

# OLDHAM YOUTH SERVICE

## TERMLY REPORT COVERING



ROYTON YOUTH CENTRE

# JANUARY – MARCH 2008

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## ANNUAL PROGRAMME TARGETS

|                          | Minimum Target | Actual to date |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Residential              | 1              | 2              |
| Interclub Visit          | 2              | 4              |
| Social Events            | 4              | 6              |
| Sport/Physical Challenge | 4              | 19             |
| Open Day                 | 1              | 1              |
| Workshop discussion      | 4              | 40             |
| International work       | 1              |                |
| Creative Arts            | 6              | 24             |
| Performing Arts          | 6              | 7              |
| Trips                    | 4              | 20             |
| Community Cluster Events | 4              | 4              |

## LINKING WORK TO THE CURRICULUM

| Key curriculum area                                | No of pieces of work undertaken this term |
|--|---|
| Personal and social skills, increasing aspirations | 5   |
| Empowerment, democracy and decision making         | 6   |
| Equality and diversity                             | 8   |
| New opportunities and challenging experiences      | 5   |
| Healthy lifestyles                                 | 9   |

Thanks to Partners Worked with this Term

- Brook Advisors
- West Penine Health Authority
- GMP
- Royton and Crompton School
- Area Action Team

## EXAMPLES OF GOOD PRACTICE

We continue to build on the previous success at the centre; birthday posters are displayed each month; the planned programme is adhered to, this has had a positive effect by encouraging the young people to organise what future activities they want to get involved with; the young people's involvement with planning future activities has assured the activities success and the commitment from the young people; more young people have learnt how to follow recipes and budget for ingredients cooking in the 'Snack Shack' and we continue to look for ways to accredit young peoples achievements through the AQA Award scheme, this has led to 87 of our members gaining qualifications through the centre.

Using art as a tool to discuss racism the young people produced posters to raise awareness of racism and warning against it, this art work was then displayed in the Spindle's Shopping centre in Oldham Town Centre; each young person involved gained a certificate as a means of thanks from the organisers.

### **Education:**

As our staff team become more familiar with the requirements of the AQA awards, we are more able to offer a wider range of activities that lead to qualifications to enhance our members progress files, as previously mentioned, 87 members have gained an accreditation through this format.

We continue to provide a programme of activities that will enhance the awareness of young people about issues that may affect their lives and so enable them to make informed decisions.

We have successfully completed another ACE project for Royton and Crompton School. The individual issues of the young people were identified and the programme was adapted accordingly. We are supported by the school and to ensure that the time we have with the young people is utilised fully, young people are chosen with similar issues, this enables intensive work to be done more efficiently.

### **Community Cohesion:**

The members of Royton Youth Centre took the opportunity to be involved with a football event organised by the police, this brought several schools and organisations together from across the Borough, the young peoples' evaluation of this day was very positive. The Community Cohesion Cluster events have gone well this term with young people from Royton and five other centres going ice skating and going to a Chinese restaurant, the young people who attended from Royton said that they had enjoyed these activities and had got on well with the other young people.

Other community members who attend activities at the centre during the day continue to provide additional resources to the centre; craft materials, books, magazines and more recently DVDs which contain 'lesson' plans to raise awareness of issues faced by young people who are living in poverty in other countries. This evidences the high regard that the community holds for the work that is being delivered in the centre and works to breakdown some of the negative stereotypes held about young people.

### **Equality:**

Within each term's programme of activities we plan work to raise awareness of issues caused by inequality. Not only do staff challenge inappropriate, oppressive language and behaviours but our members are able to challenge their peers successfully due to the work that they have been involved with.

**Empowerment/ Participation:**

More of our young people have been offered the opportunity to take responsibilities within the centre and we are training new senior members to contribute to our staff team. We continue to encourage our members to take active roles in the planning and delivery of activities in the knowledge that their participation adds to the success of the programme.

**Fun:**

There is something for everyone at Royton, art, music, cooking games, meetings and much, much more, there are opportunities to get involved with sports and try activities that they may not otherwise get to experience. The staff are committed and enthusiastic about their work, this shines through in their delivery and we appreciate it is easier to learn when you enjoy what you are doing.



## COMING UP

1. W.H.O? – activities to explore global health issues
2. The Spice is Right – curry and spicy food taster session
3. Back in the Day – young people to explore local history
4. Great Balls of Fire – Sexual health awareness activity
5. BOGOFF – young people to explore issues around fair trade
6. Can't think straight – young people to discuss homophobia
7. No smoke without fire – healthy lifestyle discussions around the negative effects of smoking
8. You Can't Live Here!!- activities to raise awareness of the issues faced by refugees

# Accumulative Involvement with Young People aged 13 –19

