

Youth and Connexions Service

Mid-year report: Nov 2003

Objectives/targets	Progress to date
<p>To ensure that all young people have access to an effective, co-ordinated and integrated universal youth advice, information, guidance and counselling service to support their transition into adulthood. In particular, support will be provided to those young people most in need.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal advisers in post through Connexions in 6 secondary schools and all maintained centres designated an 'Access Point'; • All year 10 pupils offered careers education; • Personal advisors deployed at S'wark College as well as in Housing; • 2 One Stop Shops operating within the borough (Rye Lane and Harper Road) • Personal Advisers deployed within the Youth Offending Team, In-Reach Team and with the Teenage Pregnancy Co-ordinator.
<p>To provide for the social educational needs of young people, derived from a curriculum framework, which supports young people's development in citizenship, the arts and in personal and social life skills for 13 – 19 year olds offered in all youth clubs/centres, through residential experiences, peer education and project based opportunities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth work Curriculum framework produced and now used across the Service; • Over 3,600, aged 11 – 15yrs, engaged in Group work activities covering the curriculum areas of 'personal and social education (18%), Creativity (1%), Citizenship (8%) and Physical well-being (73%)' • Cross cultural links made (i.e. France) • In 2001 (Best Value), the Service was in contact with 14% of the 13 – 19yrs age range and by 2003, it was in contact with 25%¹. Attendance increased also over the same period, from 96,000 in 2001 to 116,000 in March 2003. It is anticipated that by March 2004, contact will have increased to at least 26% with attendance reaching close on 130,000. Attendance is currently 1.7% above the target figure for the same period last year • 1446 young people were in contact with the Personal Advisors between June – March 2003 and between April – Sept 2003, 1,364. In total, personal advisors have made direct interventions with over 6,500 young people between June 02 – Sept 03 – this being its first full year of operation. •

¹ The 2001 Census puts the 13 – 19yrs age group as 19,342. The National Standard/Ofsted requires that contact is set against the 13 – 19yrs age range.

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<p>To provide generic centre-based, project based, detached and outreach youth work programmes to provide for young people's social and personal learning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • full-time youth centres opened for 6 days per week while part-time clubs opened 3 days per week; • five detached teams established – Aylesbury, Camberwell, Bermondsey, Rotherhithe and Nunhead; • acquisition of a mobile detached bus • outreach work taking place in and around the Pulse through Walk-in Project • Travellers Outreach Project established at Peckham Settlement • Established a 'Creative Team', working with young people through the medium of journalism and music; • Established 'Visual and Performing Arts' to focus on developing visual and performing talents of young people • 28 voluntary youth organisations supported through grants programme; • 4 new youth clubs opened in south of the borough: Dulwich 2000; Post Box; Three Hills and KETRA youth club. Together with the Langbourne youth club, we now have 5 maintained centres in the south of the borough, where, prior to 2001, there were only 2. •
<p>To provide out of school hours learning and behaviour support, with particular reference to the co-ordination of provision for 'summer holidays'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • behaviour support programme taking place at Damilola Taylor Centre (Pathways Project) and at Bellenden Old School (BIP) • summer university programme expanded to 4 wks (over 1000 young people registered) • 16+ programme in place for 4 wks over the summer • Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP) programme established and in place to provide key workers for summer holidays and half terms (targeted 350 most at risk young people). • Co-ordinated the summer holiday programme across the borough for 11 – 19yrs
<p>To provide specific employment, training and education opportunities for young people aged 16 - 19years, who may have left school with little to no formal qualifications and who may be at risk of involvement crime and anti-social activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Leaders programme in place (16 – 18yrs olds) • Play work and life guard programmes offered • NVQ programme designed for those interested in music • 2 students involved with Modern Apprenticeship scheme (NVQ 2 in Business Administration) • Community Sports Leaders Award (CSLA) provided for those 18yrs + • Camp America programme enrolled 18 young people
<p>To promote intervention and prevention</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key workers deployed to Kids Company, Youth Offending Team (YOT) and Kickstart • See Pathways project above

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actions to address the causes of disaffection and exclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joint work with Karrot provision on targeted estates
To develop ways to ensure that young people have a strong voice in the design and delivery of services which impact on them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Southwark Youth Council continue to meet on Fridays and have been meeting with the Portfolio holder;• Article written in national journal – The Edge – to promote the work of the SYC• 4 Community Council Youth Forum are now up and running (Camberwell, Nunhead; Peckham and Dulwich)• Consultation process in the Canada Water area – forerunner of Rotherhithe Community Council Youth Forum
To recognise and celebrate the Achievements of young people and their contribution to the well being of the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognition event to take place in December to celebrate young people's achievement through the Youth and Connexions Service (i.e. Duke of Edinburgh's Award; Youth Achievement; Millennium Volunteers and CSLA programmes)• National Youth Work Week launch at Coronet and week long events• The launch of the film, <i>The Blox</i>, made and written by young people

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