

YOUTH PRESS

Youth Clubs Hampshire and Isle of Wight

Working to Enable Young People to Fulfil Their True Potential

CHANGES TO THE YCHLOW TEAM

HELLO...



Karen Hyde
Club Support Worker



Nicky Brown
Club Support Worker



Caroline Dolan
CAT Mark
Development Worker

YCHLOW is very pleased to welcome to the team Karen Hyde and Nicky Brown as our new Club Support Workers as well as Caroline Dolan as our new CAT Mark Development Worker.

Nicky and Karen will soon be out and about visiting you in your clubs, groups and projects and are looking forward to meeting you and the young people you work with. Caroline will be taking on the CAT Mark project and coordinating assessments, assessors and support workers.



GOODBYE...

As well as welcoming 3 new members to our team here at Youth Clubs Hampshire and Isle of Wight we are also saying goodbye to a valued member of staff.

Many of you will have got to know Lynsey during her time here at YCHLOW through the workshops she has come out to deliver with you, the events she has supported us to run and through the CAT Mark assessments that she has been involved in. We are sure that you'll agree with us that Lynsey will be missed very much.

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THE BEACH PARTY

Saturday 5th June saw young people from two youth clubs attend this year's beach party ably supported by their youth workers. The weather was fantastic but I am not sure about the sea temperature although it did not seem to deter the young people. Shanklin yacht club put on free sailing for us which was very much enjoyed by a large number of the young people, so thanks to them.

As usual we had plenty of activities planned and had brought loads of equipment but the young people, again as usual, seemed perfectly happy just messing about on the beach and in the water. Kingswood Activity Centre also came down to run activities but the only game played was rounders. Shanklin youth club entertained us royally as usual with a barbecue and disco.

The young people had a great time trying new activities and making new friends and, for many, a day out at the beach is a rare treat!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this day a great success!



WORKSHOPS: BOOK YOURS NOW!

As a member of YCHLOW you're entitled to 2 free club visit workshops during the period from 1st April 2010-31st March 2011... to make sure you don't lose out on this entitlement why not give us a call and book your workshops? Choose from:

Juggling and Circus Skills
Initiative Challenges and Team Games
Masks
T-Shirt Painting
Banner Making
Healthy Lifestyles

To book call 01962 852307 or email fo.ychiow@ukonline.co.uk

HAVE YOU BEEN CAT MARKED?

Any organisation that provides a service to young people can apply to be CAT Marked.

The CAT Mark is a Quality Mark that is awarded by young people who look at a number of different things like; Involving young people, the safety, security and well being of young people, Equal Opportunities for all young people, links to other services, environment and resources and availability of support. To find out more or book your assessment please call 01962 852307.





YOUNG PERSON'S FIRST AID COURSE

We are happy to announce our new training aimed at Young People.

Training is carried out by fully qualified nurses, offering a 2 hour training course to help you feel first aid competent.

We hold small classes so that there's plenty of hands-on interactive learning plus the theory element. Each person takes away a written guide, CD rom and a certificate of attendance.

CHOKING
RECOVERY POSITION
WOUNDS/BLEEDING
FRACTURES
SHOCK
BURNS

If you are interested to learn more, then please feel free to contact us.

Vicky 07917 69 2554



www.firstaidangels.co.uk

Stop Press: Have you heard about the Big Challenge? BIG Challenge gives YOU the opportunity to tackle the BIG issues that we face in the UK.

Young people aged 16 to 25 can apply for part of the £65,000 prize fund to tackle the Big Challenge theme for 2010. The Big Challenge Youth Leadership Team are looking for original project or campaign ideas that will have a big impact and inspire other young people. This is a chance for young people to make a difference!

Young people can apply on their own or in groups and all applications will be shortlisted by our Youth Leadership Team before going on to a final online public vote. If young people win part of the Challenge fund, they'll receive cash and support to help make their ideas a reality. Visit www.bigchallenge.org.uk for more info

This section addresses some of the most frequently raised questions that we get asked when we go out and about to visit our member clubs, groups and projects. We always aim to provide you with some food for thought here and are more than happy to discuss the topics covered in more details with you if you require us to. Call us on 01962 852307.



Can we give young people a lift to/from our youth club?

As with many of the questions that are raised in this section the answer to this one is really “it depends”. There are a number of different factors that you should consider before your organisation makes a decision about whether you are happy for the workers to transport young people to and from your venue.

Often, when an organisation does decide that it is necessary to offer some sort of transportation to enable young people to be brought to their venue and taken home again they will decide to write down some guidelines about how this should happen to keep everyone safe:

- Are you clear whether you are transporting the young people in your role as a member of staff or are you offering to give a lift home as a friend of the family or neighbour?
- Do you have suitable insurance? (Some policies might consider this business use)
- Do you have a suitable vehicle with enough seats, seatbelts, booster seats etc?
- Have you obtained written consent from the parents of the young people being transported that lets them know when and where you will pick them up and drop them off and when and where your Duty of Care starts and ends?
- Is an adult allowed to transport young people in their car without another adult being present? How does this fit in with your lone working policy?
- Where should the young people sit; in the front or in the back?
- Who is responsible for ensuring everyone buckles up?

Who leaves last?

When youth club has finished, you’ve cleared away and you’ve done your wash-up/debrief you’re ready to go home, right? But do you and your colleagues all leave at the same time? A number of clubs have highlighted to us over the years that they’ve introduced a policy of ensuring that a member of staff is never left alone at the club at the end of the evening. Why?

