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SERVICES IN CARMARTHENSHIRE**

# **Priorities 2011**

**by Carmarthenshire Youth Council**



## Life On Our Streets

### New Priorities Identified

What we found out	What we think needs to be done
Change the way police officers speak to young people / Get to know the police	Encourage police offers to attend youth events and projects, in order for them to see young people in a different light, and change their attitudes towards them
More safe places to hang around	More part time youth clubs should be open more often and later, especially in villages that young people have nothing to do. Raise awareness of youth clubs and facilities
More information on how to be safe	Make information more accessible to young people across the county using different methods.
More information on anti-social behaviour	Make information more accessible to young people across the county using different methods
Reduce solvent abuse	Make information more accessible to young people across the county using different methods

### Outcome Achieved to Date

What We Found	Proposed Outcome	Comments
Underage drinking is a problem.	To provide more diversionary activities for children and young people to get involved in during hours where antisocial behaviour and crime is more frequent.	<b>Quay Centre</b> CCC have had WAG Capital funding to use the Quay Centre, Carmarthen as: <b>Dr M'z</b> Funding has been made available to support Dr M'z refurbishment of Carmarthen Athletic Club. <b>Burry Port</b> There is a site survey at the Tom Scott Yard site which is owned by CCC. Proposed plans to build a new purpose built youth facility next year - not confirmed,
Not enough police officers visible on the streets	Police need to interact with children and young people in positive ways by attending schools and youth clubs.	Police restructure taken place. Since Sept 2009 new Customer Service facility available to deal with lower priority calls resulting in higher visible policing. Initiative from WAG to encourage School Liaison Officers (police) to be aligned with Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT).
Not enough information about ASBO's	Young people friendly information on ASBO's need to be provided to reduce street myths.	<b>Intergenerational Workshops delivered around the county</b> <b>ASBO Leaflet</b> (creation of an information leaflet on ASBO's so that parents and young people have accurate information.)

## Live and Kicking

### Outstanding Priorities

What we found out	What we think needs to happen	Progress / Comments	Action to be taken (as result of meeting)	By Who
Sexual health education in schools is targeted to late.	Sexual health lessons need to be taught earlier and suitable for the age group.	Contact Rachel Jenkins (CCC PSE Co-ordinator) Link with School Councils to bring this issue to the fore front in each school. CYC will be the leads in a School Council Project with the aim of: * visiting all Secondary School Councils and a sample of Primary Schools. * Carry out a research project using survey monkey. * Identify what support School Council may need.	Include issue into School Council Work being carried out.  Up date partners on School Council Work	CYC CYPP MM & PB CYC CYPP MM & PB

### New Priorities Identified

What We Found Out	What We Think Should Happen
Youth service to raise profile of topics such as smoking, STI's	Educational workshops on smoking, drugs etc delivered by professionals should be made available to all young people not only in PSE Lessons.
Access to good health and advice services for people in schools, colleges and youth clubs etc.	School nurses should be available in schools and colleges to answer any burning questions that young people have.

### Outcome Achieved to Date

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Sexual health services need to be more accessible to young people.	Sexual health services need to review their opening times and accessibility to young people (for example evenings and weekends)	Information on other sexual health services (condom distribution, Youth Health Team) will be made more visible to young people.
Leisure Centres and gyms are too expensive.	Subsidies need to be introduced for young people to access leisure facilities.	CCC currently have discount schemes for young people - Saver Cards: Information on Saver Cards to be passed on to young people and SP

Health services available in Carmarthenshire need to be advertised better.	Improve advertising for health services to inform young people.	Sexual Health clinic time tables have been published in Carmarthenshire Youth magazine and various website for young people to access. A number of events have taken place called Carmarthenshire Junior Health Council
Year 12 and 13 students do not have access to PE lessons or activities.	PE should be made compulsory to Year 12 and 13 <sup>th</sup> Students or at least PE sessions should be built into time tables as an option.	5x60 officers in each school. Raise awareness/advertise physical activities available to year 12 and 13.

## Reaching Our Goals

### Outstanding Priorities

What we found out	What we think needs to happen	Progress / Comments	Action to be taken (as result of meeting)	By Who
Access to a Counselling services needs to be available in each school.	Pupils need to be consulted and involved in the development and review of the School Counselling Service.	<p><b>School Councils</b> SP has contacted Angela Davies and discussed methods to include young people from School Councils to be involved in the monitoring and evaluation of the Counselling Service.</p> <p>SP provided Angela Davies with School Council Link Teacher contact list.</p> <p><b>Feedback</b> Currently only having feedback from Counselling Service provider AREA 43.</p>	CYC to discuss in next meeting and provide feedback to CJ to take back to the School Counselling Service Group.	SE

### New Priorities Identified

What We Found Out	What We Think Should Happen
All children and young people deserve equal opportunities and educational rights	Check what measures are currently in place to ensure that all children and young people have equal opportunities and educational rights and make children and young people aware of them.

