



**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICE REPORT AND  
DRAFT PLAN FOR 2005/6**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE IN RUNNYMEDE  
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**KEY ISSUE**

The report details Youth Development Service activity over the past 12 months and outlines the Borough Plan for 05 / 06.

**SUMMARY**

The report outlines the scope of the service in Runnymede and reviews provision during 04/05. The report also details the draft targets to be included in the Borough Plan for 05 / 06. This plan, along with the ten other Borough plans will be included in the Service Plan that is being taken to the Executive in the next few months

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Local Committee in Runnymede:

1. notes the achievements in 04 / 05 and,
2. comments on the draft Borough plan for 05 / 06.

## 1 INTRODUCTION and CONTEXT

### 1.1 Consultation process

- 1.1.1 In Runnymede the Youth Development Service uses an array of mechanisms to identify the needs of its client group. These mechanisms range from consultation exercises for young people to representation at officer level on the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and local Joint Action Group.
- 1.1.2 The Service also recognises that due to limited resources it is unable to meet all of those identified needs, but strives to work in partnership with other statutory agencies, as well as the voluntary sector and the Borough Council to ensure there is a balanced needs led provision throughout the Borough. Some of the consultation has been on-going and informal whilst some has been targeted.
- 1.1.3 A stakeholders consultation morning was held in November which was well attended with representatives from a wide range of service providers, voluntary youth organisations, elected members from Surrey County Council and Runnymede Borough Council and other partners.
- 1.1.4 The key issues coming out of that consultation were:
- Activities/opportunities for young people
  - Knowledge of activities (who, where, when etc.)
  - Information, advice and support
  - On going support
  - YP need to be promoted in positive way/ motivation
  - Transport
  - Facilities/cost
- Issues relating to infrastructure were also identified i.e: Resources, Recruitment, Marketing and Buildings
- 1.1.5 It is important to recognise that as a result of the government's publication '*Resourcing Excellent Youth Services*' there are some non-negotiable drivers that determine the direction and nature of the youth work delivered by the Surrey Youth Development Service. These drivers come with a set of national standards and objectives against which the service will be measured, monitored and inspected. In addition, much of the funding given to the Youth Development Service is required to be used against these objectives.
- 1.1.6 There are four key benchmarks against which the performance of statutory youth services will be measured.

- ✓ 25% contact with the resident 13-19 population
- ✓ 15% participation rate in youth of the resident 13-19 population
- ✓ 60% of participants in youth work gaining a recorded outcome
- ✓ 30% of participants in youth work gaining an accredited outcome

## 2. Key Drivers

2.1 The government has identified in '**Every Child Matters**' and set out in the Children Bill, five further outcomes for local authority Youth Services:

- **physical and mental health** ('being healthy'): so that they enjoy good health and a healthy lifestyle
- **protection from harm and neglect** ('staying safe'): so that their welfare is safeguarded and they know how to stay safe
- **education and training** ('enjoying and achieving') so that they enjoy and make good progress in learning, leisure and personal development
- **contribution to society** ('making a positive contribution'): so that they join in, take responsibility, and play a productive part in the community
- **social and economic well-being**: so that they have a good start in life and are able to achieve their full potential and secure employment.

2.2 Local authorities are also expected to demonstrate the effective involvement of young people in shaping provision and effective partnership working.

2.3 In response to these drivers the Youth Development Service has set out seven strategic objectives in it's Service Plan 2004/05:

Each Borough/District Youth Work Team will design and deliver youth work programmes addressing the needs of those young people who are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)

- Each Borough/District Youth Work Team will design and deliver programmes of diversionary activities to reduce the involvement of young people in anti social behaviour and criminal behaviour
- Each Borough/District Youth Work Team will promote 'Healthy Lifestyles' by delivering a range of youth work programmes including drugs/sexual health education.
- Each Borough/District Youth Work will provide a range of accredited programmes enabling young people's achievements to be recognised

- Each Borough/District Youth Work Team will work closely with Schools, Colleges and PRU's to reduce exclusions and drop outs
- Each Borough/District Youth Work Team will work towards the Youth Development Service provision being fully inclusive and to target specific groups of young people, i.e.: young parent groups, travellers, ethnic groups and young disabled people
- Each Borough/District Youth Work Team will ensure that young people are given opportunities for their views to be expressed and to be involved in the democratic decision making processes that affect them

### **3. What happened in 2004/05?**

- 3.1 The last year has not been an easy one for the Youth Development Service team in Runnymede. A combination of long-term absences and ill health has meant that the fulltime team and the admin support team has been short staffed for most of the year. In addition several key part time staff left the service leaving us with not enough staff to keep all our provision active throughout the year.
- 3.2 The position has improved and we have been successful in recruiting new staff, which will result in us being able to consolidate some of the good work that has been started and to develop new initiatives (see targets 05/06)
- 3.3 The following is a summary of what has been achieved in the last 9 months:
- 3.4 **WORK IN SCHOOLS:**

#### **Duke of Edinburgh Award**

Have Bronze, Silver and Gold groups running across Borough, almost one group in every school, some have two. Accredited Learning.

