

The Youth and Connexions Service

Education, Youth and Leisure
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Vision

Youth workers and personal advisers offer young people the best start in life by offering visible victories, narratives of successes, reaching out to educate the imagination through drama, the arts, social interaction and providing quality information, advice and guidance.

Mission Statement

To support young people through their teenage years and in their transition to adulthood and working life by improving local opportunities to enjoy life and to develop and learn to their full potential, be challenged and stretched to bring the best out of them to become active citizens who add value to their local community and participate in society, learning and economy.



The Southwark Picture....

- There are 19,342 young people in Southwark, aged 13 - 19yrs
- Key partners delivering the Connexions objectives:
 - Youth Service
 - Prospects Careers
 - Youth Offending Team
 - Schools
 - Southwark College
 - Faces in Focus
 - Voluntary organisations

The Southwark Picture contd..

- Social services (16+ team)
- Sure Start Plus
- Drugs Action and Alcohol Team

Key Targets: 2003/006

Tackling Poverty

- Youth Service to reach up to 25% of young people in the target 13 – 19yrs age range by 2005/006.
- Of the 25% reached in the 13 – 19 target population, 60% to undergo personal and social development which results in an accredited outcome
- To achieve 85% or better satisfactory rating from young people engaged with the Youth Service
- To have in place a Youth Charter developed by young people
- The Youth and Connexions Service will conduct a survey of young people's perception, views and needs every year.

Key Targets: 2003/006

Raising Standards in our Schools

- To work very closely with the LSC, EBA, employers and work based training providers to ensure that disaffected young people, aged 16 – 19yrs, have access to and be able to achieve to the best of their ability in the labour market, by increasing the number of young people achieving a qualification equivalent to NVQ level 2.
- To contribute to the reduction of the under 18 conception rate by 50% (2010) and establish a downward trend in the conception rate for under 16s
- To work with a targeted group of young mothers, aged 16 – 19yrs, to enable them to get back into education, employment and training.

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Raising Standards in our Schools

- To refer young people, with a drug related problem, to specialist support and to have in place, through the social education programme, a wider drugs prevention programme across all youth centres in both the voluntary and maintained sector
- To establish First Stop Shops and Connexions Access Points which will offer the full range of advice, information and guidance delivered through schools, colleges, youth centres, community-based settings and such other appropriate learning setting, where it will have the greatest impact

Key Targets: 2003/006

Cutting crime and the fear of crime

- To work with the Youth Offending Team (YOT) to provide an appropriate education, training and employment provision to reach at least of those young people supervised.
- Providing arrangements to secure sufficient outreach and detached youth work to connect with, and sustain contact with, substantial numbers of disengaged young people.
- Ensuring that young people have a voice and will be listened to about services being provided to them and issues affecting them.
- Young people's attendance to increase by 50% over the years 2003/004 – 2005/006.
- To have in place an annual event that celebrates and recognise young people's social and personal development achievements

How have we done so far...

- 3,600 young people engaged in focused group activities around the curriculum
- 6,500 interventions since Sept 2002 (1,364 between April - Sept'03)

