

# Integrated Youth Support Service

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## Welcome to our newsletter for practitioners

This edition contains focuses on news from our Positive Activities team and information provided by partner organisations on events and opportunities for both young people and practitioners.

### Do you have a story about a young person, project or information about an initiative or opportunity for young people that you would like us to share?

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MAY/JUNE

Time & Date	Place	Description
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Highbury College	<a href="#">Highbury College Open Evening</a> (Please note, this has changed from 6 <sup>th</sup> May to 19 <sup>th</sup> . See the article on page 3.)
31 <sup>st</sup> May – 5 <sup>th</sup> June		<a href="#">National Family Week</a> From picnics to fun fairs, story telling to sports days, find out what's happening in Portsmouth.
4 <sup>th</sup> May		<a href="#">World Environmental Day</a> - Stimulates worldwide awareness of environmental issues. The theme for 2010 is "Many Species. One Planet. One Future." Visit their website for activities and promotion items: <a href="http://www.unep.org/wed/2010/english/theme.asp">http://www.unep.org/wed/2010/english/theme.asp</a>
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	University of Portsmouth Students Union	<i>We Care</i> careers event for young people who are care leavers at the Students' Union from 6pm – 8pm. For details visit: <a href="http://www.iyssportsmouth.info/whatson/June2010.html">http://www.iyssportsmouth.info/whatson/June2010.html</a>
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Southampton Solent University	<i>We Care</i> practitioners' event. See page 3 for details.

## Focus on Positive Activities

### Hillside Young People's Centre

Following a short closure of the centre due to health and safety issues, the centre is now fully open again to young people. The re-opening has come at a time when young people are seeking out the support of youth workers following the tragic loss of three local young people who used the centre regularly. The centre opened from 1 – 8.30pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May following the funerals of two of the young people.

An olive tree will be planted by young people in the grounds of the centre in their memory.

Saturday activities at the centre are to be started soon.

### Outdoor Education Centre

Young people from a group working toward their John Muir Award have chosen to erect bat boxes at the Sustainability Centre where the group carry out their wild place project activities. The bat boxes are being erected in memory of Tommy Marsh and Tommy Elmes, both members of the Wednesday night group, who were tragically killed in a car accident recently.

The John Muir Award is an environmental award scheme which focuses on conservation of wild places. It encourages young people to enjoy the outdoors, get to know more about nature and wild places and do something to look after these places.

The Outdoor Education Centre runs an open access group on Wednesdays, a time-tabled activity in conjunction with local junior schools and PYOP. Young people can gain the Award at three levels – discover, explorer and conserver. The skills, confidence and experience gained can help them move onto Trailblazers or DofE Award. The John Muir Award can contribute to the COPE or ASDAN awards in schools.

## 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.

*'Foundation learning - a guide'*, - Quick guide to Foundation Learning, the national programme of learning at Entry Level and Level 1. This booklet aims to provide all schools, colleges and providers with the key information they will need about Foundation Learning as they establish this provision in every area in 2010/11, DCSF, 2010.

*'Delivering Sports, Arts and Culture Activities as part of the Friday/Saturday Night Youth Offer'*, DCSF, 2010.

*Youth Work Now*, May 2010 – This edition has a distinct focus on art from using old resources creatively in youth club sessions to online resources for arts and crafts. Other articles of interest:

- how intergenerational projects are helping break down the barriers between young and old residents.
- Design a youth centre.

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)



## Lightbox

An exhibition of creative photography by young people with learning difficulties and disabilities from Hillside and Hilsea Youth Centres was showcased in the D-Day Museum from Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

The 'Find Your Talent - PUSH project' had been running at both centres over the Easter school holidays. Staff took a group of young people from Hilsea Youth Club, and their parents, to see their work on display.

The work was completed as part of the Discovering D-Day Project which was also featured in a Celebration Evening at the D-Day Museum on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

## Rant Studio 1 – Band Showcase

94 young people attended performances by local bands on two Jules Holland-esque stages at the Charles Dickens Centre on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March. The event was open to 12 – 19 year olds for £1 and featured young people's bands Rorschach, The boy I used to be, The Guide, Evacuate the mind and others.

## Stats corner

### Intended Destinations

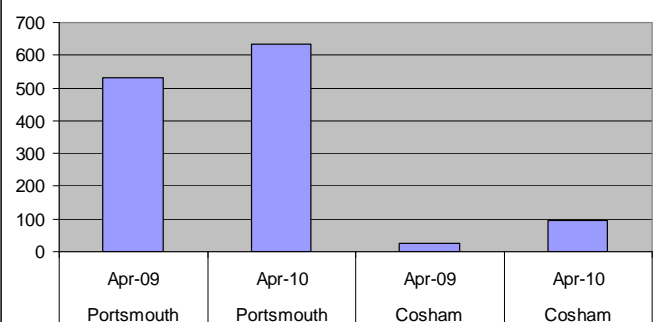
Portsmouth is currently standing at 2.37% with No Intended Destinations at present. Excellent results compared to areas close by.

### Go for it Centres

The centre in Portsmouth has seen an increase in caller figures from 532 in April 2009 to 635 in April 2010.

The Cosham centre, which first opened in April 2009 has seen a large increase in callers from 27 in April 2009 to 95 young people in April 2010. Please note: The Cosham centre is only open from 1pm – 4.30pm.

Comparison for Go For It centres for April 2009 & 2010



## News from our Partners

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

## Learning Links

*Summer Transitions* is a 7 week project commencing 12th July and running through to the 27th August. They are looking to engage with 70-80 referred young people during the 6 week period.

The project is geared towards Year 11 school leavers who have not secured a place for September 2010 and are likely to be NEET (not in Education, Employment or Training). It will be a 'roll-on, roll-off' programme on which participants will be required to have completed at least 3 weeks of activities in order to successfully complete and earn a monetary reward. The activities will include:

- o CV building, interview skills and goal setting workshops
- o Provider visits
- o Motorbike CBT approved training
- o Team-building/confidence building activities at Fairthorne Manor and Portsmouth Outdoor Activity Centre
- o Arts Award sessions leading to the Bronze Level Arts Award
- o Sports and Fitness activities leading to the Sports leader UK Day Award

The intended outcome of the programme is for the young people to secure a training, educational or apprenticeship opportunity.

For further information contact:

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## 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)

## Southampton Solent University – *We Care*

Are you working with students in or leaving care? Do you influence their choices about education? Are you supporting care experienced students attending university?

The free We Care practitioners event is an opportunity to network and meet professionals working with care experienced students in Hampshire and the IOW:

**Friday June 25, 13.00 – 17.30**

**Southampton Solent University Conference Centre**

The afternoon will include a keynote speaker from 'A National Voice' and the opportunity to meet the We Care Partnership team and learn about HE projects, as well as meet colleagues and find out what our region has to offer.

RSVP now to book your place (including a free lunch): [nina.farr@solent.ac.uk](mailto:nina.farr@solent.ac.uk)

## Portsmouth College

Places are still available on the **Outdoor Leadership Course for young people** who are currently not in education and Training. 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](mailto:becky.ansell@tpc.ac.uk)

## Highbury College

A reminder that Highbury College are moving their **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.