

Facts and Figures 2005/06

Priorities

The service works with young people between the ages of 10 and 25 years, with the priority age range being 13 to 19. The priorities for the service are:

- To enable young people to develop personal skills, social skills and high aspirations
- To involve young people in democracy and decision making
- To promote the social inclusion of young people
- To engage young people in new opportunities and challenging experiences
- To encourage young people to lead healthy lifestyles.

Targets

County Youth Service staff in Fareham district worked with 2,930 young people 2,018 of whom were aged 13-19 years, equating to 21% of the target population. Of the 1,348 active participants in the service, 918 were 13-19 year-olds, which equates to 9% of the 13-19 population.

There were 11,418 recorded attendances at youth service units in Fareham district, 8,289 of whom were 13-19 year-olds. There were 78 recorded outcomes resulting from young people being involved with the service, equating to 6% of the active participants. In total 45 young people gained an accredited outcome, equating to 3% of the active participants.

The county youth service as a whole has exceeded the national benchmarks for reach and active participation, and recorded and accredited outcomes have significantly improved. This positive direction of travel is under-pinned by a robust system for the collection of the required data.

Management and range of youth work

The youth service is located in Hampshire County Council's Children's Services Department and strategic management of the service is the responsibility of the management team. Eleven district teams cover areas coterminous with district council boundaries and each team is led by a Senior Youth Worker. The service in Fareham district managed 12 units and the range of work includes youth centres, targeted group-work, detached work, inclusion projects and Duke of Edinburgh's Award groups.

Supporting youth work

The service in Fareham district has 4 full-time and 17 part-time youth work posts, and 8 volunteers. The service provides a wide range of staff development opportunities for youth workers in the statutory and voluntary sectors.

Promoting youth work

The service in Fareham district works in partnership with the Voluntary and Community Sector and has close working arrangements with the Borough, Town and Parish Councils.

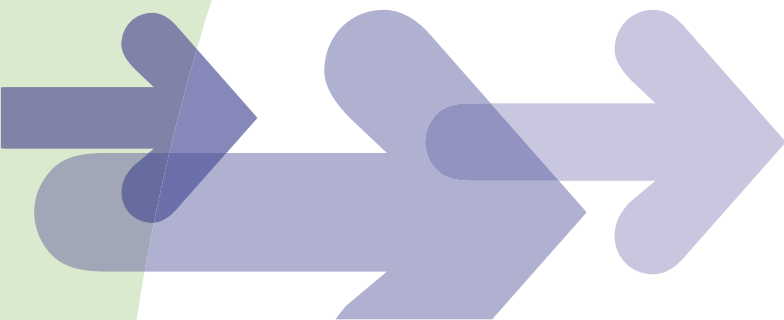
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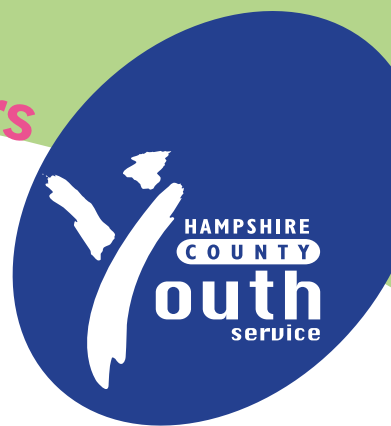
The Hampshire County Council delegated budget for the county youth service as a whole is £5.1 million; this equates to approximately £46 per 13 to 19 year-old living in Hampshire and £163 per 13 to 19 year-old involved in the service. The County Youth Service generated a total of £1.1 million of external funding.

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Foreword



A year of exciting challenges – Phyllis Sheldon, Senior Youth Worker

Welcome to the Hampshire County Youth Service Fareham district report. This report demonstrates how an effective and modern youth service responds to the specific needs of young people and to the issues they are experiencing today.

Over the past year there has been a growth in the number of targeted projects in the district aimed at meeting the needs of vulnerable young people. There has also been an increase in the open-access provision available to all young people.

