

KENT YOUTH SERVICE CANTERBURY AND SWALE AREA

REPORT

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AREA OVERVIEW

The Canterbury & Swale Area includes the following Youth Projects

COUNTY YOUTH CLUBS & PROJECTS	YOUTH LEADER
Sheerness County Youth Club & Activity Centre	Ray Featherstone MBE
New House Sports & Youth Centre	John Knight
Faversham Youth & Community Centre	Clive Birnie
Riverside Youth Centre	Justin Wanstall
Canterbury Detached Project	Scott Dumigan
Whitstable Youth & Community Centre	Paul Southgate
Sheppey Detached	Dan Pyke
MAJOR VOLUNTAR YOUTH ORGANISATIONS	
Kemsley Youth House	Lauren Bower
Hersden Youth Centre	Terry McMahan
Prince of Wales Youth Club	Joey Wicks
FIELD OFFICERS FOR CANTERBURY	
Voluntary Organisations	Steve Orwin
Duke of Edinburgh's Award	Peter Reynolds

COMMUNITY YOUTH TUTORS	
Canterbury High School	Dominic Meehan & Adam Fairbrass
Herne bay High School	Rob Buchanan
Spires Academy [Youth Arts Tutor]	Tom Kellet
Minster College	Vacancy
SPECIALIST YOUTH PROJECTS	
16 plus Team	Jo Bingham
PAYP	Hayley Rees
PAYP	Chris Chapman
PAYP	Jane Conteh
ACP	Mary Ackers
Youth Participation	Sadie Williams
FIELD OFFICERS FOR SWALE	
Voluntary Organisations	Guy Spoor
Duke of Edinburgh's Award	Angy Spoor

KENT YOUTH SERVICE
CANTERBURY AND SWALE AREA OPERATING PLAN
2010/11

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SERVICE

Kent Youth Service recognises the core purpose of youth work as the personal and social development of young people through informal education. The Service directs its resources to the 11-25 age range (with a 13-19 focus) to enable them to reach their full potential and make a successful transition into adult life.

Enjoyment, Challenge and Learning are key priorities for the Service in its work with the young people of Kent. The development of negotiated relationships between young people and youth workers is a defining feature of the Service's work, and there is a clear emphasis upon the active and voluntary participation of young people.

Kent Youth Service seeks to develop a dynamic coalition with our partners in the voluntary youth sector and other partners who work with young people in the county.

Kent Youth Service is about supporting and encouraging all young people to meet together in a secure environment, to have fun and to form friendships. Young people from a broad and diverse variety of backgrounds will be offered the opportunity to gain confidence and the ability to face the challenges of life, to be active citizens in their community and to help work towards a society that is caring and free. To attain equality we must first address inequality and recognise the contribution each one of us makes to bringing about change.

LOCAL CONTEXT

2009/2010 was a very busy, challenging and exciting year for the Canterbury & Swale Team. We embraced Government, County and local initiatives such as Aiming High; Every Child Matters; Children and Young People's Plan for Kent; Swale Youth Strategy; Canterbury Youth Strategy; Integrated Support Services; Positive Activities for Young People; Kent Agreement 2 and Resourcing Excellent Youth Services.

As an Area Team working together, we held two Try Angle Award Celebrations; an Introduction to Youth Work Course; Kick Racism Out Of Football Event; Diversity Festival and held three training evenings for part time staff.

We raised approximately £5,000 for Swale Try Angle Awards and £4,500 for Canterbury Try Angle Awards from local businesses and agency partners. Both evenings were very successful and raised the profile of young people in their communities, receiving many positive images of young people in the local newspapers. There were approximately 100 young people nominated in each area and young people from youth projects, and schools hosted and provided entertainment on the respective presentation nights.

There were 17 members of staff from the area who signed up for the Part Time Youth Worker's Introduction to Youth Work Training Course, some of which came from the voluntary sector.

The Alternative Curriculum Programme is managed by Mary Akers in Canterbury who has worked with excluded pupils from schools within the area such as Canterbury High, Chaucer Technology, Herne Bay High, Grosvenor House and Archbishop's.

There are currently 1510 voluntary youth organisations in Canterbury and 105 in Swale who are affiliated to Kent Youth Service through KCVYS.

