

# Surrey CVYS

The Surrey Council for Voluntary Youth Services

## Newsletter



Welcome to our second edition which we hope will be of value and interest.

I was visiting a Youth Club before Christmas and was speaking to the leader. He told me that he recognised many of the challenges facing young people and their leaders as being similar but more intense than when he was their age, only 15 or so years ago. What motivated him I asked. "My own experience growing up in South East London and having a Scout Leader who opened up loads of opportunities to me. To go camping, work with a purpose to achieve new skills, have some fun and meet new friends were great experiences. Now's the time to pay back some of what I gained".

Just one story that could be repeated many times over of the value that Voluntary Youth Organisations deliver - the payback may be measured in years.

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### OPEN FORUM

Our next Open Forum will be on **14 March** at Sunbury Cricket Club, home of the Sunbury Cricket Club Colts, a recent new member.

Speakers have been confirmed for an update on the:

- Criminal Records Bureau
- Millennium Volunteers
- Young People's Trust for the Environment

In addition there will be a

- Connexions stand
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award display
- County Sports Youth Officer

all keen to meet with you.

Timings:

**7pm** for finger buffet, visit stands and network.

**7.45 until 9.30pm** speakers and questions.

**9.30pm** drinks from the bar, visit stands and meet fellow youth leaders.

This is a **FREE** event and you will all be very welcome.

To reserve a place please phone Jane on 01483 453962 or email scvys@svsc.org.uk

## Connexions Update

The Connexions team are meeting regularly to plan for the September live date and Surrey CVYS are playing an important role ensuring that the voice of the voluntary youth organisations is heard. The **Personal Adviser** will be a key position for the service and there is a **half day “Practioners Event”** on February 14. This is for anyone currently working “face to face” with young people and wanting to find out what this role will be. Location is Denbies, Dorking.

The expected outcomes are:

- You will find out about the Diploma in Connexions Personal Adviser Training.
- You will be informed on the Connexions Human Resource strategy.
- You will share experiences of different ways of working around assessment, information recording and referral.
- You will have the opportunity to take part in further training and pilot schemes.

To find out more, contact: Barbara Turley, Connexions, on 01932 567987 or email [BATurley@aol.com](mailto:BATurley@aol.com), **WITHOUT DELAY**, as the closing date is mid-January.

A **Connexions Youth Forum** is being created for a three month pilot and nominations are invited for young people aged 13-19 to be on this new initiative. Young people who have a real interest in voluntary work will be ideal so don't delay as the **closing date** is the **end of January**. For more details contact Barbara Turley.

# Money Money Money

## Minor Works Grant

This year at Surrey CVYS we have distributed £25,000 to Voluntary organisations to assist in repairs to their property. If you would like to apply, the procedure is simple:

- Contact Jane to get a form
- Draw up a specification of what needs to be done
- Obtain two firm written quotes
- Confirm that you have matching funds by including your latest accounts
- Complete the form - if you need assistance call Jane who will put you in touch with someone who can help.

## Gatwick Airport Community Trust

Annual awards of £100,000 are available for the next 9 years to assist in local community projects within a "specified area of benefit" covering at least the Reigate and Cranleigh localities. Projects for youth, disabled, arts, sports, environment, are all included. First closing date is 5 April 2002. For more details contact 01293 449147 or write to Gatwick Airport Community Trust, PO Box 102, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 9WX for a grant application form and guidance notes.

## Green Grants for Young adults aged 16-23

Grants of up to £3500 are being offered for individuals and up to £10,000 for groups of up to three friends for environmental projects in 2002. Examples of 2001 projects included: conservation of a local pond, setting up a recycling project at a university, producing a video on animal welfare, creating a website, building a wildlife garden at a youth centre. There is a lot of professional help as well to get you going. To find out more contact: Eleanor Bridgeman, YPTENC, 8 Leapale Road, Guildford GU1 4JX, Tel 01483 452951, email [awards@yptenc.org.uk](mailto:awards@yptenc.org.uk).

## Free for All?

Just when you thought you were on your own to find professional help, a new scheme from the Home Office called ProHelp has been published. This covers those UK companies that offer either free or reduced rate professional services in such areas as legal, business planning, auditing, accountancy, IT, property, marketing and recruitment.

Copies of the report are available from the Home Office website [www.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk) under volunteering or Tel 020 7217 8400.

## Looking for Funding?

### *We may be able to help*

Need funding for a project but not sure where to turn? Global Grants are part of a European Social Fund programme to build stronger local communities. If you are a small organisation or individual looking for funding for a project to benefit the young people in your area then we may be able to help.

The Maximum amount available for a project is £8000. There is no minimum level as we are keen to fund small local initiatives. Not all areas are eligible for Global Grants and more information can be found in the application pack.