#### **PIONEER**

School inclusion programme that runs for one academic year. Aims to enable young people to remain in full time mainstream education by giving them training in managing their own behaviour i.e. anger management, self esteem, communication skills etc Accredited learning through D of E and Open College Network. Running in Jubilee High, Magna Carta and Fullbrook schools across Borough.

#### **Peer Mentoring training**

Training for young people in yrs 10 and 11 in basic listening and responding skills. Enables older young people to support their peers, listen effectively, and work with them to cope with any problems they may have in the first year of a new secondary school. Accredited learning. Delivered

2 groups in Sir William Perkins School. Have agreement to run again next year.

**Anger Management Programme**

A six-week intervention running in schools across the Borough. Aims to give young people choices about their behaviour and an opportunity to explore new ways of dealing with a normal emotion which may be impacting upon school and home life, using positive role modelling and role play to re-enact situations and review individuals responses to the situation. Accredited learning. Has been delivered in Magna Carta School and Sir William Perkins.

**Self Esteem Programme**

A six-week intervention running in schools across Borough. Aims to give young people a chance to explore self worth and to acquire positive self talk skills, effective communication skills, and assertiveness skills. Accredited learning. Has been delivered in Sir William Perkins School and Magna Carta.

Drop in - Schools

Offered in some schools across the Borough

A referral system for schools to receive support form Youth Dev Service for particular young people, identified by school as needing extra support. Is being run in Jubilee High School.

**1:1 Mentoring**

Individual young people referred by EWO/Teachers/ who need regular 1:1 support within school. Is being run in Magna Carta, Sir William Perkins School, Jubilee High School.

**PAYP**

Positive Activities for Young people

Government funding for targeting young people at risk during school holidays. Provides funding to enable these young people to have diversionary activities out of school. Referrals form social services, crime prevention team, Caps team etc. 23 young people currently on referral data base.

**RYAT**

Runnymede Youth Are Talking. Borough Youth council open to all members of Borough aged 11-19 years. Looks at local issues and gets involved with local decision-making. Offers a voice for young people in the borough.

**Training packages**

Training modules offered to schools to enable staff to acquire youth friendly skills i.e.: Motivation training- How to motivate groups of young people. Currently being offered in all schools across borough

### 3.5 WORK IN NORTH RUNNYMEDE:

#### Egham Youth Centre

Egham Youth Centre is currently undergoing change. A new staff team has now been recruited and a new programme is being established. Historically the Youth Centre has been open on two evenings a week for open youth work where activities take place. During the lunchtime, the centre is open twice a week for students from Strodes College, Brunel University and Royal Holloway College.

All of these projects were well attended by young people before the summer holiday and similar work will continue once the new staff team has been trained. The centre has good facilities and therefore the programme that can be offered there is broad and has included music workshops, arts work and sports. Young people from this project also went on a residential in July 2004.

A gig run by young people with the support of youth workers was a recent highlight for Egham Youth Centre. The young people use the workshop at Egham for rehearsal and they came together to provide a brilliant Saturday evening of live music. Five bands played and over two hundred young people attended the gig.

Egham Youth Centre is also home to *Tuesday Club*. This is a project for young people who have learning disabilities. As with all youth work it provides personal development opportunities and in particular focuses on developing skills for independent living. This project is open to young people aged 13-23, which is documented later.

#### Pooley Green Youth Project

Pooley Green Youth Project supports young people with the transition from primary to secondary school. This project recruits young people from the primary schools in Egham which feed into The Magna Carta School. The project has been very popular with young people and meets at the Hythe Social Centre so is very easy to travel to. A range of activities have been provided within this project including arts, cooking and sports. The young people have also participated in trips and visits e.g. to theme parks, the theatre and bowling.

This project has also suffered from the staff shortage, but now, as with Egham, we have recruited a new staff team.

#### Englefield Green Youth Centre

Englefield Green Youth Centre is very well established and regularly attended by nearly 30 young people. They have a good staff team which runs drop in sessions twice a week for young people. The young people also take part in Duke of Edinburgh Award, RYAT and trips & visits.

There is a Young Mothers project which runs on a Tuesday at the centre.

### 3.6 WORK IN SOUTH RUNNYMEDE:

#### Addlestone Youth Centre

This is another well-established provision, with more than 40 young people attending on open youth work evenings. The weekly programme is outlined below:

Monday evening: Junior Club\* for Year 7's (as of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2004)  
 Tuesday evening: Senior Youth Session for Year 8's & up  
 Wednesday afternoon: Study Support for Years 10 & 11  
 Wednesday evening: Senior Member Training  
 Thursday evening: Project Night\*\*

\* This project is being run by a group of 11 young people who are aged 15/16 with the support of youth workers. The young people have been working together since February 2004 and have all taken part in the Senior Member Training Course and planned the project themselves. This project has been supported by Surrey Clubs for Young People.

