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NATIONAL YOUTH ADVOCACY SERVICE

**LISTENING TO, LEARNING
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CHILDREN & YOUNG
PEOPLE ...**



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NYAS *Surrey* Newsletter

**Keeping you informed of what's going
on for you in NYAS in Surrey.**

What's been happening?

In the last two months, NYAS has had a good summer, despite the weather! Back in July, we took part in the LAC BBQ at St Peter's School in Guildford. NYAS ran a smoothie stall, which was a real hit, and a "how many sweets in the jar" competition - the winner has apparently finished them all! A number of young people helped out, both with the smoothies and the SLAC survey, so a big thank you to all of them!

SLAC website slac.nyas.net

Have you seen the new look SLAC website?? There is now much more information on it about what's happening for looked after young people in Surrey. After the consultation in July, young people adapted the presentation and the content of the pages, so that their priorities and interests were better reflected.

The digital camera competition is on-going, where young people have to count how many times the 'SLAC Plane' appears on the website.

Wazzup

Wazzup is being revamped! The plan is that the magazine will now be split into two parts: "Wazzup Junior" and "Wazzup Teens".

In August, a group of young people went on an trip to the Tower of London for issue 14, read all about it soon! Also coming up is a Wazzup funday in October.

Care Council

The Care Council is now meeting regularly on the second Wednesday of the month. The members of the care council have been encouraged to take part in the NYAS recruit crew training (see below) which has seen them take part in many interviews, as well as helping out at other participation events and being involved in meetings, representing all young people in care; being a link between them and Surrey County Council. Young people who are able to commit to this group are invited to join us.

THE OSCARZ 2008

That time is coming again - get your star nominations in for the Oscarz 2008!! Nominate a child or young people who you think deserves to get an award, it can be for the biggest or smallest thing but one which means a lot to the child or young person, such as learning to drive, to swim, or passing an exam! Nominations can be from carers, teachers, social workers, etc. Young people can also nominate a star; someone who they think has really helped them. There is plenty to get involved with leading up to and on the night - the culmination of the 8 week music project and a fashion show, too.

RECRUIT CREW

The members of Recruit Crew have been inundated with requests to join in interviews for professionals for Surrey County Council and CAMHS, we are hoping to train more young people so they can get involved.

Upcoming dates:

LAC EVENTS

Recruit Crew - Thursday, 25th September 5:30-8:30 (pizza hut at 7:30) (for 15+) @ NYAS

Music projects for the Oscarz (Mondays for 8 weeks @ The Bridge Youth Club, Clare Crescent, Leatherhead, KT22 7RB.):

- Samba drumming (8-12yrs) from 29th September, 4:30-5:45pm.
- Urban music (13-19yrs) from 29th September, 6:00-7:15pm.

Care council meeting - Wednesday, 8th October, 5:30-8:00pm @ NYAS

Wazzup funday - Sunday, 12th October, 11-2:30pm @ NYAS

SLAC workshop - Tuesday, 16th October, 5:30pm @ NYAS (+ £10 incentive and take-away food!)

Wazzup editorial - Thursday, 30th October, 5:30pm @ Fairmount

CAMHS EVENTS

If you are also a CAMHS user you may be interested in:
CYA (CAMHS Youth Advisors) and CAMHS DVD project

If you would like to come to any of the above events, or for more info, please contact:

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