Since moving to Hampshire two years ago, I have worked with the district youth work team to develop inter-agency networks. This approach has built a strong foundation of local partnerships, enabling the district team to tackle the changing policy landscape and ensuring the best possible outcomes for all young people. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the district staff and our partner agencies, for their hard work and support.

An especially exciting development this year has been the engagement of young people in Fareham with two European youth exchanges. The first involved young people from Poland and the second a group based in Germany. The feedback received from young people made it clear how much they enjoyed learning about different aspects of citizenship in modern Europe, and about the culture of other countries. One of the participants recently said:

"There's never a day that goes past when I don't think of the experiences I had and the people I met in Poland."

In the year ahead the team will focus on supporting young people to make the most of the opportunities they have and will develop inclusion work with schools, detached work and high quality music projects. We will continue to take a holistic approach to youth work and build on our partnerships with other agencies. The district is looking forward to a year of dynamic and innovative youth work.

Introduction

Malcolm Rittman, County Youth Officer

I am delighted to introduce you to the Hampshire County Youth Service Fareham district report for 2005-06. Our youth workers in Fareham are to be congratulated for the constructive and energetic way they have responded to the changing needs of young people. The Fareham team have ably demonstrated the wide range of skills and qualities needed to enable young people to make a positive contribution to their communities and to their own future.

This report gives a range of interesting examples of how county youth service staff in Fareham work in partnership with other agencies and make a significant contribution to young people achieving the five outcomes - staying safe, being healthy, enjoying and achieving, making a positive contribution and achieving economic well being.

There is much to do in the year ahead and the service in Fareham district is well placed to play a full and active part in delivering on the four challenges of the government Green Paper – Youth Matters:

1. Empowering young people – things to do and places to go.
2. Young people as citizens – making a contribution.
3. Supporting choices – information, advice and guidance.
4. All young people achieving – reforming targeted support.

There has never been such an interesting and exciting time to be involved in developing the high quality services young people require and deserve. I am looking forward to next year with optimism and to the birth of a new era in youth work in which every young person matters.



→ Kirk's story –



making the most of opportunities at X-perience Youth Centre

"I have been attending X-perience Youth Centre since I was eleven years old and I have been involved as a young worker for the last four years. As a young worker I deliver opportunities to young people aged from 11 to 15 years.

This year I will complete the Mind the Gap programme and aim to get a job as a part-time youth worker. Being involved as a young worker has given me the chance to meet my need for helping other people. I have learned to be patient when dealing with others and found out how hard it can be to work in a team with people holding opinions that differ from mine. It has helped me to understand the need for equal opportunities and treating young people and workers as fairly as possible.

From taking part in activities and programmes with the youth service, I feel I have grown and I recommend others to go for it!"

→ Two coasts one Europe – a youth exchange with a difference

This innovative youth exchange involving young people from Fareham and Elblag in Poland, managed to combine the development of citizenship skills with ecology and history.



The specially designed programme included a visit to the site of a Second World War concentration camp. Young people reported how emotional they had felt in the quiet atmosphere of the camp, as they thought about the awful things that had happened there 60 years earlier. Coastal explorations and various enjoyable cultural activities, featured heavily in the programme for both legs of the exchange. Important issues were discussed including racism, protecting the environment and the positive contribution young people can make in their local communities. By the end of the programme young people were able to participate constructively

in debates and explain their personal opinions to others. The young people learned a lot from one another as they talked, worked and had fun.

A visiting Ofsted inspector praised the quality of the leadership of the exchange and all 40 participants reported that they had enjoyed the experience from start to finish. The young people from Fareham were awarded certificates of achievement in recognition of the contribution they made to the success of the exchange. Some of the participants have subsequently joined the Fareham Youth Council and one has been elected as a Member of the UK Youth Parliament.

