

# Integrated Youth Support Service

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## Welcome to our newsletter for practitioners

**We would especially like to welcome new and returning elected councillors and take this opportunity to introduce our service to them.**

Portsmouth City Council's Youth Service, Play Service and Connexions service have merged to form the Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS).

- **The Play Service** offers a variety of play opportunities throughout the city in the form of open access play schemes, adventure playgrounds and various projects throughout the city.

We employ Youth Advisers in schools, colleges and information centres across Portsmouth who can give information, advice and guidance on issues young people may be faced with.

The following services are offered to all young people aged between 13 and 19 (or up to 25 for young people who have learning difficulties and disabilities):

- **Information, advice and guidance (IAG):** helping young people make the right learning and career choices and enabling them to make a successful transition into adulthood.

- **Positive activities:** consisting of things to do and places to go, including educational, cultural and recreational activities; sports, volunteering and participation.

- **Targeted youth support (TYS):** for vulnerable young people who may not meet traditional thresholds for statutory or specialist services but who, without help, are at future risk of further problems such as substance misuse, youth offending, teenage pregnancy and homelessness.

- **Business Support:** underpins the work of the other teams across the service providing administrative support, event management and information resources to the whole service.

## Future Jobs Fund

The integrated youth support service is happy to support the following young people through their work experience opportunity thanks to the Future Jobs Fund. Here are details of who they are, where they are based and who they are line managed by:

**Leanne Colwell** - Portsea Youth Club (Brenda Tregarthen)

**Matt Morran** - Sports projects (Simon Millington)

**Charlotte Cox** - Artzone (Chris Furness)

**Kirsty Hickley** - Brook Club (Jodie Blankson)

**Charlie Burton** - Buckland Youth Activity Centre (BYAC) (Mick Sully)

**Thor Tyrrell** - Outdoor Education (Amanda Littlefield)

**Matt Smith** - Portsmouth Youth Parliament and Young Money (Kat Jenkinson and Mark Harold).

**Matt Smith** joined the team on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May thanks to the Future Jobs Fund. He joins us as a Youth Adviser with **Portsmouth Youth Parliament (PYP)** from Monday to Wednesday morning and with **Young Money** from Wednesday afternoon to Friday.

Matt says "I'm having a really good time as part of the Portsmouth Youth Parliament and Young Money team. It's a good opportunity for me to get training in the areas of youth work that I would not normally be able to get and it also gives me the work experience in youth work and social work as this is what I would like to do as a career."

## 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:

Telephone: 023 9228 8776 or 8760

E-mail: [iyss@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:iyss@portsmouthcc.gov.uk)

Website: [www.iyssportsmouth.info](http://www.iyssportsmouth.info)

Or share it with me in AOB at your next team meeting.

## 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.

*'Accountancy – Resources for schools, ACCA, 2010* – includes a CD-Rom of all materials: case studies, factsheets, interactive activities which can be run with individuals or an entire class. The materials are suitable for years 9 to 11. Also available to download from [www.accaglobal.com/uk/join/tutors\\_advisers](http://www.accaglobal.com/uk/join/tutors_advisers)

*A guide to the workforce, Portsmouth Children's Trust, 2010* – a description of the many roles who support children, young people and their families in Portsmouth, including their responsibilities and contact details.

*Careerscope, Springboard, 2010* - magazines with occupational information on careers in:

- Pubs and bars
- Food & Service management
- Hotels

*Youth Work Now, June 2010* – This edition features activity ideas to spark discussion about keeping secrets and when to pass on information.

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

## Ask Sherlock

*Portsmouth's Online Family Information Service Directory*

Website: [www.asksherlock.info](http://www.asksherlock.info)  
 Telephone: 023 9269 5000  
 Fax: 023 9267 0032  
 E-mail: [asksherlock@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:asksherlock@portsmouthcc.gov.uk)