\*\* Project night provides the chance for young people who would like to work on something specific to come and do so in a small group. The projects are time-bonded and usually last for 6 weeks.

Addlestone Youth Centre is also home to Runnymede Young Carers' Group

#### Chertsey Youth Project

Chertsey Youth Project has existed for 4.5 years. It developed from the research project that was carried out in 1999 to establish young people's needs and wants. Since then the project has gone from strength to strength and now provides local young people with a range of personal development opportunities.

The staff team is experienced and consists of 5 part-time staff and the Full-Time Youth Worker. The staff are busy delivering youth work on several nights each week where young people choose to be e.g. in the park, at the train station, in both Chertsey and Addlestone and also facilitate a range of projects, including an arts group, young women's project, lad's project, pre-employment work, babysitting courses, work with school refusers, residentials, sexual health work and a magazine project.

They are also continuing work on the building project at the pavilion at Gogmore Farm Park, which will be open for youth work in February 2005.

Several targeted projects have taken place during the year including:  
 Sexual Health Drop-in ( in partnership with the Health Authority)  
 Pre employment project  
 Senior Member training ( in preparation for them running a junior session at Addlestone Youth Club)  
 Study support group  
 Graffiti project (currently on display next to the Police Station)

New Haw Youth Project

This is a partnership project with the voluntary sector and the Library Service which averages 30 young people a week.

Addlestone Canoe Club

One session a week is funded by the Youth Development Service to ensure appropriate opportunities and challenges for young people.

**3.7 BOROUGH WIDE PROJECTS****Rapid Response Team**

Two detached youth workers have been appointed to the newly created Rapid Response Team. They will be managed by the Youth Development service but will be tasked by the Runnymede JAG to respond to identified 'hot spots' that are giving cause for concern or are perceived to be causing 'fear of crime'

**Young Parents**

There are two young parents groups in Runnymede. Both are well attended.

**Runnymede Young Carers' Group**

This project meets fortnightly for young carers aged 8 -16. It is run in partnership with Surrey Young Carers.

**4. Targets for 2005/06****4.1 WORK IN SCHOOLS:**

- 1) Establish non-attenders project based in Gogmore & Egham YC
- 2) Deliver PAYP across the Borough with activities centred around school holidays
- 3) To support delivery within Schools of appropriate sexual health and drugs and alcohol training sessions.
- 4) To offer modules in Drugs and Healthy Lifestyles to all Schools within Borough
- 5) To increase the number of opportunities for young people to gain accreditation for their work
- 6) To set up schools work team both as a D of E unit and Access organisation so that all Borough wide YP can have work accredited more easily with sectional Certificates
- 7) To maintain and develop contact with young people in all Borough secondary schools



- 8) To establish a regular liaison strategy with Secondary Schools
- 9) To maintain success of PIONEER Inclusion Programme and to establish new year groups for 2005 induction. To start, PIONEER in at least 1 new school in 2005 as well as maintain our presence in the current three schools
- 10) To provide 1:1 mentoring support for young people facing problems in schools across the Borough
- 11) To develop programmes for young disabled people
- 12) To establish young people's involvement in the planning of their programmes
- 13) To continue to develop the Borough Youth Council
- 14) To increase participation in UK Youth Parliament

#### **4.2 WORK IN NORTH RUNNYMEDE:**

- 1) Appoint Leader in Charge at Egham YC
- 2) Re-establish two regular drop-in nights at Egham
- 3) Build on the success of the Bands Night and develop on going music project at Egham
- 4) Establish X-active project offering challenging physical activities to young people
- 5) Ensure all new staff receive proper induction and training
- 6) Explore possibility of drop-in session in Hythe Community Centre
- 7) Promote Transition Project (year 6 to year 7) via parents and Primary Schools now that new staff are in place
- 8) Continue to consolidate all existing provision
- 9) Refurbish Egham Youth Centre to provide better, more modern, attractive, DDA compliant provision.
- 10) Establish Sexual Health Drop-in

#### **4.3 WORK IN SOUTH RUNNYMEDE:**

- 1) Formal opening of Gogmore Farm Park Pavilion as centre for youth work (Feb 2005)

- 2) Complete phase two of building work at Gogmore (provision of café run by young people)
- 3) Establish programme of activities and targeted projects in line with Service objectives at Gogmore
- 4) Rapid Response team to 'go live'
- 5) Explore the development of provision at Addlestone Canoe Club.
- 6) Continue to consolidate all existing provision

#### **4.4 BOROUGH WIDE**

Contribute as an active partner to all appropriate partnership groupings i.e;

Single Group for Young People  
Runnymede Joint Action Group  
Community Incidents Action Group  
Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership  
Runnymede Youth Are Talking  
Multi Professional Team

#### **5. CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 This report outlines the key activities undertaken in Runnymede by the Youth Development Service in the past year, and looks ahead to targets for the service in 2005-6.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

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