- For their personal safety when leaving the venue; particularly as many youth clubs are away from the main road and out of sight of the general public
- In keeping with lone working guidelines: many clubs have a no lone working policy and this means ensuring that if a young person has hung around after a session because they have a problem or because they haven’t been picked up yet, there are at least 2 members of staff there to deal with them.

Stop Press: Looking for funding? Have you heard about the Yapp Charitable Trust? Visit their website www.yappcharitabletrust.org.uk to find out more and see if you could be eligible.

Stop Press: HiQ Heroes. Do you know someone who is always going ‘above and beyond’ to serve their local community, but never really gets the recognition they deserve? HiQ Heroes is a new scheme to celebrate and reward unsung heroes. Visit www.hiqonline.co.uk/hiqhero to find out more.

UPDATE: INDEPENDENT SAFEGUARDING AUTHORITY (ISA)

The current government has decided to halt the introduction of the Vetting and Barring scheme pending a review. New safeguarding regulations introduced in October 2009 will continue to apply. These are:-

A person who is barred from working with children or vulnerable adults will be breaking the law if they work or volunteer, or try to work or volunteer with those groups.

An organisation which knowingly employs someone who is barred to work with those groups will also be breaking the law.

If your organisation works with children or vulnerable adults and you dismiss a member of staff or a volunteer because they have harmed a child or vulnerable adult, or you would have done so if they had not left, you must tell the Independent Safeguarding Authority.

In October 2009, the right to ask for an enhanced CRB disclosure was extended to all those who employ or use volunteers in types of activity called 'Regulated Activity'. This right remains, and you should continue to carry out appropriate pre-recruitment checks, including CRB checks where appropriate or required by law.

The Independent Safeguarding Authority will continue to carry out its work as an independent decision making body as well as continuing to maintain the barred lists. They will also continue to accept referrals, information about members of staff and volunteers who work unsafely with young people. For further information, please contact the VBS contact centre on 0300 123 1111.

Stop Press: Competition for young photographers. The RSPCA has launched its annual Young Photographer Awards (YPA) for 2010 which is the only national animal photography competition for under 19s that is free to enter. There are 4 categories in the competition including:

- Under 12 years
- 12-18 years
- Pet Personalities
- The Portfolio Prize

Visit their website for more information about how young people can get involved:
www.rspca.org.uk/ypa

ENJOY THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME AT KINGSWOOD

Kingswood Activity Centre on the Isle of Wight have asked us to pass on information to you about their centre and how you could use it. Please be aware that this is an advert (not a recommendation), you should always do your own research before deciding to book! Here is what they said:

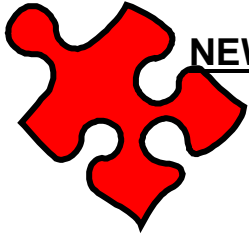
"A Kingswood residential adventure can bring invaluable benefits to your youth group, with exciting action holidays designed to build confidence, promote respect and improve social skills. The UK's leading provider of educational activity stays, Kingswood offers a range of programmes that can be tailored to your particular needs, with flexible teambuilding, adventure and ICT modules on offer.

Young people have the chance to try lots of new experiences, such as abseiling, zipwire, quad biking and more. We also have first-class all-weather facilities, including climbing, archery and caving – and our state-of-the-art ICT labs are packed with the latest technology and software.

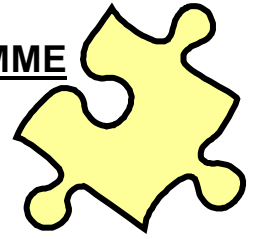
Call us on 0800 655 6564 or visit www.kingswood.co.uk to find out more and request a brochure."



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NEW DATES!!! YOUTH WORKER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



We have a new set of dates for 2010-11

Sessions taking place at the YCHLOW offices in Winchester...

Child Protection

An introductory awareness raising session looking at approaches to Child Protection within a youth work context and aiming to enhance participants understanding of Child Protection issues and how to deal with them

Saturday 13th November 2010, 10am-4pm
Saturday 19th March 2011, 10am-4pm

Dealing with Challenging Behaviour

A look at some theories behind dealing with challenging and unhelpful behaviour plus lots of practical advice and tips on how to apply this to your everyday work with young people in your youth club, group or project

Saturday 27th November 2010, 9:30am-4pm
Saturday 7th May 2011, 9:30am-4pm

Risk Assessment

An introduction to the practice of assessing risk within a youth club, group or project for the safety of staff, young people and visitors. Lots of practical activities aimed at bringing the process to life and enhancing participants understanding of Risk Assessment

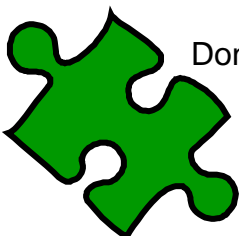
Saturday 12th February 2011, 10am-4pm
Saturday 2nd July 2011, 10am-4pm

Sessions taking place at the Red Cross Centre, Winnall Close, Winchester, SO23 0LB

First Aid

A basic, 1 day First Aid course ideal for both those new to First Aid and those needing a refresher. Run by trainers from the Red Cross who provide the information you need to get to grips with being a First Aider and lots of practising too!

Saturday 2nd October 2010, 9:30am-4pm
Saturday 9th April 2011, 9:30am-4pm



Don't forget about our tailor-made and in-house development options too!!!
Call us on 01962 852307 for more information.

