

PARTICIPATION SUB-GROUP FEEDBACK

Summary of Key Issues:

CYPT members are asked to anticipate:

- A tabled report of headline findings from the Oxfordshire C&YP Survey 2009
- A tabled report on the Oxfordshire Youth Parliament debate

CYPT members are asked to note:

- Proposals for the consultation with C&YP and parents/carers on the draft CYP Plan
- Involvement of C&YP and parents/carers in the 3 Local Area Trust Boards

Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Survey 2009

The second Children and Young People's Survey: *Your Voice* has completed and headline results will be available by the CYPT meeting on 17th July 2009.

Oxfordshire Youth Parliament

The second meeting of the Oxfordshire Youth Parliament is on 13th July 2009, hosted by the PCT. The theme of the meeting will be health issues, with a particular focus on young people's experiences of access to primary health services, to inform the '*You're Welcome*' initiative.

Sounding Board 6

Planning for Sounding Board 6 is underway, with 40 members drawn from very diverse and targeted groups. C&YP will take a key role in facilitating Sounding Board this year and 6 long standing members are training to be facilitators over the summer. Both the C&YP Sounding Board and the parents/carers Sounding in September will focus on the raising Achievement priority within the draft CYP Plan 2010-13.

ChYPIN 6: Outside



The Children and Young People's Network 6 meeting (ChYPIN 6), was held on June 12th at the Riverside Centre and focussed 'Outside'. It involved nearly 100 C&YP taking part in a day exploring different outside experiences, including kayaking and canoeing on the river, exploring, cooking, fire making and whittling in wild open areas, exploring playgrounds and considering the use of school grounds.

They were asked what they liked and found difficult, and what stopped them getting outside. A range of comments included:

"I've never been in a boat before" "I liked whittling best" "I normally play football but this is just as good" ... "this is the best thing I've ever done" ... "I love being outdoors but I don't go out very often as Mum is scared" ... "you learn much better outside" "I don't like getting wet and muddy" "it was really scary in the canoe" "I liked being in nature" "I liked climbing the fence in the play area best" ... "I learnt how to do lots of new things" ... "it's like being in a jungle" ... "I feel free" "outside's just much better than inside .." "the best day in school so far" "you can see and do and learn stuff because you've got fresh air in your brain" ... "it got us working together"

The key messages include:

- We love being outside. It makes us feel free and helps us see the world differently.
- We want to be able to go outside whatever the weather
- Being on the water is scary, challenging, exciting and thought provoking
- School grounds are important. We could do more learning outside. School grounds are good for growing, learning, playing and thinking.
- We like to be able to explore wild areas and we like being surrounded by nature.
- It can be scary if you are on your own.

- Our parents are very scared of strangers. It would be good if parents could be helped to get outside more.
- We like challenging stuff on playgrounds and being able to do our own thing.
- We like being trusted to learn how to use knives, cook outside and build shelters.

Findings will inform the Oxfordshire outside campaign, the Building Schools for the Future programme, Aiming High for Disabled Children and the Physical Activity and Obesity strategies.

Children and Young People's Plan: Consultation with C&YP and parents/carers

Key messages from C&YP and parents/carers have been collated from across the C&YP Trust partners to inform the development of the initial draft of the CYP Plan. They are grouped into the 3 priority areas: Safeguarding, Raising Achievement and Narrowing the Gap (see paper attached). These will provide the formative messages framing the CYP Plan 2010-13.

Further consultation on the draft plan will include:

- inclusion of key messages from the C&YP Survey 2009
- wide consultation on key questions through the Children and Young People's Involvement Network over the summer
- use of *BigVoice*, Spired, facebook/new technologies and existing parent networks
- Sounding Boards in September

Involvement of C&YP and parents/carers in the Local Area Trust Boards

A proposal has been agreed to mirror the county structure in the development of the Local Area Trust Boards. Each will involve 2 YP (one from Oxfordshire Youth Parliament and one Looked After or Care Leaver) from their areas. A network of practitioners through ChYPIN will ensure that the key messages from C&YP across the county inform the Local Area Board Trusts (through e.g. school councils, youth centre forums, children's centres, District and Town Councils, voluntary sector groups etc).

Up to 10 parents/carers will be trained over the summer to act as parents consultants/champions to talk to other parents in local areas. It is proposed that two will sit on each Local Area Trust Board.

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