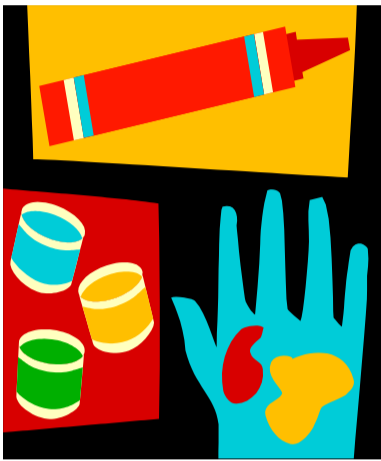


Youth Pages

February 2011

WE'VE GOT SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

BEACH PARTY 2011: This very popular annual event will take place on **Saturday 25th** June from late morning onwards and will be hosted by Shanklin Youth Club on the Isle of Wight. This is always a great day out for young people and their youth workers with a chance to spend a day at the beach, meet new people, take part in new activities and enjoy the weather (hopefully).



ARTS EVENT 2011: This fun and creative event will be open to groups of young people who will benefit from having an arts-worker placed in their youth club or group over a number of sessions in **September and October**. If you take part you will work on a creative piece or project. All the group's work will be recorded on a DVD and there'll be a chance to come and showcase your work at a celebration event on **1st** November too.

SURVIVOR CHALLENGE MIDNIGHT HIKE: Overnight on **Saturday 17th September**. Its exciting and its challenging... 2011 sees the return of the infamous Survivor Challenge Midnight Hike! Teams of young people, supported by their youth workers, walk and work through the night along the disused Meon Valley railway line and must complete challenges along the way. This competition is all about team work!



So, put the dates in your diary now and keep an eye out for more information in the next newsletter! And why not start asking around to see if there are other people at your youth club who'd like to get involved too?

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All over the country services for young people such as youth clubs, drop-in centres and youth cafes are closing down from lack of money. What do you think about this?



- Do you think youth clubs, drop-ins and cafes provide an important service for young people in your local area?
- What would you miss if your club had to close down or open less often?
- What do you think you can do to try and stop closures like this from happening?



DO YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

What are you up to this summer? Why not try activities you won't have done before? Work in a group on a project of your own design to help your local community.

An exciting and fun, action packed experience that you can take part in during your summer holiday. Try activities you won't have done before and work in a group on a project of your own design to help your local community. The National Citizen Service is open to anyone who is currently in year 11, regardless of background or future plans.

Find out more at http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/courses/national_citizenship_service.aspx or find it on Facebook.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MARCH AND APRIL

- 8th March: International Women's Day: a major day of global celebration of women. In different regions the focus of the celebrations ranges from general celebration of respect, appreciation and love towards women to a celebration for women's economic, political and social achievements. More info can be found at www.internationalwomensday.com
- 9th March: No Smoking Day: An annual day that aims to support smokers who want to quit and highlighting the many sources of help available for quitters. www.nosmokingday.org.uk
- 20th March is the Spring Equinox also known as the Spring Verna. This page from the BBC gives lots of info about it www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/paganism/holydays/springequinox.shtml
- 21st March; This is World Poetry Day and is celebrated around the world remembering poets and favourite poems and encouraging people to write their own
- 22nd March is World Water Day and the theme this year is Water for Cities. The annual campaign was established as a reminder to all countries of the importance of having proper water supplies. Find out more about this at www.worldwaterday.org
- 27th March: British Summer Time begins and the clocks go forward by 1 hour... Don't forget to change yours!
- 2nd April is World Autism Awareness Day. Do you know what Autism is? Can you find out? www.autistica.org.uk/waad/about_waad/index.php to get more info about the worldwide day to raise awareness and knowledge
- 3rd April is Mothering Sunday. Do you know the history of this celebration or how it differs around the world? Find out more online at www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/customs/easter/mothers
- Easter takes place in April this year and it's more than just a school holiday. What do you know about Easter? What is remembered and celebrated at this time of year by some people?
- 23rd April is St George's Day: who was Saint George and why is he the patron saint of England? See what you can find out!



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