The Canterbury and Swale Team take pride and pleasure in the County being awarded the National Youth Agency's Quality Mark in Youth Work.

CORE SERVICES

This service will provide general neighbourhood based and targeted youth work to support the personal and social development of at least 25% of the youth population aged 13 –19 in Canterbury/Swale. The core service is delivered through a network of 5 youth centres, 4 school-based Community Youth Tutors and 2 street-based and specialist youth projects across the county.

Other local work includes:

Youth Participation

- ◆ All Youth Centres in the Area have Members' Committees which meet regularly
- ◆ All YAG Meetings to date have had 2 - 14 young people representing centres, projects and the area and a young people's vice-chair elected
- ◆ Swale Youth Council met four times
- ◆ Canterbury Youth Action Strategy implemented
- ◆ Kent Youth County Council: 2,334 votes cast in the Canterbury area and 4,031 cast in the Swale area. Each centre/Project held elections
- ◆ Young People successful in a bids for over £100,000 from Youth Opportunities Fund
- ◆ Community Youth Tutors leading/supporting school councils

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

- ◆ 410 enrolments in Canterbury with 75 young people achieving Bronze, 2 achieving Silver and 37 achieving Gold
- ◆ 124 enrolments in Swale with 26 achieving Bronze and 1 achieving silver
- ◆ Community Youth Tutors have been accrediting young people's work through ASDAN Awards
- ◆ All centres and projects offer a wide range of curriculum activities that are educational, challenging, fun and accredited
- ◆ Three of the five centres in the area have annual awards presentation evenings to celebrate young people's success

Diversity

- ◆ Four out of five centres in the Canterbury & Swale area have a specific night for young people with special needs
- ◆ Two centres deliver work with travellers and young asylum seekers
- ◆ Successful Kick Racism Out Of Football event
- ◆ Support of County Diversity Festival
- ◆ Youth Club nights for Travellers in two of the five centres
- ◆ LGBT night in one of the centres
- ◆ All centres support and offer fun and educational programmes around theme days/tops, e.g. Black History Month; Aids Day
- ◆ Two centres have Young Carers Clubs
- ◆ Centres hired out to minority groups
- ◆ Girls only residential trips
- ◆ Boys only clubs
- ◆ KITE project [Afghani]
- ◆ Have LGBT members who are happy to be open about their sexuality within Centres
- ◆ Annual Diversity Festival at Canterbury High School

Positive Activities for Young People

- ◆ Positive images of young people in local papers, volunteering, gaining awards, reducing fear of crime
- ◆ Detached Teams with an Iveco Bus in Swale and Kangoo Van in Canterbury out 4 nights a week working in crime hot spots and areas where young people do not have access to a youth centre.
- ◆ Area Team has worked closely with Community Wardens to reduce crime. Community Wardens attend Area Team, YAG and Sheppey Detached meetings and support our work with young people by assisting us to run youth clubs, youth forums and consult with young people..
- ◆ Ray Featherstone and Mark Worf worked on two STAY programmes with Minster College ensuring that young people at risk of being excluded stay in school.
- ◆ Approximately 200 young people nominated for Try Angle Awards across both areas
- ◆ Each youth centre and project is open four or five nights a week delivering a full and exciting, curriculum-led programme of activities which are challenging, educational and fun.
- ◆ Approximately £300,000 raised from external sources to support our programmes through County Councillors, Lottery, Youth Opportunities Fund and local businesses.

Leaving Care

- ◆ 16plus service run by the Charity Catch-22 which helps young people aged 16 and over living in foster or residential care

Residential/Outdoor Education:

- ◆ Over 500 young people were involved with holiday activity programmes which included residentials to Swattenden, Bewl Water, Kent Mountain Centre, New Petra and Kearsney Campsite.

Partnership Awards to Voluntary Youth Organisations:

- ◆ Partnership working with City and Borough Councils, Police, Connexions, Social Services and Voluntary Youth Organisations ensures that our delivery of youth work is achieved.
- ◆ 152 voluntary youth organisations supported in the area through training, newsletters, grants and visits etc by Field Officers
- ◆ Kent Youth Service continues to have a high profile and is still in great demand with our partners in other Agencies seeking our advice, support, expertise and partnership in helping them deliver their targets in work with Young People.