School based counselling should be better advertised and more accessible. (young people should always have someone you can talk to in confidence)	Need to promote School Counselling Services better so young people know they have someone to talk to and reduce waiting list. School based counsellors need to be made available before and after school and also during breaks so that young people can speak to them without missing lessons
Children and young people need to know their rights (UNCRC)	Children's rights should be compulsory for PSE lessons
Links between schools and area Youth Forums need to be improved.	Need better promotion of area youth forums and CYC.
Youth work should be a service for all young people aged 11-25, what prevents this from happening? (For example, not every school pupil realizes that there is a youth worker in their school)	Better promotion of the youth service and services working with young people. Get rid of the stereotypical element to the youth service, e.g working with bad behaved young people specifically
Provisions and standards of school toilets should be standardised for all schools.	Council to arrange an inspection/review of school toilets and address the issues raised. School toilets should be accessible at all times and suitable for use.
Pupils should be involved in building plans	Consult with pupils about building plans, set up a focus group
Young people should be encouraged to get into higher education	Professionals need to inform pupils in schools on what options they have when they leave school
Everyone should be heard and listened to	All adults working with young people need to promote and practice participation and make sure young people access their rights.

### Outcome Achieved to Date

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School lessons need to be taught in different ways to suit everyone's learning needs.	Young people need to be made aware of 14-19 Learning Pathways and policies affecting our education.	<b>Online Learner Survey</b>  <b>Raise awareness of the 14 – 19 Pathways through:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Information Day</li> <li>* Booklet/leaflets to all students when choosing their options.</li> <li>* Websites</li> <li>* ensure that staff are aware and pass on information.</li> </ul>
Training should be offered and viewed as a career pathway and not as a "drop out" option and there is a lack of opportunities for long term training schemes (apprenticeships) so that young people can become qualified while having experience of the career.	Carmarthenshire County Council should lead the way in providing financial support and opportunities for apprenticeship schemes for young people.	3 new Youth Worker trainee posts (Future Job Fund) for young people aged 18 – 25 years old are currently out for advert.  CCC has approximately 80 other trainee opportunities as part of the Future Jobs Fund.  To explore the possibilities of involving young people in interviews.

Access to a Youth Worker in each school.	School Youth Workers need to make themselves known and inform pupils of their roles in every Secondary School in Carmarthenshire.	Poster to be created for each Schools Youth Worker to be placed in each School and college.
Specialists should deliver PSE modules (Sex education, drugs awareness etc) not teachers with up to date resources.	Partnership working with outside organisations needed to be developed by some schools to provide pupils with up to date resources and information from professionals.	<b>UNCRC</b> Following My Generation youth conference SP and Carmarthenshire Youth Council have been involved in delivering many UNCRC Children's Right Workshops to schools and Colleges.  Continue to share resources and information.
School transport is a "postcode lottery" and unfair as it is very expensive.	School transport should be free for all pupils accessing education.	<b>3 Mile Rule</b> - CYC have been researching this issue and have been informed by WAG that local authorities have statutory obligations to provide transport for those living over 3 miles (or 2 miles if under 8yrs old) but they also have discretionary powers to provide more if they wish.

## Leave Only Footprints

### Outcome Achieved To Date

What We Found	Proposed Outcome	Comments
Public transport is expensive and transport links from some areas are poor.	£2.00 all day bus ticket for under 18's needs to be brought back and develop a "Phone a Bus" to support people living in rural areas.	<b>Bwc-a-Bus</b> A meeting has been arranged with Bwc-a-Bus Project Co-ordinator to discuss how more young people can be informed of the scheme <b>Regional Transport Plan</b> - when approved by WAG will be available to develop more schemes to support rural transport problem.
Recycling schemes and access to recycling points are a "postcode lottery".	Recycling Schemes need to be equal across the county with information on recycling points being accessible and available.	<b>Recycling Schemes continuing to improve</b>  <b>CIVIC Amenities / Recycling Sites can be adopted by community groups who can benefit from sale of recycling.</b>

Alternative energy sources need to be encouraged for a green future as young people are enthusiastic about making a difference to our future.	Projects need to be developed and supported to encourage children and young people to become involved in environmental projects (e.g tree planting, river cleans, wind turbines etc)	Individual organisations responsible for passing on and advertising information to young people.
Schools need to be energy efficient and teach us about sustainability and environmental issues	Lessons need to be available to children and young people on sustainability and environmental issues	<b>1010 Project</b> School councils encouraged to sign up to the 10:10 project to reduce their carbon footprint.

<h2>Our Future</h2>	
<h3>New Priorities Identified</h3>	
<b>What We Found Out</b>	<b>What We Think Should Happen</b>
More volunteering opportunities for training and jobs (Young people are not aware of volunteer services that are available)	Partners should work together with other organisations to create more volunteering opportunities for young people. Advertise and promote volunteering services within schools ad collages and any other young people organisations.
Voluntary work should be encouraged for all pupils	Schools should encourage volunteering
Young people should have access to long term training e.g. on the job training / apprenticeships.	Provide more opportunities for apprenticeships by working with local businesses.
Lack of right information	Professionals should make sure they provide accurate and up to date information on volunteering, careers, jobs and any other info that is relevant to young people