, in May last year, the Children and Young People Services and other Youth service providers in Wolverhampton worked together to produce and forward a bid from Wolverhampton.

An application was submitted on 30 September 2008 (facilitated by TLC College) for a youth facility for Wolverhampton and the value of the bid was for £5 million capital. They are awaiting a response from the BIG Lottery as to whether or not the bid has been successful in February so fingers crossed.

In the meantime however, if you would like to discuss the bid in more detail or have any ideas about what the venue could be used for please contact Mahmood Khan on 01902 714433.



One Children's Workforce Induction

The Wolverhampton Workforce Strategy Partners Programme Steering Group (which aims to support the voluntary and community sectors to engage in workforce development activities) are running a 12 month pilot of the 'One Children's Workforce Induction.'

This is an e-learning programme aimed at providing a basic foundation and understanding of integrated working and of the diverse range of roles across the children's workforce. It is designed to emphasise the value and contribution that each individual makes to the Every Child Matters outcomes, and support us to understand how to work effectively with children and young people. Some voluntary and community groups have been pre-selected to be part of the pilot, but if you would like to opportunity for your organisation to access this free and comprehensive learning programme contact Sally at YOW on 01902 771163.

To find out more about any of the items mentioned in the YOW Strategy Update or the process of having your views, comments or concerns voiced at a strategic level, contact Sally at YOW on; Telephone: 01902 771163 Email: sally.perks@ymca-wolverhampton.co.uk