

The following are information sites that we found when researching the information packs given out on the day:

www.thinkyounow.co.uk	<p>The Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre delivers a multi-agency service dedicated to tackling the exploitation of children. Our approach is truly holistic, our style is totally inclusive and our appeal is to everyone out there to work with us in making every child matter, everywhere.</p>
www.getsafeonline.co.uk	<p>A joint initiative between the Government, law enforcement, leading businesses and the public sector. Our aim is to provide computer users and small businesses with free, independent, user-friendly advice that will allow them to use the internet confidently, safely and securely.</p>
http://www.childnet-int.org/kia/	<p>Welcome to Know IT All, Childnet's multi award-winning suite of education resources designed to help educate parents, teachers and young people about safe and positive use of the internet</p>
http://www.digizen.org/	<p>Childnet's interactive game has been designed to act as a companion to the 'Let's Fight It Together' film for young people. The cyberbullying interactive is a resource that enables teachers to follow on from the cyberbullying DVD Lets Fight it together, and personalize and reinforce the learning from that film. Using the technology that children are using, the cyberbullying interactive allows children to log on to a computer and create their own character that goes into the same school where cyberbullying has taken place. Pupils have the opportunity to experience a day at school with the main character, Joe, and make decisions about how to help someone who is being cyberbullied. In the course of this they will find out how responsible a digital citizen they are and they will also find out more about keeping safe online. Lesson plans and activities to accompany this interactive are also be available for teachers.</p>
http://www.superclubsplus.com/	<p>Cybersmart Learning Channel' - giving children the opportunity to explore social networking tools safely in whilst learning about and identifying inappropriate content and information in a specially created learning area. Created in partnership with Australian Communications and Media Authority.</p>
www.nwlg.org/esafetygames/	<p>North West Learning Grid have created some e-safety games for their schools in the North West Region. They</p>

	are free to use for anyone that wishes to do so.
www1.orange.co.uk/education	The Orange website provides resources to guide safe and responsible use of Orange products and services, and help children and students to broaden their skills.
http://www.the121space.com/	Site offering monitored and managed social networking for families
http://network.youthworkonline.org.uk/	Resources and reports for youth work on-line.

The following information may be of help to some. The information is kindly provided by Sunderland YDG.

Sunderland Youth Development Group (YDG)

The Youth Development Group delivers and secures quality youth work across the city for young people aged 13-25 years that enables them to achieve their full potential and to respond critically to their everyday experiences of the social, cultural and political life in the city.

YDG are part of Children's Services, Positive Contribution and Economic Well-being Service.

We offer a variety of services and good sources of information (please see below). Alternatively you can also find information relating to positive activities and what youth provision is available across the city on our [letsgosunderland](http://letsgosunderland.com) website.

YDG also work closely with Sunderland Voluntary Sector Youth Forum.

- **YDG (Youth Development Group) Curriculum Award**

The YDG Award programme has been promoted throughout the service and is now being used by many youth workers.

Enrolment, monitoring and certification are through the Award Centre so keep those enrolments coming in.

The Team are available to deliver the workshop on use of the award on request.

For more information contact the Training and Accreditation Officer on (0191) 561 7810.

- **Young Community Leader's Course**

The Young Community Leaders Course is seen as an ideal opportunity for young people who may be actively volunteering in youth organizations throughout the city, and who have youth worker potential, getting that first foot on the ladder.

Aims: to provide a challenging and relevant training programme, for young people across the City of Sunderland.

Target group: young people aged 16–18 years who are already actively involved in statutory or voluntary youth activities in the City.

If you would like further information about the Young Community Leaders Course contact the Training and Accreditation Officer on 0191 561 7810.

- **Young People's Introduction to Youth Work Course**

Following on from the Young Community Leader's Course we now run an Introduction to Youth Work Course specifically aimed at young people aged 17 to 18.

For more information contact the Training and Accreditation Officer on 0191 561 7810.

- **The Youth Matters Team**

Youth Board – Volunteer Grant Makers

The Youth Opportunity and Capital Fund is a new funding opportunity that offers young people aged 13 to 19 more control and choice over opportunities available in their area. Young people are involved in both applying for grants and giving out grants to improve Youth Services and Youth facilities in Sunderland.

The Youth Matters Team are made up of four Youth Advocates and a pool of young grant making volunteers allocate grants. The youth board makes decisions about how funds should be spent on projects to improve things to do, places to go and people to talk to in their area.

The YMT are looking to increase its numbers and diversity within the team of grant makers. If you are interested in learning more about giving out money why not become a Young

Volunteer Grant Maker on our Youth Board?

For more information please contact the Youth Matters Co-ordinator on 0191 561 7471.

- **CAPACITY BUILDING**

The Youth Development Group, as the main provider, has a continuous programme of training for volunteers and staff leading to qualifications in youth work. With the development of Children and Young People's Services the demand for staff with youth work skills and qualifications has grown.

In order to meet this demand the Team continues to improve and increase its capacity building function through: the programme of bitesize or taster sessions; the programme of Introduction to Youth Work courses delivered across the City; the New Portfolio NVQ level 2 courses; and the introduction of an NVQ level 3.

The Team is continually seeking to identify and pursue funding in order to increase this function still further.

