

## PARTICIPATION SUB-GROUP FEEDBACK

### Summary of Key Issues:

CYPT members are asked to:

- Note updates on Oxfordshire Youth Parliament, OYE! (Disability Forum), the C&YP Survey, **vtalent** year programme and the Celebration events.
- Note the election of 3 new members of the UK Youth Parliament and to encourage greater engagement of local schools in next years elections.
- Note the dates for the Oxfordshire Youth Parliament meetings for 2009.
- Note that a short 6 minute film made by YP on Takeover Day will be shown prior to the CYPT meeting over lunch.

### 1. Elections of UK Youth Parliament

Elections for the UK Youth Parliament were held across Oxfordshire during the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009. The announcement event was held on 13<sup>th</sup> February with 3 new MYP's and 2 new and one re-elected DMYP. They are:

	2008/09	2009/10
<b>Cherwell/West</b>	MYP: Reece Fox DMYP: Nathan Sinclair	MYP: Sam Hatzigeorgiou DMYP: Nathan Sinclair
<b>City</b>	MYP: Tiffany Williams DMYP: Lisa Banerjee	MYP: Tyrone Steele DMYP: Karim Kahn
<b>South/Vale</b>	MYP: Chris Tolley DMYP: Sarah Fleming	MYP: Rachel Howe DMYP: Helen Walker

This is the second year that UKYP elections have been held in Oxfordshire. It is a complex process, relying heavily on the goodwill of schools and Oxford City and District Council partners, some of which support the initiative very actively.

A review of progress to date shows:

	<b>2007/08</b>	<b>2008/09</b>	<b>2009/10 targets</b>
<b>Total candidates standing</b>	7	15	15
<b>Total number of schools participating</b>	7	17	25
<b>Total Number of Youth Centres participating</b>	4	8	15
<b>Total Oxfordshire votes</b>	3193	7760	10,000

Plans have been set to ensure ongoing improvement of engagement with this process.

These include:

- The appointment of a FT officer to co-ordinate UKYP & Oxfordshire Youth Parliament
- A dedicated budget for 2009-11
- Targets set – as above

Members are asked to welcome and congratulate out new MYPs and DMYPs, one of whom will be a member on the CYP Trust from September 2009. Members are further asked to support local engagement of schools with these elections in February 2010, (which will then be joined with elections for Oxfordshire Youth Parliament).

## **2. OYE! (Oxfordshire Youth Enablers) – the C&YP's Disability Forum**

OYE! has met 3 times and involved 18 C&YP with a range of learning and physical disabilities and sensory impairments, aged 8-21, over 90% of whom are new to 'having a voice' in Oxfordshire. They have focussed on two key areas:

- Short breaks/leisure/play facilities for disabled C&YP – which will feed into the Aiming High for Disabled Children strategy
- Economic independence – a small group of YP met to discuss issues relating to money, jobs and independence. Three of them have been invited to London to run a workshop at a major National Youth Agency conference in March 2009.

## **3. Oxfordshire Youth Parliament**

OYP meets for the first time on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2009. Subsequent meeting dates are:

23 July 2009

10 September 2009

10 December 2009

The first year's meetings will be chaired by an Oxfordshire Member of the UK Youth Parliament. A formative evaluation will run throughout the first year of OYP, to inform its development over time.

#### **4. C&YP Survey: 'Your Voice 2009'**

A good initial response has been received to the letter inviting schools and colleges to take part in the Oxfordshire C&YP Survey 2009. The draft survey is being piloted in a variety of different settings in early March. It will run live in April/May 2009.

#### **5. Vtalent Year**

Oxfordshire's 15 young volunteers have been interviewed and selected. They will start in full time volunteering placements in services across CYPFD on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

#### **6. Celebration events**

OCC successfully applied for a grant from DCSF to become a pilot authority for 'celebration events' for children and young people. Two major events were held in February 2009:

- A Ball which was wholly planned, designed and run by a *v-involve* Participation and Play Team Task Group of young people. It was held at the Town Hall and over 200 children and young people from projects/youth centres/forums across the county attended (particularly C&YP from marginalised/vulnerable groups) - in all their finery! It recognised and celebrated their achievements through a sumptuous dinner, followed by dancing and bands.
- The 'Respect Us' event held at Brookes University, which attracted more than 300 children and young people, giving them an opportunity to display their work, perform and be celebrated. Chris Tolley (MYP for South/Vale) gave a 20 minute interview on BBC Oxford talking about the event beforehand and Kriss Akabussi gave an inspirational address. As well as gaining some positive press coverage, it gave some of our most disadvantaged groups of C&YP a fantastic opportunity to display their creativity and the contribution they make to their communities.

## **7. Takeover Day 2009**

A 6 minute film was made by young reporters about Takeover Day 09. This will be showing prior to the start of the CYPT meeting on 13 March.

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