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – JUNE/JULY

Time & Date	Place	Description
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Southampton Solent University	<b>We Care</b> practitioners' event. 1 – 5.30pm. See May 2010 newsletter for full details or contact <a href="mailto:nina.farr@solent.ac.uk">nina.farr@solent.ac.uk</a>
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Miltoncross School	From 11am – 4pm Miltoncross school will be holding an <b>International Summer Fair</b> . There will be various stalls, entertainment from magicians, singers and dancers, food, car boot and activities. Local community groups will be providing information and activities, such as a presentation by EMAS on the work they do in Portsmouth.
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Fratton Park	<b>Skills and Careers Festival</b> organised by the Portsmouth & SE Education and Business Partnership (EBP). Exhibitors from a variety of industry and training sectors will be offering hands on interactive activities. This event is open to students from years 9, 10 & 11 from 8.45am – 5pm. For more information on this event please contact Jacqui Millar at Portsmouth EBP 023 9228 3442 <a href="mailto:jmillar@portsmouthebp.co.uk">jmillar@portsmouthebp.co.uk</a>
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Castle Fields	5 - 9pm <b>Party by the beach</b> for 13 - 17 year olds – see below for more information.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Arundel Street	<b>Communities' day</b> . A one day, one stop shop for information and advice on local community centres, facilities, support agencies, advice and community service providers. Demonstrating agencies will have displays and materials available for distribution to promoted their services and will act as a signposting exercise for awareness of resources and facilities around the city.

## Stats corner

In May 2010 the percentage of young people who are NEET (not in education, employment or training) was down **by 0.2%**.

### Monthly NEET – Portsmouth LEA - 2009/2010

Month	Adjusted NEET	NEET by residency.	Unknown's	National NEET Figures
September 2008	9.5%	9.7%		
November 2008	9.9%	7.5%		
2009				
January	9.7%	7.4%	7.6%	6.7%
February	9.5%	6.8%	7.0%	7.0%
March	10.4%	7.3%	5.7%	7.2%
April	10.2%	7.1%	5.3%	7.3%
May	10.2%	7.9%	4.1%	7.4%
June	10.4%	7.8%	3.7%	7.6%
July	11.4%	8.4%	4.3%	8.1%
August	12.5%	9%	4.6%	8.7%
September	9.5%	12%	47.5%	8.0%
October	11.1%	8.0%	22%	7.1%
November	11.4%	8.3%	12.1%	6.5%
December	11.3%	8.40%	10.1%	6.4%
2010				
	11.1%			6.7%
January	10.5%	7.1%	9.2%	6.2%
February	10.70%	8%	9.2%	6.4%
March	10.60%	8%	7.6%	6.5%
April	10.9%	8%	7.8%	
May	10.70%	7.90%	8.0%	
June				
July				
August				
September				

## News from our Partners

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

### Party by the beach

Portsmouth teenagers are being invited to attend a free party by the beach, taking place on 16<sup>th</sup> July at Castle Fields, Southsea from 5pm – 9pm.

Headlining the main stage will be 17 year old Charley McCauley who is playing Glastonbury and IOW festivals this year. Other performers will be young local artists. This alcohol/drug free event, hosted by Zoe & Gilly from Galaxy FM's Breakfast Show is the perfect way for teenagers to kick off their safe summer.

Youth Crime Prevention coordinator, Penny Robinson, is looking for volunteers to help with activities such as inflatable Sumos, penalty shoot outs, running the Mocktail bar and being on hand for young people.

Youth Advisers from Positive Activities team will be supporting the event. If you know anyone else who may be interested in volunteering, please contact:

Penny Robinson  
Youth Crime Prevention Co-ordinator  
Community Safety  
Floor 3, Core 1  
Civic Offices  
Guildhall Square  
Portsmouth  
PO1 2BY  
02392 688514  
07931 298714

[www.saferportsmouth.org.uk](http://www.saferportsmouth.org.uk)

## Job Shadowing opportunity – Close up on Community Wardens

As part of Learn@Work week, I had the opportunity to job shadow a community warden in the Charles Dickens ward area. I spent the day with Colin who was recognised and greeted by most people we passed in the street.

We checked out reported issues, such as fly-tipping (old wardrobes, etc) which were an environmental or fire hazard, graffiti, anti-social behaviour, noise and neighbour nuisance. We also checked out play areas and public spaces for damage or vandalism and Col reported this to the parks department or city helpdesk.

The wardens are a visible support for local residents. Although they do not have enforcement powers, they do enter into anti-social behaviour contracts (ABCs) with young people and their families which, if not adhered to, can lead to an ASBO. They work closely with the police in their beat area and with local community groups.

The wardens are also responsible for closing all of the parks in the city at dusk, which often involves asking large groups of young people to move on. People of all ages were happy to approach Col to tell him about anti-social or criminal damage they had witnessed. The wardens really are the eyes and ears of the community. They get involved in or organise activities with young people in their communities, particularly over the summer holidays, working in partnership with Positive Activities youth advisers.

*Tania Almond, Curriculum Development & Information Adviser*

## 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](mailto:iyss@portsmouthcc.gov.uk)