TRAINING

Introduction to Youth Work Course

Our Introduction to Youth Work Courses are aimed at unqualified staff and volunteers and are delivered on a rolling programme at various venues across the city. The Course is in three parts:-

- Taught course
- Minimum 15 hour placement in a Youth Work setting
- Completion of a 'Placement Pack'

Course Programme

The taught element of the course is delivered over 8 two hour sessions

- What is Youth Work and Methods and Styles of Youth Work
- Communication Skills and Appropriate Relationships
- Teenage Development – Transitions and Issues affecting Young People
- Substance Misuse
- Health & Safety
- Safeguarding
- Equal Opportunities
- Personal Development and progression

Placement

During the placement student's work through a placement pack

- Organization policies and procedures regarding Health & Safety and Child Protection
- The structure of the organization
- Support systems i.e. supervision and team meetings etc
- The Young People who use the project
- Recording and evaluating their work
- Their own Skills, strengths and limitations
- Evaluating the process

Final evaluation and assessment

- Following completion of the placement students attend a final session to evaluate the whole process
- Successful completion of all three elements is recognized through certification
- Students are given information on progression routes

The course is mapped to the Children's Workforce Development Council's (CWDC) Common Induction Standards for entry into the Children's Workforce.

- **Youth Work Qualifications**

The Youth Development Group is an Approved Centre for the delivery of City & Guilds qualifications.

New Portfolio – NVQ Level Two in Youth Work

What the Course involves:

There are three elements to doing an NVQ in Youth Work.

- The Taught Course
- Placement
- Assessment process and Portfolio Building

The taught course is delivered over a six month period as follows:-

- Induction Day – all day Saturday at the start of the course
- 26 weekly 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hour sessions delivered on Monday evenings 6-8.30pm.
- Equal Opportunities residential – Friday to Sunday – approximately halfway through the taught course

Placement

Candidates will need to be working (either paid or voluntary) for at least 5 hours per week in a youth work setting in order to be able to meet the workplace assessment criteria and to gather performance evidence for their portfolios.

Assessment and Portfolio Building

Candidates are allocated an assessor who will guide them through the portfolio building process

and assess their progress through the course. Candidates are required to compile a portfolio of evidence that they meet the standards for qualification.

Recruitment for the next course will take place in the spring for a June start date.

NVQ Level 3 in Youth Work

We are now looking to offer the Level 3 Qualification in Youth Work and are currently recruiting with a view to starting the course in April.

Candidates should already hold a level 2 and should be operating at Senior Worker level.

For more information on any of the above contact the Training and Accreditation Manager on (0191) 561 7417.

- **STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

In order to maintain a high quality, well trained and supported workforce, a primary function of the Team is to provide training and/or support to project managers, staff and volunteers involved in the delivery of youth services to young people in Sunderland.

The development of this training is informed by:

- Inspection recommendations and action plans
- National policies and agenda such as 'Every Child Matters' and 'Transforming Youth Work'
- Local policies and strategies such as the commissioning process
- Corporate agenda such as child protection and health & safety
- Local needs analysis
- Project and individual requests
- Consultation with the Sunderland Voluntary Sector Youth Forum

This programme contains information about training sessions, events and courses for which organisational details have been finalised. It also includes some basic information about events that are being planned for the future. Further updates will be issued throughout the year as events and details are finalised.

Following a review and evaluation of the staff development programme we have made some changes to the way in which much of our programme is delivered. Most of the 'core' elements such as child protection, health & safety and quality assurance procedures are being delivered to staff teams at an area or unit level where there are sufficient numbers for this to be viable. The Team are available to support the delivery of other area and unit based staff development training programmes on request.

The Team would welcome any input from staff, whether comments about the programme or

suggestions for future training.

Please contact the Training Team on (0191) 5617417.

- **TRAINING**

- **Senior Worker Training**

Following several requests from the field the Team are currently reviewing the Senior Worker training programme with the aim of delivering a two day course in March.

This training looks at the Roles and Responsibilities of the Senior Worker and is aimed at both those staff aspiring to the role as well as those currently operating as Senior Worker who may feel they need a refresher.

For more information contact the Training and Accreditation Manager on (0191) 561 7417.

- **Detached Youth Worker Training**

During September 2006 a working group formed to look at the current detached youth work guidelines for Sunderland, as well as a needs analysis regarding detached youth work. The working group will be tasked with putting together a training course for detached youth work, which will be ready for implementation by the spring of 2007.

Anyone interested in detached youth worker training or for more information contact the Training and Accreditation Officer on (0191) 561 7810.

- **Basic Expedition Leadership (BELA)**

Following the success of our BELA Courses another course is planned to begin in the spring subject to demand.

For more information contact the Awards and Accreditation Officer on (0191) 561 7419.

- **E-TRACS MIS Programme for OUT of CENTRE ACTIVITIES**

Aimed at all staff, this training is in the use of the new MIS system for carrying out risk assessments, logging, approving and monitoring Out of Centre Activities.

It is essential that all staff become familiar with the system and that the system is used universally.

This training can be delivered at Area or Unit level please contact the Awards and Accreditation Officer on 0191 561 7419 for further information.

- **Risk Assessment/Health & Safety**

Risk management and health & safety are the responsibility of all staff and it is essential that everyone keep up to date and keep this responsibility 'alive'.

This training can be delivered at Area or Unit level and can be combined with E-tracs training if desired.

For more information contact the Awards and Accreditation Officer on (0191) 561 7419.

- **Child Protection Awareness Training**

Aimed at all staff and volunteers who have not attended Child Protection training with the Youth Service within the last two years.

This year we have been delivering this training at Area or Unit level following requests from the field. So far we have delivered in:

South Area - The Box Project

North Area - SNCBC

East Area - HYPP

Coalfields North - The Hive

For more information contact the Training and Accreditation Manager on 0191 561 7417.