

Integrated Youth Support Service

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All things change; nothing perishes. [Ovid, 43 BC - AD 17]

This newsletter's focus has previously been to inform staff of in-service developments and news. From the next issue onward we are pleased to share our news and announcements with a wider audience which will include elected members, Community Learning and partner organisations across Portsmouth.

I will be attending the AOB section of monthly team meetings to gather news of future events, projects and developments for each of the five teams as well as any good news stories about the young people you work with.

You are also welcome to submit any news items or stories directly to me:

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Employing Young People

A consultation exercise to produce a leaflet aimed at employers, promoting the benefits of employing young people will begin this month. Business Link South East have agreed to promote our online survey in their April newsletter which is being distributed to 170,000 business owners across the South East.

The survey has been created on our website:

www.iyssportsmouth.info/employersurvey

The survey will collate information from Employers across the South East on what they see are the advantages, or the restrictions, they perceive when considering the employment of young people in their business. The resulting leaflet will then promote the advantages and address any perceived 'disadvantages' such as training being too costly with information about Apprenticeships and the training provided by local training providers.

Another by-product of the consultation is that we will be promoting our services to the business community in and around Portsmouth.

Need a Job? What Next?

Our new guide to looking for and applying for work, help with writing CV's, interview tips, work experience and training is now available for distribution.

It was written by three members of the Targeted Youth Support Team: Emily Armstrong, Becky Conway and Jenny Bareford. They consulted with a group of young people in Portsmouth Foyer (some of whom can be seen on the front cover) on both the content and the design in two sessions. The first enabled the young people to comment on how the information was presented both in format and design. In the second session, the young people assessed a mock up of the finished booklet and made further amendments to design and picture choice. The resulting booklet is now available to download from our website and will be distributed to centres and agencies across Portsmouth:

www.iyssportsmouth.info/work/looking_for_work

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – APRIL/MAY

Time & Date	Place	Description
19 th – 24 th April		Depression Awareness Week Download their information pack to find out what you can do to help raise awareness.
29 th April	St Luke's Church	Haiti Earthquake Appeal concert, 6 – 8pm Tickets cost £1. (See article on page 3).
3 rd – 9 th May		Deaf Awareness Week is when organisations working with deaf people across the country are inviting everyone to ' Look At Me '. The theme aims to improve understanding of the different types of deafness by highlighting the many different methods of communication used by deaf, deafened, deafblind and hard of hearing people, such as sign language and lipreading.
19 th May	Highbury College	Highbury College Open Evening (Please note, this has changed from 6th May to 19th. See the article on page 3.)

New Resources

The following resources have been added to the Professional Practice Library in Medina House. If are not based in Medina House and you would like to loan any resources, please contact Medina House on 023 9228 8760 and ask for the item you would like to borrow to be put in internal post.

'STEM Choices A resource pack for careers education and information, advice and guidance practitioners', The Centre for Science Education, 2009.

Equality Britain working for an inclusive society – Directory of Opportunity 2010, Equality and Human Rights Commission 2010

Colleges Australia 2010 – everything you need to know about studying in Australia, Study Options.

Fire & Rescue Service Careers Pack, specifically targeted at girls aged 14 – 16 years old. Includes guidance booklet for careers guidance, DVD and power point presentation for careers sessions/assemblies and 'Hot', a magazine style careers booklet.

Youth Work No, April 2010 – Election Special – resources and activity ideas to help young people get to grips with politics and democracy.

Visit the practitioners section of our website for links to up to date resources and a **jargon buster**: www.iyssportsmouth.info/practitioners

The Prince's Trust

The new Team Programme will be starting on 17th May 2010 (closing date 7th May) based at Highbury College in Cosham.

The Programme is for UK residents **aged 16-25** who are unemployed and is ideal for those whose lack of confidence or qualifications are holding them back. The programme is a 12-week course which runs from Highbury College between 10am – 4pm, Monday-Friday.

Participants will gain:

- Practical skills that help in a job and in life
- Belief in accomplishments
- The chance to make a difference in your community
- A nationally recognised qualification
- Improved chances of moving into a job, education or training

If you or you know anyone who might be **interested** contact:

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Portsmouth's Online Family Information Service Directory

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Do you have a story about a young person, project or initiative that you would like to share?

Contact me if you have information you would like to share with your colleagues across IYSS:

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Or share it with me in AOB at your next team meeting. I will be attending all staff team meetings to pick up news of developments throughout the service.

News from our Partners

This new section will include news and announcements from partner organisations who want to share information with advisers.

Catch22 are pleased to announce the opening of their fifth outreach service in Buckland Community Centre. We will be offering sessions in preparation for work, drama, literacy & numeracy skills, work-based qualifications and the chance to do work experience placements. Other centers offering this programme in Portsmouth are Landport and Paulsgrove. The Pre-Apprenticeship programme will continue to run at John Pounds & Landport in Business Admin, Child Care, Sport & Recreation and - new to Catch22 - Customer Service.

Education Business Partnership

Selected students from Mayfield School and Charter Academy have again been participating in our Enhanced Support Programme for students on Extended Placements.

Students on this programme have the opportunity to take part in a Community Challenge if this is more suitable for them than work experience and a group from Charter Academy have taken this option and arranged a concert to raise funds for the *Haiti Earthquake Appeal*.

This involved arranging the venue, auditions, promotion of the event, including poster design, and catering for up to 200 people.

The concert will take place on Thursday 29 April from 6-8pm at St. Luke's church; tickets cost £1 and are available at the church on the evening. Refreshments will be on sale during the interval and there will also be a raffle.

Portsmouth College

A new **Outdoor Leadership Course for young people** who are currently not in education and Training started at Portsmouth College on April 20th. The programme is for four weeks and will include activities such as kayaking, land navigation and other outdoor pursuits. The course will focus on increasing participants self esteem and confidence and future progression in education, training or employment. Places are extremely limited (10) if you know any young people who may be interested, please phone 023 9266 7521 or contact becky.ansell@tpc.ac.uk



Highbury College

Highbury College are moving thier **Open Evening** from 6 May to **19 May**.

All three centers will be open to visitors who can meet our staff and take a look at our excellent facilities.

If it is not convenient for you to attend our Open Evening, please contact the college on 023 9238 3131 to make arrangements for a personal visit.

Give us your news

If you have an announcement or news item you would like to share with our advisers and staff, please contact us: iyss@portsmouthcc.gov.uk