SERVICE DEVELOPMENTS

No	Activity	Lead Responsibility	Deliverable outcomes	Target Dates
1	Support the delivery of the EuroCamp during July and August 2010.	Andrew Pendlebery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Canterbury & Swale staff committed to recruiting and training young people• Planning event• Delivering Programme.	July 2010
2	Pilot Volunteering programme engaging 14-16 year olds in volunteering projects (at selected secondary schools).	Community Youth Tutors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 90% of pupils at Herne Bay, Canterbury High and Sittingbourne Community College to achieve volunteering certificate	August 2010
3	Intergenerational Project – bringing older and younger people together.	Scott Dumigan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three projects around cooking, environment and understanding to strengthen communities and promote mutual respect	December 2010
4	Supporting the delivery of the House on the Move project.	Dan Pyke Scott Dumigan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canterbury & Swale staff to select right location based on needs, deprivation and wants of local community and support Ellen Shaw's Team in programme delivery	March 2011

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5	Environmental Focus. – increasing the awareness amongst staff and young people & delivering a smaller carbon footprint across all projects.	Paul Southgate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heating & Lighting Green Guardian – promoting energy efficiency and environmental awareness • Commitment to recycle and having a smaller carbon footprint across out projects 	January 2011
6	Develop a network of safe places to go during after school hours.	Andrew Pendlebery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at the evaluation of the pilots in Thanet to see if this is viable 	March 2011
7	Increased levels of quality in youth work and curriculum delivery.	All Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Youth Centres/Projects will continue to ensure that young people participate in Members' Committee meetings, attend YAG meetings, hold elections for Kent Youth County Council and plan, support and encourage attendance at Youth Conferences. • To ensure high profile publicity in local and national publications • Canterbury & Swale Team to participate in Try Angle Awards, Art Festivals, Youth Conference and other County events in addition to providing a broad range of culture and sports activities within the centres and projects. • Each Centre and Project to have a Presentation Night celebrating the work of young people • All interviews for part time/full time staff to have young people on the Interview Panel 	March 2011
8	Supporting the development of Youth Advisory Groups	Clive Birnie Paul Southgate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support and implement both the Swale and Canterbury Youth Strategies by election of young person as Vice-Chair of respective Group. • Young people from PAYP/16plus/Youth Centres/ Schools/Detached Projects and KYCC to be represented at quarterly YAG meetings 	March 2011
9	Residential/Outdoor Education	All Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All youth workers to deliver residential experiences for young people to include Eurocamp, Bewl Water, New Petra, Kent Mountain Centre, Kearsney 	March 2011

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			Campsite, Swattenden, Ghent [Belgium]	
10	Young Peoples Training and Accreditation	All Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All young people to be offered training/ accreditation opportunities which include: senior member training; sports leaders course; work experience opportunities; first aid courses; Asdan Life Skills; cooking courses; water sports; rock climbing/abseiling; Duke of Edinburgh's Awards; circus workshops; Youth Achievement Awards; peer led workshops; food hygiene certifications; skiing course; table tennis awards; FA refereeing training; FA soccer skills; drugs/alcohol awareness courses; centre skills books 	March 2011
11	Partnership Working Sexual Health	All Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All staff to be trained in 7 C's and to be C Card Registration and Access Points to offer Chlamydia screening; support; advice and training in partnership with National Health Services. 	March 2011
12	50 th Year Celebrations of Sheerness County Youth & Activity Centre	Ray Featherstone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A week long celebration of all that is great at Sheerness County Youth & Activity Centre in the past, the present and the future 	June 2010
13	New Youth & Community Centre at Canterbury High School	Dominic Meehan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To secure funding to equip and resource new buildings and offer substantial provision for the area. 	March 2011
14	Fundraising Activity	All Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To support youth work delivery Youth Workers to hire out their centres and make bids through YOF/YCF; Police; County Councillor's; City and Borough Councils, Housing Associations, Local Businesses and grant giving organisations. 	March 2011

The Canterbury/Swale Area Team look forward to the new financial year 2010/2011 with enthusiasm, commitment, dedication and belief that the youth work we deliver across the area is high quality, inspirational and value for money.

CANTERBURY/SWALE AREA TEAM

