



# NEWSLETTER



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## Welcome to the new edition of the YOF newsletter!

With the newsletter we want to share information about YOF to young people, youth groups and workers.

If any LYF members want to write an article about what you've been up to and are involved in and would like to share for the next newsletter, please get in touch.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed to this new edition, and for all your hard work. Lara Pearce (YOF Co-ordinator)

We now have A3 posters and folded flyers that each LYF will be receiving so that it will be easier to promote YOF to the community and will help encourage more disadvantaged and minority groups to apply.

The county LYF has been involved in designing merchandise as they thought it was needed to promote the fund countywide.

Merchandise will be held centrally so if your LYF is holding an event or going out into the community to promote YOF please contact Lara Pearce and she will send you some giveaways to help your LYF group with promotions.

## Hot off the press!

Young people have been involved in designing new publicity and Calum Vitlers slogan 'We've got the cash for you to splash' was chosen after winning the slogan competition held on Yourspace poll with 74% of votes.



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# Residential...

The YOF residential trip in April to the Isle of Wight was brilliant; I met lots of new people from all over the county and made some new friends. I got a lot out of the new experiences such as teambuilding, aero ball, rock climbing and the 3g swing which was a giant swing you were strapped into and released from about 30 feet up, a lot of people were scared of it, including me, but we got them through it.

I really enjoyed myself and would defiantly do it again, even if it were just to meet a new group of interesting people from other parts of the county.

People always say that residentials are good but I really enjoyed this YOF residential and hope I go on another one.

By Will Crystal



We also learnt a lot about what it is to be a YOF member and the role we play in our communities. How YOF works and how we can help those around the county who need it. It was enjoyable and refreshing to learn that what we do really matters and that we can get involved and have our voices heard. It helped me to understand that young people can make a difference and their opinions are needed.

# Evaluation Visit to Sailing Club

The young people from Crawley Mariners really appreciated the money from YOF and it was really good to see how our money that we allocated directly involved the young people. It enabled young people to learn new skills & meant that more young people could become a part of the sport.

The young people said they loved when the boats got delivered as they could unwrap them! Maddie Scutt

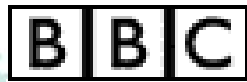


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## Radio Promo

On 13<sup>th</sup> March we got the opportunity to publicise YOF and the YOFSCARs on BBC radio. It involved myself and Kolbi who had a lovely 4am start! We traveled up to Guildford to the studio to be on the breakfast morning show.

We arrived about 6.30pm and went on air @ 7am. Eyes droopy we met Joe Talbott before and his producer came and ran through the format. After a short discussion we our way into the studio.

We were asked questions about what YOF was and the structure and where the funding comes from. We also promoted the YOFSCARs which we were planning for the following week. We were on air for about 10 minutes which was a great experience!

After a few goodbyes we headed off back to our beds! It was a great experience that I would defiantly do again!

By Callum Buxton



## YOFSCARs

The Hawth Theatre in Crawley sparked with the Black, White and Bling event on Saturday 20 March, which was attended by 250 people and was run by young people for young people involved with the Youth Opportunities Fund.



The evening was ably compared by and Chris and James M, who introduced youth drama, dance and singing groups who all had been successful in bidding for funding. Callum V directed the YOFSCAR awards which were given out to projects that made a positive difference in their local communities. The decision on who to give the awards to was made by young people on the County and Local Youth Forums and, as well as the YOFSCAR trophies, cash awards totaling £250 were given out.



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Kolbi, Maddie, Jamie O, John, Chrystal, Tegen, Libby, Jamie N, James T were kept busy ensuring that the evening ran smoothly, by selling raffle tickets, presenting awards and meeting and greeting everyone, while Kate and Will both took on the role of photographer. Sophie produced the artwork and made giant cheques which were awarded to the successful groups.



## South Of England Show

LYF members came and supported the South Of England Show 2010 by encouraging young people to come into the 'Teen Square' and getting them involved in activities on offer such as Sports, Crafts, Music, Performing & much more.

Despite the showers spirits were high and LYF members helped gather valuable information from visitors on what they enjoyed and how to improve the site for next year.



The achievements of all the young people involved in YOF were also celebrated by cabinet members and other VIPs who attended the evening, including the Leader of the Council, Henry Smith, Stuart Gallimore director for operations for Children and Young People for West Sussex County Council and the Cabinet Member responsible for Children and Young People, Pat Arculus.

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