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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?

What a busy couple of months! Mei Lai, John and some young people facilitated another Total Respect training for professionals, which was well received. Preparations are well underway for the follow-up day where the pledges made are reviewed. Many thanks go to all the young people who helped deliver this valuable training. Another "Train the Trainers" will be coming soon, giving young people the opportunity to join the Total Respect team in the future, if you know any young people who would be interested, please get in touch!

SLAC website slac.nyas.net

The results are in from the SLAC survey NYAS did at the LAC BBQ in the summer, it seems that the majority of young people don't know about the website, and therefore aren't making use of this resource. Please have a look and promote it to young people you know, there is plenty of information on it about what's happening for looked after young people in Surrey. We are regularly holding consultations and editorials about the design and the contents.

Wazzzup

The next issue of Wazzzup will be out soon, in its new format, we hope you like it! The Wazzzup workshop in October was great fun, the young people interviewed two IROs for the magazine and also decorated t-shirts with their own designs.

Care Council

At October's Care Council meeting, members discussed the Surrey Pledge to Children in Care for a final consultation/overview, and then, after a break for pizza, watched a presentation about the Fostering team's policy on managing challenging behaviour. Young people who are able to commit to this group are welcome to join, please contact us if you would like to put someone forward for membership.

THE OSCARZ 2008

Well, the votes are in and speeches are being written...! The two music workshops have already started and there will be performances to remember on the big night - Samba and HipHop/grime - definitely something for everyone! The fashion show is taking shape and we'd love to hear from anyone who'd like to get involved and "strut their stuff", this is a really important date in the calendar and we hope that lots of professionals will come along to celebrate the achievements of young people they know.

RECRUIT CREW

The work for Recruit Crew has kept pace! We have new requests for young people's help at interviews every week and we have been commended on how well the members are prepared for interviewing and the quality of their questions and observations. The next opportunity to join Recruit Crew will be on 20th January. If you are holding interviews and would like input from young people, please let us know!

Upcoming dates:

LAC EVENTS

12th Nov - Care Council - 5:30-8:00pm @ NYAS.

13th Nov - Wazzzup editorial - 5:30-7:30pm @ Libertas

14th Nov - NYAS info coffee morning for professionals - 9:30-12:30 - come and have a cup of coffee and a biscuit and find out what NYAS does! Open to anyone involved with Looked After Children or CAMHS users. Please let us know if you're planning to come.

26th Nov - Small group SLAC update - 5:30-7:00pm @ NYAS

10th Dec - Care Council Christmas meeting - 5:30-8:00pm @ NYAS.

7th Jan - SLAC Consultation @ NYAS

CAMHS EVENTS

If you are also a CAMHS user you may be interested in:-

CYA (CAMHS Youth Advisors) - meet on the first Thursday of every month - and the 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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