

Integrated Youth Service - Youth Work Team

Report to Southern Wiltshire Community Area Board - 1st August 2013

Since returning from my secondment, I have focussed on re-establishing myself in the Community Area and undertaking a consultation on how to make best use of the resources that we have for youth work within the Community Area. The first fruits of this consultation are being presented in another agenda item in this Area Board meeting.

That said, I do just want to mention two other pieces of work. They are -

- **YAG (Youth Advisory Group)** - The purpose of the YAG is to bring together young people and adults from across the Community Area to identify issues young people face, discuss and then action possible solutions to these issues. We ran a pilot YAG before I went away on secondment and in July we held the first meeting since my return. There is work to be done to ensure that the YAG is truly representative of the whole of the Community Area, but our meeting in July was a good start.

- **Leisure Credits** - Hopefully you are already aware of the Leisure Credit Scheme, but just in case you aren't, this is a scheme where we organise work in the Community Area which young people undertake and earn Leisure Credits (the harder they work, the more credits they earn) and then use those credits to go on trips/activities which we organise. There are 8 work days organised across the Community Area this summer during which time we will discuss with young people what reward trips/activities they would like, we will then organise and run these trips/activities during the autumn period. We can have up to 10 young people on each work day and at the time of writing this report (11am on Monday 22nd July) we currently have 53 out of the 80 spaces filled, there are a number of young people I'm waiting to hear back from and I'm still getting at least one inquiry a day about this summer's programme.

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