



CONNECT

Newsletter for Warwickshire Clubs for Young People

WELCOME

I hope you had a fantastic Christmas and New Year and you are all prepared for the year ahead. This edition of Connect is full of information



regarding a variety of issues and opportunities. In particular I would like to draw your attention to WCYP's Inaugural Golf Day. This is being organised by our Chairman, Pauline Haynes and our Vice Chairman, Angela Eadon and is a fantastic opportunity to network, have fun and raise some much need money for WCYP. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Pauline and Angela for their time and effort in organising this event.

This edition of Connect also contains important updates regarding the Vetting & Barring Scheme. This information is relevant to all of us who work with children and young so please take the time to read through it.

There are a number of other points for your interest such as a job opportunity at The Brady Club in Rugby, child protection training and information regarding the support of young carers.

The next six months are probably the busiest months for many of us in youth work, there is a whole host of events and activities taking place and a number of these are listed here. If you would like your club and young people to get involved please do not hesitate to contact myself or Graham in the County Office. I hope you find all this information useful and informative and I look forward to seeing you over the next few months.

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County Director

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Vetting & Barring Scheme update

Sir Roger Singleton's check leads to Scheme changes

- Government accepts all recommendations on Vetting & Barring
- Two million fewer adults required to register
- Foreign exchanges & international events will not be covered

Following a review of aspects of the new Vetting & Barring Scheme (VBS) the Government has accepted all of Sir Roger Singleton's recommendations to make sure that the Scheme protects vulnerable groups without getting involved in private arrangements between parents and friends.

Responding to Sir Roger's report *Drawing the Line*, published on 14 December, the Government pledged to make the necessary adjustments to the rules of the Scheme to ensure it strikes the right balance between protecting children and vulnerable adults without being unnecessarily burdensome.

It is estimated that once these adjustments have been put in place, the number of people who will be required to register with the Scheme will fall from 11 million to nine and a half million.

Sir Roger Singleton, the Chief Adviser on the Safety of Children and Chair of the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA), was asked by DCSF Secretary of State Ed Balls in September to check that the Government had drawn the line in the right place in relation to those who have to register with the Scheme because of the frequent or intensive nature of their contact with vulnerable groups.

Sir Roger recommended that private arrangements between parents and friends should continue to remain outside the Scheme, but where an organisation makes the decisions on which adults should work with their children then the requirement to register will apply.

The effect of Sir Roger's recommendations will be that:

- Where organisations such as schools, clubs or groups make the decisions as to which adults should work with their children or vulnerable adults then the requirement to register with the VBS should apply, subject to the frequent and intensive contact provisions.
- The frequent contact test should normally be met if the work takes place once a week or more (previously the test was if activity happened once a month or more). The intensive contact test should be met if the work takes place on 4 days in one month or more or overnight (previously the test was 3 times in every 30 days or overnight).
- Individuals who go into different schools or similar settings to work with different groups should not be required to register unless their contact with the same group is frequent or intensive.
- The minimum age of registration for young people who engage in regulated activity as part of their continuing education should be reviewed. The Government will make immediate changes to the rules so that the scheme will not require 16, 17 and 18-year-olds in education to register.
- Overseas visitors bringing their own groups of children to the UK, e.g. to international camps or the Olympics, should have a three months exemption from the requirement to register for the work they do with children they have

brought to the UK. This provides that they only work with their own group. Once they start work with other groups, then registration will be required.

- Exchange visits lasting less than 28 days, where overseas parents accept the responsibility for the selection of the volunteer host family, should be regarded as private arrangements and the Scheme will not require registration.

Further recommendations made by Sir Roger Singleton mean that the Government will also take action to:

- Consider whether private health practitioners, such as self-employed chiropractors and homoeopaths should be required to register. Current legislation allows them to register but does not require them to.
- Review the continuing need for 'controlled activity'. 'Controlled activity' is defined as a small number of activities where there might be opportunity for contact with children or vulnerable adults, such as working as a hospital or school receptionist, but falls short of the opportunities open to other roles such as nurses or teachers.
- Review the law and the Government's advice on when, in the future, workers who have already secured ISA registration, will have to get CRB checks.

Home Office Minister Meg Hillier said:

"I'd like to thank Sir Roger for his excellent work. The recommendations he made, which have been fully accepted by the Government, ensure that the Vetting and Barring Scheme strikes the right balance between keeping the most vulnerable in our society safe from harm and making sure we don't interfere in personal and family arrangements.

"The benefits of the scheme are clear - better sharing of information, portable registration status for employees and volunteers, and clear decisions on who is unsuitable to work with vulnerable groups.

"Parents and carers expect us to protect children and other vulnerable groups from harm. I am confident that the scheme does this in a proportionate and common-sense way."

For full details of Sir Roger's report and the Government response please visit www.isa.homeoffice.gov.uk.

Child Protection Training Opportunity NEW! WSCB Level 2 Training

Effective Child Protection Planning and Core Group Working – a 2 day training course.

The training will equip professionals with the knowledge, skills, confidence and ability to work effectively in core groups and authoritatively undertake their role and responsibility to be either a key worker or core group member. Details are attached with this newsletter. If you are interested in this opportunity please fill in the booking form and return to the address on the form.

Supporting Young Carers

The Princess Royal Trust for Carers and The Children's Society are jointly launching a new schools' resource entitled '**Supporting Young Carers – A Resource for Schools**' aimed at school staff to help them best identify and support young carers within schools. The overall aim is to remove the barriers faced by young carers so that they have the same access to education as their peers. The launch date will be Thursday 4 March 2010.

