

Special points of interest:

- Next Meeting
- The Youth Café
- Child Poverty
- Free School Meals



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 YOW on 01902 771163.



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The Summers Here at last...

At last the summer is here, so lets hope we get some good weather for all your Summer Holiday Activities.

The next Children and Young Peoples Strategic Partnership Meeting isn't until September so you won't get another Strategy Update until then. However, if you have any issues that you would like raised at a Strategic Level, don't hesitate to contact YOW.



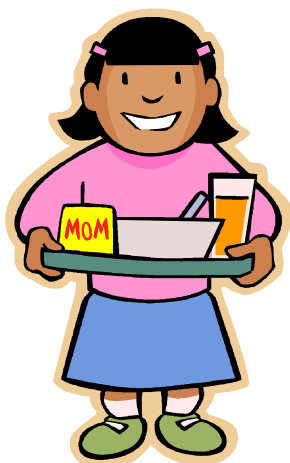
The 'Epic' Youth Café

The Youth Café is still being developed behind the scenes. We are hopeful that it will become operational in November this year. The young people have decided to call the Café 'Epic.'

Child Poverty Action

The Child Poverty Action Group has now established a draft strategy for Child Poverty. It is being looked over by the Child Poverty Unit in London before we ratify it locally. The group is also developing a debt strategy and a volunteering project, aimed at getting people back into work.

Free School Meals



Wolverhampton has been successfully chosen to pilot the extension of the current eligibility for Free School Meals, so that a larger group of families on low incomes are entitled, one of just three pilots running nationally.

Wolverhampton's pilot project is the only one that will extend the availability of free school meals to young people at both primary and secondary schools. The pilot project will run for 2 years to July 2011 and will extend the eligibility to families on Working Tax Credit where annual income does not exceed £16,040. If you have children of school age, you should expect to see more information regarding the pilot shortly.

Your Voluntary Sector Representatives are: Margaret Thompson—Re-entry, Nicolas Salt—YWCA. Raj Bansall—Trinity Training and Sally Perks—YMCA.

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