However, if your project is not suitable for a Global Grant, we are now the new home of the Surrey Resource Information Service (SRIS) database, which contains information on many potential sources of funding. *So if we can't help, we may be able to put you in touch with someone who can.*

For more details please contact  
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## Overseas projects funded by Connect Youth Exchange & Causeway

Would you like to take young people to another country? Well there are two organisations that can help. Connect Youth International operate exchanges which include Europe, America and Japan and will fund a significant portion of the costs. They really welcome ideas and groups which will attempt to build bridges between two communities from different backgrounds. It is not just town twinning but real involvement, research, study or practical help in one community to foster better understanding. For details call Tina Saunders on 01243 777066 or email: [tina.saunders@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:tina.saunders@westsussex.gov.uk).

Irish exchanges through Causeway work to link a British youth group with an Irish group, work with them to develop a project and then assist in organisation and funding for exchange visits. Previous examples include groups with disabilities, learning difficulties, some homeless as well as adventure groups and learning exchanges on how life is different in two communities. For more details contact Susie Green on 020 7389 4746 or email: [susie.green@britishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:susie.green@britishcouncil.org.uk).

## Heritage History Project

Can your young people research a topic of local interest and turn it into a TV programme? The History channel with English Heritage have a competition to uncover local history and heritage with the winners being able to be part of making a TV programme with camcorders and other prizes for the runners up. For more information call Jane on 01483 453962.

## MEMBERS' PROFILES

### **Waverley Youth Project**

Independent since 1992 the Waverley Youth Project works with those young people aged between 11 and 14 who are in need of extra support. Our part-time staff and volunteers work on a one-to-one basis as well as running three "by invitation" youth clubs in Farnham, Godalming and Cranleigh. These operate on a peer group and trusted youth worker principle to grow their self-assurance, encourage goal setting and steer them away from developing anti-social behaviour, getting into trouble with the police, or showing disaffection. The response from the young people has been excellent with many testimonials of which the following is typical:

*"What I like about the youth project is that it gives us a safe environment and it gives us a small group to work with and the leaders help us with problems and it gives us loads of stuff to do such as playing pool and table tennis and lots of other activities. I like it here because I have got on better at school. I get on well with the staff and I feel I can talk to them with trust".*

**If you would like to know more, or see if you could work with this project call Anife on 01252 727141.**

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### **Elmbridge Canoe Club Awards Evening**

Elmbridge Canoe Club held its annual awards ceremony at the end of November, and were delighted that Heather Hawker was present as one of the honoured guests.

Much publicity is given to the success of the elite athletes from this club. Ivan Lawler received a "Lifetime Achievement Award" for over a decade of International success: Anna Hemmings' 2001 double World Marathon Championship titles were recognised. But alongside these top achievers were the up and coming youngsters and those whose names rarely reach the headlines. Awards were made to the most improved juniors, the coaches and the volunteer helpers within the club.

Young people are recognised as the life-blood of the club and the sport; whole families are encouraged to become involved with club activities. This was an informal occasion when everyone's contribution to Club success was acknowledged, not least the financial assistance given by Surrey CVYS over the years.

For information on Elmbridge Canoe Club contact Mrs Di Lawler, Tel 01784 454772 or refer to website: [www.elmbridgecanoeclub.org.uk](http://www.elmbridgecanoeclub.org.uk)

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*If you would like to submit an article for this page on your group, please send to Jane O'Boyle.*

## **REVIEW OF THE YOUTH ACCORD**

A joint project between Surrey CVYS and the County Council is looking at the current and future links between the voluntary and statutory youth sectors, building upon the Youth Accord that was agreed in 1999. We want to draw upon examples of good practice, and look at what the County Council and Surrey CVYS should do to offer more support to organisations and leaders.

So, your views are important! The views of the voluntary sector have made a difference to the funding process, for example, and this is a chance to develop future priorities. The report will be discussed both by Surrey CVYS and the County Council Youth Service, and a summary will be in the May edition of this Newsletter.

We would be grateful if you would take a couple of minutes to fill in the short questionnaire overleaf.

Alternatively please email any comments to [david.groves@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:david.groves@surreycc.gov.uk) or fax them (FAO: David Groves) to 01932-570945. If you would like to meet David Groves, the project officer, and have more extensive input please call Sue Lee on 01932-570329 to arrange a meeting.



**Voluntary sector questionnaire**

How could the bidding and allocation processes work better? What criteria should

1) Please rate: The current County Council level of funding for the voluntary sector? The current ease of bidding for County Council funds? The administration of the County Council and Surrey CVYS? The criteria used for evaluating bids?	Very good	Good	Average	Poor	Very poor
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2) Are you aware of the Youth Accord? Please circle: YES NO  
If yes, please give examples of where it has had a positive or negative impact.

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3) What could the County Council and Surrey CVYS do to help the voluntary sector and its leaders further improve their services for young people? Issues could include leader training, recruitment/retention, equipment, and funding processes.

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4) How do you envisage your organisation, and Surrey CVYS, linking with the new Connexions Service? Would you like more input and information on this topic?

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Name:

Organisation:

Please return this by **4 February** to David Groves, c/o Sue Lee, Youth Service, Runnymede Centre, Chertsey Road, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 2EP or FAX 01932-570945.