As part of our Communications and PR Plan to launch the resource to the national media and to raise awareness of young carers and education, we are issuing a survey to young carers to find out about their experiences in school. The statistics from this survey will provide us with the news 'hook'. We are hoping to get 1,000 responses from young carers in the next two months so we would really appreciate your help in promoting this survey to all the young carers that you support. There are only 14 questions and all of the personal information that they provide will be strictly private and confidential. The young carers will also automatically be entered into a competition to win an iPod Shuffle. The deadline for filling out the survey is 24 February 2010.

We believe this resource will really complement the work that your services are doing with local schools, and in order for us to secure national media coverage it would be great if you could promote the survey.

Please see link to survey - <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9N55H3B>. The survey is also available on the front page of YCNet - www.youngcarers.net.

Job Opportunity

ARE YOU A YOUTH WORKER LOOKING FOR A CHALLENGE?

Due to retirement a vacancy has arisen for the position of Club Leader from June 2010.

Do you have:

- Proven experience of working with young people?
- Strong leadership and people skills?
- Good presentation and negotiation skills?
- The ability to motivate and inspire those around you?
- The vision and dedication to enable young people to fulfil their full potential?
- An understanding of how a voluntary centre is run?
- The ability to work on your own initiative?
- Lots of enthusiasm, common sense and a good sense of humour?
- The ability to drive a mini bus?
- Fund raising skills and the ability to complete funding applications?

If so, The Bradby Club for Young People needs you...!

The right attitude, skills and knowledge are as important as any qualification. Salary will be negotiable, but inline with running a major full time youth centre.

For an application form please contact: Mrs A Ross, The Bradby Club for Young People, East Union Street, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV22 6AN or email bradby.club@tiscali.co.uk

Opportunity to play golf in a Special Golf Event

Warwickshire Clubs for Young People Golf Day

at

Stoneleigh Deer Park Golf Club,
The Old Deer Park, Coventry Road, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire CV8 3DR

Warwickshire Clubs for Young People Inaugural Charity Golf Day On Wednesday 21st April 2010

We would like to invite you to take part in WCYP's Inaugural Golf Day, in aid of our Charity, which we are holding at Stoneleigh Deer Park Golf Club.

The format of the day will be a Stableford competition; teams of four players. The cost to enter is £45 per person, which includes bacon roll and coffee on arrival, 18 holes of golf and presentation Dinner at 7:30pm. Mens, Ladies and Mixed teams are welcome.

If you would like to play but haven't a team of four players, we would be happy to organise players to join you.

There are ample sponsorship opportunities and we would be very grateful for further support. Perhaps fellow members of your management committee, friends or associates would like to sponsor a hole, nearest the pin or longest drive competition; details are listed on the Entry Forms.

We look forward to receiving your entry on the Form enclosed. If you can't make the Day but would like to support by the way of sponsorship, this would be much appreciated.

We look forward to receiving your reply and hope that you will help make this one of the most rewarding days in your golfing calendar.

For further details on any of the above, please ring our Chairman, Pauline Haynes on 01926 424491 or email on pauline@popterry.fsnet.co.uk

New Year Honours

In the New Year Honours List David Ray was awarded the M.B.E. for services to Rugby Union and to Young People in Rugby.

David is the Vice President of the Bradby Club and retired as Chairman last year after many years of committed and dedicated service to the Club. On behalf of all at WCYP and the affiliated groups I would like to congratulate David on this thoroughly deserved award.

Forthcoming Events

CYP Boxing

The West Midlands Preliminary Round is due to take place on Sunday 31st January 2010 at Triumph ABC, Tile Hill Lane, Coventry. Scales and Doctor open 11am – 1pm and Boxing starts at 1.30pm. WCYP shall be represented by 27 boxers from seven WCYP affiliated boxing clubs.

Glenborrodale

During February Half Term 2010, WCYP shall be working in partnership with The Bradby Club to deliver a residential experience to a group of young people who have attended the Bradby NEETs project. We shall be taking the group to the very remote Glenborrodale Outdoor Centre deep in the Scottish highlands.

Table Tennis

This event is due to take place on Saturday 27th February 2010 at Nuneaton Club for Young People. You can enter young people in the following age groups U12's, U14's, U16's and U19's. Keep an eye on your inbox for a full set of joining instructions or alternatively you can download them from our website.

Pool

This event is to take place on Saturday 13th March 2010 at Riley's Pool and Snooker Club in Coventry. You can enter young people in the following age groups U12's, U14's, U16's and U19's. Keep an eye on your inbox for a full set of joining instructions or alternatively you can download them from our website.

100 MCT Training

Training for the 100 Mile Canoe test is due to start in March 2010. Initial training shall consist of two swimming pool sessions at Warwick Boys School on 20th and 27th March followed by a number of sessions on various rivers in the local area. If you are interested in this event and would like more information please feel free to give us a call here at the county office.

SMT

This year we shall be taking a group of 8 young people from a number of WCYP affiliated clubs to Outward Bound in Wales. They shall take part in our annual senior member training leadership course which consists of a week of adventures outdoor activities.

Don't Forget

Medical, Consent and Participation Forms

This form must be completed by the parent/guardian of any young person taking part in any WCYP event.

This form must be returned to the County Office two weeks prior to the event. Failing to do this will result in the activity being postponed or any young person without a consent form will not be able to take part.

Please do not disappoint your young people.

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