

## PARTICIPATION SUB GROUP

### Summary of Key Issues:

CYPT members are asked to:

- Note progress towards planning and implementing the **C&YP Survey**
- Note progress towards setting up the **Oxfordshire Youth Parliament**, with its first meeting on 16 March 2009
- Align topics for discussion at the **Sounding Boards and ChYPINs** more closely with prioritised topics which are agendered for discussion at the CYPT

### Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Survey 2009

The second Children and Young People's Survey is planned to take place between March – May 2009, to follow up the information gained from the 2007 Survey, which included over 6,500 C&YP aged 4-16 from 35 schools (see Nov 2008 CYPT paper).

CYPT members are asked to note the following updates:

- Tenders have been requested for a Market Research Company to undertake the survey
- The Questionnaire design is being worked up and partners will have an opportunity to comment on this prior to its confirmation
- A Partnership Agreement has been drawn up formalising the arrangements for partnership funding from District Councils, Health and Police
- A 2-tiered approach has been agreed, which allows for all partners to receive basic reporting and an enhanced package for partners contributing towards the cost of the survey
- The Survey will run between March – May 2009 in 5 cohorts from aged 4-19 and will include colleges and 6<sup>th</sup> forms

- Questions will complement TellUs3 and give more details to supplement these and JAR/APA findings
- All schools will be invited to take part, where there are gaps in relation to spread etc, a targeted approach will be used to encourage key schools to participate.

### **Oxfordshire Youth Parliament (OYP) and UK Youth Parliament**

A co-ordinator has been appointed to set up both the Oxfordshire Youth Parliament and the UK Youth Parliament.

The CYPT is asked to note:

- OYP's will meet 4 times p/a and will rotate its meetings across District Councils, County, Health and Police venues
- The first OYP meeting is on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at County Hall
- One elected representative is invited from all mainstream and independent secondary schools, FE colleges, Hospital, Meadowbrook, Special and Virtual schools in Oxfordshire
- A Chair will be elected at the second meeting of OYP. A transitional arrangement will involve the current Members of the national Youth Parliament taking on leadership roles
- Elections for both the UK Youth Parliament and for OYP are taking place in February 2009 in schools. This year they have been separated to avoid confusion, but in future it is anticipated there will be aligned elections.

### **Sounding Boards and ChYPINs**

The Participation Sub-Group recommends that both the Children and Young People's and the parent/carers Sounding Boards and ChYPIN topics should closely match the CYPT agenda, so that they can most usefully inform the debates.

Members are asked to note the following meeting dates and align topics with future agenda items:

Sounding Board                      18 May 2009

Sounding Board	8 September 2009	
Sounding Board	15 December 2009	
ChYPIN 6	summer date tbc	Oxfordshire Outside
ChYPIN 7	15 <sup>th</sup> October 2009	Extremism, diversity, gangs, groups

The new **Parent/Carer Sounding Board** is now establishing itself, with a first meeting on 3 April 2009. This will consider two key issues: the involvement of parents/carers within the new area structure and the Baby P case. For more information on the Parent/Carer Sounding Board, contact: [antonia.bremble@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:antonia.bremble@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

A C&YP **Sounding Board and ChYPIN Feedback Review** is being undertaken, which requests senior officers to specify the changes made as a result of the feedback given by children and young people over the last 5 years of Sounding Boards and ChYPINs. The findings of this review should be available by April 2009.

### **V-Talent Year**

Oxfordshire was successful in its bid for v funding for a project which will involve giving 30 young people aged 16-25, full time volunteering experiences over 2 years within Children, Young People and Families Directorate. The focus is on giving these volunteers (30% in Year 1 and 50% in Year 2 will be NEET), an experience of working within children's services as well as gaining NVQ Level 2 qualifications and support for transition to further education, training or employment within children's services. For more information about v contact [alison.partridge@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:alison.partridge@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

### **A new Children and Young People's Disability Forum**

A new C&YP Disability Forum has been established to ensure that the voices and views of disabled children and young people are strengthened within the CYPT. For more information about the Forum, contact: [michele.eyre@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:michele.eyre@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

### **Takeover Day 2008**

A second successful Takeover Day was held in Oxfordshire, with 100's of children and young people involved and some very exciting 'takeovers'. A report will be available at the CYPT meeting.

## **The CYPT Participation Sub Group**

The next CYPT Participation Group meeting will be on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 3-4.30pm. District Council, Health and/or Police representatives are welcome to attend these meetings.

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