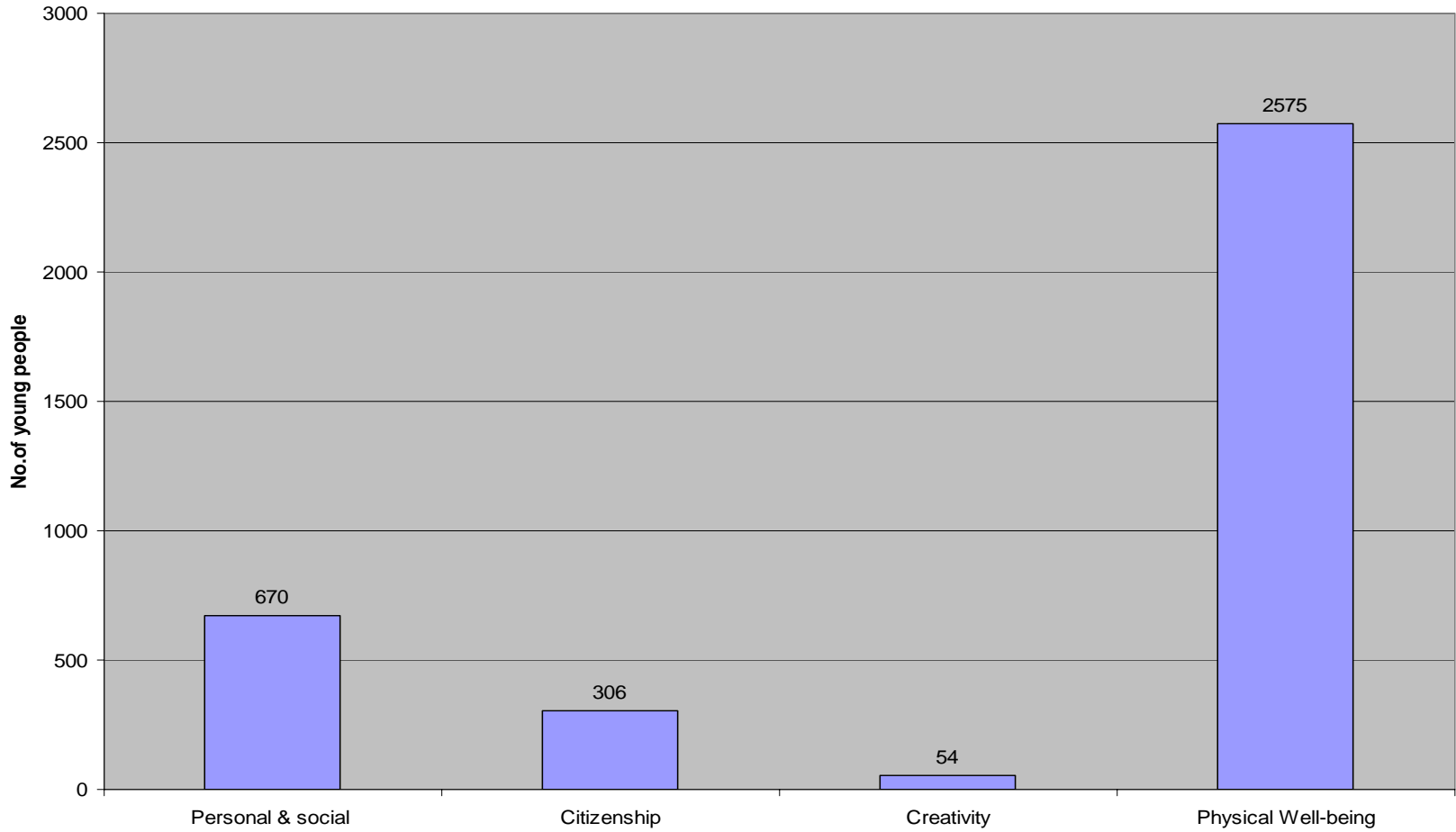
BUT...

- 18% of young people aged 16 - 18yrs not in education, employment and training. This is higher than the Partnership figure of 16%

Mid-year attendance position

	2002	2003		
Total	63,654	66,185	2,531	4%
Target	56,125	65,100	8,975	16%

Group work in relation to the Curriculum



Characteristics of the young people

11 - 16yrs

- 24 interventions were recorded for work with Teenage mothers aged 13 - 16yrs; 20 with young people involved with drugs; 67 looked after/care leavers; 93 under supervision through the YOT

16 - 19yrs

- of the 16 - 19yrs age group:
 - 83 were teenage mothers
 - 25 were young people involved with drugs
 - 91 children looked after/care leavers
 - 226 supervised by the YOT

- 945 left the NEET group to:
 - 20% work based learning
 - 15% employment
 - 14% went into further education
 - 31% left the client group (too old)
 - 20% categorised as ‘other activity’/destinations not known

- Over 220 young people were on the Learning Gateway programme (16 - 19yrs):
 - 34% positive outcome
 - 31% into learning
 - 4% assistance not required
 - 12% no contact
 - 16% other areas...

- Faces in Focus opened as a One Stop Shop in north of the borough
- Refurbishment of Rye Lane One Stop Shop

Youth participation...

- Southwark Youth Council has 3 representatives on the Central London Partnership Youth Board
- SYC represented on the LMC
- Youth Charter produced
- Millennium Volunteer Programme
- Canada Water development
- Green Paper consultation

- 12 Young people from the Pathways project gained Youth Achievement Awards and now moving on to further education
- All year 12 filo-faxes delivered to post 16 institutions
- Personal Advisers located within Leaving Care Team (case load of 70 young people)

The next 6mths...

