

Surrey CVYS

The Surrey Council for Voluntary Youth Services

Newsletter



Welcome to your first newsletter for all that is happening for voluntary youth organisations in Surrey.

Did you realise that Surrey CVYS has 38 members with in excess of 55,000 young people and over 6000 volunteer workers and leaders? Meetings are held at many locations, at different times and cover a host of activities. Representing your concerns, issues and successes is what we are here to do. We are working with Surrey County Council, Government Office for the South East and the National Council for Voluntary Youth Services to achieve this. We are always looking for good news so if your organisation has achieved success in any area and you want to spread the good news then please do contact us.

Who's Who at Surrey CVYS?

President: Lady Baden Powell

Chairman: Heather Hawker

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Executive Committee Members:

John Ross

(Army Cadet Force)

David Jones

(Surrey Clubs for Young People)

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Contacting you for best results

This first newsletter as you can see is on paper. This is the way we intend to keep it for some time BUT we have some issues and ask for your help.

Firstly, who gets this information? Our membership covers hundreds of individual groups and thousands of leaders but each member group only gets one copy. This is fine for the single clubs but of little value to the larger organisations. We would like to ensure this newsletter is of value and gets to those who can best make use of it quickly. Please will you tell us how many of these newsletters you would like and if it needs to be sent to other members, leaders, district commissioners, regional controllers etc. Also if you have any comments on content, style etc then do tell us.

Secondly, there will be instances when we might like to send you information that has a short lead-time. The ideal way to achieve this quickly and at little cost is by email. If you are willing to receive information from us in this way, then please do let us know.

On the back page is a form for you to tear off and send to us with your details and comments. We would very much like to hear from you.

What's Going on?

Training for leaders in Voluntary Youth Organisations

A range of training for helping leaders with management skills, mentoring, counselling, applying for Trust funding and many other subjects is now available at extremely good prices and locations using professional trainers. Some of our members attended the SVSC Training & Development launch day on October 15th and were very impressed. There are vacancies on a Mentoring course at £25 for six sessions with full accreditation. For details on all courses contact Anne Lunt or Joanne Matheson on 01483 453636

Email: training@svsc.org.uk

For details of youth work qualification training please contact Sue Wilson at SAYC & Surrey Phab, Tel: 01306 730929, Fax: 01306 730610, Email: surrey.youthclubs.uk@ukonline.co.uk

Minor Works Grant

The demand for this fund of £25,000 in Surrey has been very heavy this year and 14 groups have benefited by using the grants to repair or improve buildings used by young people. If you would like to apply for funds then contact this office for the necessary form.

Smiths Charity

The charity are long time supporters of good youth work, with particular attention now to those groups and schemes that seek to help the less fortunate in society. The trustees preference is for capital rather than revenue projects.

Contact this office for the application form.

Global Grants

This new funding is available to build stronger local communities using small one-off grants. They are designed to help create work opportunities and supporting activities and applications from Youth Groups, Church and Faith groups will be welcomed. Restrictions to geographic areas within Surrey do apply so check for this and other details. Contact Global Grants Administrator, SVSC, Astolat, Co-niers Way, Burpham, Guildford, GU4 7HL, Tel 01483 566072, Email: globalgrants@svsc.org.uk

CIB News

Did you know that a weekly email information bulletin exists that gives loads of information on charity fund raising, sources of funding, ideas for youth, competitions on new innovative subjects like making films on mobile phones! Contact details: The Charities Information Bureau, 11 Upper York St, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF1 3LQ.

Tel: 01924 239063, Email: andrew@the-cib.demon.co.uk

Connexions – An update from David Cox

Maybe you have not yet heard of Connexions but it will be one of the major changes in assisting young people aged 13-19 in their lives. The service is expected to be launched in Surrey by September 2002 and the impact on many youth workers and young people will be gradual but significant. The desire is to ensure every young person has access to the services of a personal adviser to assist them in the transition to adult life. Much of this work will be done in schools and through the Careers Service but the role of the voluntary services could be significant as we reach so many young people in so many ways.

We are ensuring that the many and varied issues that will affect young people and the Voluntary Youth organisations are being represented and listened to at the highest level. At Surrey CVYS we have had two very dedicated members, Ray Khan from Southwark Diocese and Ken Livingstone from the Guildford YMCA, co-ordinating your many responses to questionnaires and producing a high quality submission to the Connexions Task Group. Ray is now stepping down from this group and Ken is moving to Manchester, so as newly appointed Director, I will be taking on this important role. If you have any questions on Connexions, then please do contact us.

OPEN FORUM – FOR ALL YOUTH LEADERS

An Open Forum is being held at 7.15pm on Wednesday 14 November at the Air Training Centre in Ewell to cover the involvement of young people in Connexions and also the Child Protection and Criminal Records Bureau screening process. Please do call for more details. It's FREE and refreshments too!

Members' News

Skillway

The Skillway Workshop Project is for youngsters aged 15-16 from local schools in Godalming and Guildford. The young people have been identified as needing help in overcoming problems associated with disaffected behaviour and limited academic achievements.

We offer practical workshop tuition and experience in woodwork, light engineering metalwork, bricklaying, plumbing and are planning pottery. The tuition is by volunteer craftsmen and the workshop experience gained helps the young people develop the self esteem and confidence needed to complete their school career.

Our new workshops are housed in refurbished chapels at Godalming Cemetery. As well as practical work, lunch hour facilities including table tennis and snooker are available.

For more details contact: Crispin Hill, Director, Skillway, Crown Court, Godalming, Surrey GU7 1DY, Tel No 01483 239969

Sayers Croft Field Centre

Sayers Croft Field Centre has been providing opportunities for people to experience the outdoor environment for over 50 years. The Centre is located in Ewhurst, 2 miles east of Cranleigh set in an idyllic rural landscape of woodland, ponds, streams and meadows. The site extends to 35 acres and we can offer a wide variety of outdoor activities on site led by qualified and experienced Instructors. We can accommodate up to 200 young people and 30 leaders in 6 self contained chalets, our food is of the highest quality and all special diets are catered for. Residential and day-visit courses are designed to meet the aims of our visitors.

For further details, please ring us on 01483 275541 or visit our website: sayerscroft.org.uk

OPPORTUNITIES

Does your Organisation operate in Woking?

If so there are opportunities for you. At Bishop David Brown School the newly appointed Student Development Officer, Tracey Hacker, would like to hear from Voluntary Organisations who are offering facilities for the 13-16 year olds. The school is particularly keen to work with the voluntary sector to provide extra curricular activities. Please phone Tracey on 01932 336786.

There is a meeting at Sheerwater Youth Centre on 19 December from 3.30-5.00pm when all Youth Workers in the area will get together to network and explore joint opportunities.

Phone Dave Blake on 07968 832400 if you want to attend.

Forthcoming events

Open Forum

Thursday 14 March 2002 at 7.15 for 8.00pm. Could anybody host this for us? We are looking for a venue capable of seating 50 people, refreshments and car park. Please ring the office if you can help.

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June 2002 – date and venue to be confirmed.

Please return this form by post, fax or email to Jane O'Boyle, Surrey CVYS, Astolat, New Inn Lane, Burpham Guildford, GU4 7HL, Fax 01483 440508. Email scvys@svsc.org.uk

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