→ Street Based Team

The team reached 650 young people in a year

The street based team of detached youth workers in Fareham district contact young people on the street and in other places where they informally congregate. Most of the young people reached do not access mainstream youth provision and the team aims to provide the support and access to learning opportunities they need.

Last year the street based team worked with over 650 young people, engaging them in a range of planned learning activities in ways that were informal and enjoyable. Topics covered include the affects of binge drinking, personal safety and rights on arrest. Of equal value to the planned learning was the excellent way the team enabled young people to learn from the unexpected situations that occurred on the street. Youth workers encouraged young people to reflect on how their own behaviour affected others and responded to spontaneous questions about alcohol, school, relationships and many other issues raised by young people.

In a recent evaluation of the street based team, a young woman aged 16 said:

"Thank you for talking to me about my behaviour. It made me realise drinking and hanging round in the square could get me into real trouble. I don't do that any more."

The successful way in which the team works has resulted in the creation of a new project in the district, the Portchester Task Force (PTF). PTF aims to raise young people's awareness of how their actions affect the wider community and encourages adults



to see the positive things young people contribute. The project provides opportunities for young people to learn more about being healthy and staying safe, and the youth workers distribute a range of information helpful in making informed choices.

→ Fareham's Trailblazer forges ahead

Trailblazer burst on to the youth work scene in Fareham district during October 2005, following a successful pilot project at Henry Cort Community College the previous year. The challenging and stimulating Trailblazer programme was used as a new and exciting way to engage young people at risk of social exclusion.

The group of 12 young people, from school Years 8 and 9, involved in the Trailblazer scheme this year, had a wide range of needs. They lacked self confidence, had low self esteem and often behaved in challenging ways. The group took part in various off site activities and responded well to being away from their normal environment. When off site the young people's social skills improved and they learned a great deal about how to get on with other people. They took on new challenges and soon recognised how results were improved by co-operating with other members of their team. The range of activities included orienteering, a low ropes course, survivor skills and a treasure hunt.

The self esteem and self confidence of the young people involved in Trailblazer grew considerably and they all received an accredited award. One young woman summed up her feelings about Trailblazer by saying:

"Lush, excellent and fun to do! I was glad I was part of Trailblazer."

→ Fareham Youth Council influences key decision makers

Fareham Youth Council (FYC) is run by young people for young people. FYC influences key decision makers in the community and raises issues important to local young people. Members of the youth council play a key role in planning and leading the Fareham Youth Conference. The conference attracts

young people from all over the Borough and a range of ideas and views are fully discussed and debated. Good links have been forged with Fareham Borough Council and FYC ensures that the voice of local young people is heard loud and clear. FYC is supported by a member of the district youth work team and the Borough Council's community development officer.

The major highlight of the year for members of FYC was a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament followed by a question and answer session with Mark Hoban MP, the Member of Parliament for Fareham. The visit to Westminster took place at the kind invitation of Mark Hoban and he was keen to hear the views of his young constituents.

The Secretary of the Fareham Youth Council recently said:

"Being a member of the youth council increases your confidence and your teamwork skills. It feels great to make a difference in your community."

→ Genesis Centre Young people host wartime nostalgia event

In April 2005 the Genesis Centre at Locks Heath was proud to present an afternoon of wartime nostalgia for the entertainment of local senior citizens.

The idea originated when young people agreed with members of the district Community Safety Partnership (CSP) that there was a need to improve the image of young people within the community. The CSP believed it was important that young people and older citizens had a greater understanding and respect for one another.

Youth workers based at the Genesis Centre in Locks Heath, Local Police officers, Fareham Borough Council and young people, worked tirelessly over a number of weeks, to make the event as authentic and enjoyable as possible. They produced artwork, learned war-time songs, decorated the centre and prepared food. The event was a great success, enjoyed by young and old alike. After the event the senior citizens were asking when the next one would be. The young people were extremely proud of their achievements and very keen to host another similar event in 2006.