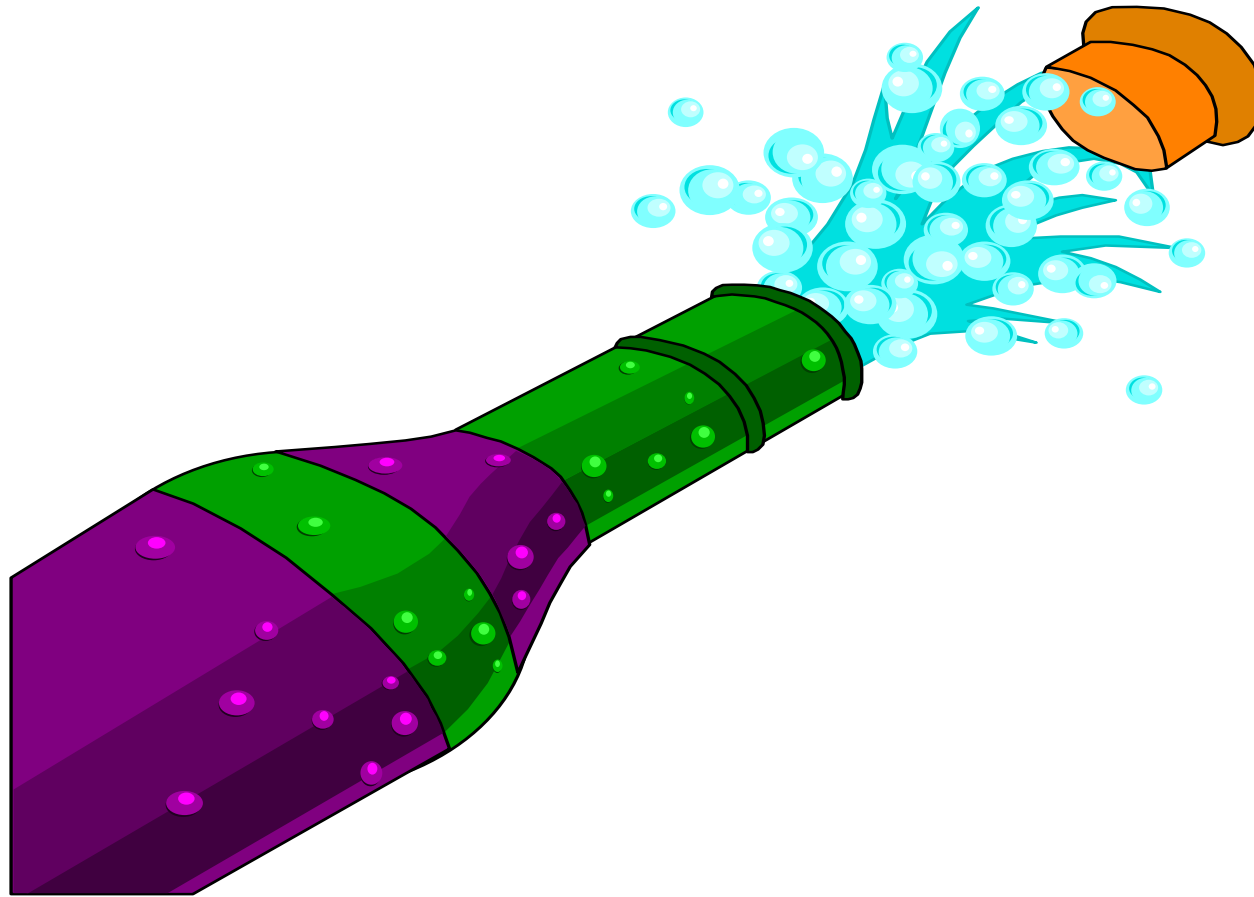
- Academy at Peckham development
- Lordship Lane One Stop Shop
- Mobile Access Point
- Caribb Access Point

- Management Information system development
- IRT
- Youth Charter roll out
- E- Youth Website
- Young people's Annual Survey
- Youth Service Directory - electronic version

How to find out more...

- Youth Service Directory - hard and electronic version
- Young People's Magazine
- Southwark Youth Council
- E-Youth website (partially completed)
- Karrot website
- Area Youth Development Offices

- Flyers and leaflets - general/specific
- Millwall FC brochures
- Charlton Athletic Football Club brochures
- London Broncos Club booklet
- Summer booklet/posters
- School assemblies
- Events and exhibitions - NYWW event



That warm and bubbly feeling ...so this is what it's all about!!!