



Integrated Youth Support Service



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INFORMATION & OPPORTUNITIES

NEET LEAP PROJECT—AUGUST 2010

A Year 11 school leavers NEET LEAP "4 day intensive" LEAP Project is being run by Positive Activities for Young People Link Workers this August:

Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th August, Thursday 26th and Friday 27th August from 11am—5pm at The Forum Youth Centre, Kidlington.

- Various team building activities
- Talks from organisations such as Fire & Rescue service, Police, Youth Service with career advice
- Advice about college and information on courses still available
- CV writing and interview skills
- Life skills
- Fun day including food with activities decided by young people

Young people who sign up and engage with the programme will be eligible for **£20-£40 Love to Shop voucher** which can be spent in 1000's of stores including Boots, JJB Sports, H Samuels, HMV, Argos, Carphone Warehouse, New Look, Barratts, Matalan.

Please contact the local PAYP worker to register interest.

North & West - Jon Price

jon.price@oxfordshire.gov.uk, 07817119730

Central - Jeremy Todd

jeremy.todd@oxfordshire.gov.uk, 07581794222 or 01865 202218

South & Vale - Emma Price

emma.price@oxfordshire.gov.uk, 07951043040 / 01235 537272

Young people will undergo a Rickter Scale assessment.

Transport costs will be reimbursed to the young people on production of valid bus tickets etc.

Please talk to the NEET young people you are working with about this opportunity.

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CONGRATULATIONS - VRQ LEVEL 2

Congratulations to the following members of staff who have successfully completed their Level 2 VRQ in Youth Work (we missed a couple off the list last time):

Dan Allgood - Banbury	Jack Barnett - Abingdon
Sarah Jane Ebanja - Faringdon	Jinny Mills - Wantage
Erika Murillo Barrios - Union Street	Jodie O'Shea - Cutteslowe
Tasha Sajoe - Banbury	Shelley Rodgers - Abingdon
Jayne Robinson - Chiltern Edge	Francesca Heffernan - Decision Making & Young People's Worker



EDUCATION MAINTAINANCE ALLOWANCE

Education Maintenance Allowance Guidance for 2010/11 The Education Maintenance Allowance Guidance for the 2010/11 academic year has been published. This document should replace any previous years' guidance. This is only available to download from the EMA website at <http://ema.ypla.gov.uk/resources/guidance/>. This document is aimed at providers and outlines the best way to administer the scheme within their organisation.

DISCRETIONARY LEARNER SUPPORT FUNDING

Discretionary Learner Support Guidance and Requirements for learners aged 16-18 The discretionary Learner Support Funding Guidance and Requirements for learners aged 16-18 has been published and is available to download from the website at <http://lsf.ypla.gov.uk/publications>. This document has been produced for providers administering discretionary Learner Support to young learners aged 16-18, and is relevant for the 2010/11 academic year.

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAMME

The Strengthening Families and Webster-Stratton Programmes are starting in September. They do preventative work with families who may be struggling and we can refer families to them. If you would like a leaflet with more information about either of these programmes and a referral form contact kylie.upsdell@oxfordshire.gov.uk, PEIP Coordinator, Parenting Development Team or call: 01865 876624.

There are also Parent-Talk groups planned for November in Banbury, Blackbird Leys, Didcot, Kidlington and possibly Witney. If you would like to make a referral to Parent-Talk, please phone 01865 875482.

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PREFERRED SUPPLIERS INFORMATION

As IYSS are now moving towards the new finance procedures we are working with the eprocurement team to ensure that suppliers IYSS teams use are on the eprocurement system.

Can you please supply angela.williams@oxfordshire.gov.uk with a list of local vendors you use on a regular basis and give a brief description as to what you purchase so she can ensure you can buy your goods and services in line with OCC processes.

Please can you get your list of suppliers to include to Angela by Friday 17th September at the latest.

ABINGDON & WITNEY COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

Advice & Guidance Drop-Ins:	24th & 25th Aug, 10am - 4pm Abingdon, Witney Campuses & Common Leys
Common Leys Farm Open Day:	Sat 9th Oct, 11am - 4pm
Abingdon Choices Evening:	Weds 24th Nov, 5:30 - 8pm, Abingdon Guildhall
Abingdon Campus open Day:	Weds 1st Dec, 3pm - 7pm



OCVC ADVICE & GUIDANCE DAY

OCVC are holding an Advice and Guidance Day on the Banbury and Oxford campuses on Wednesday 25th August, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Anyone can just turn up and speak with teaching staff about courses and support staff about any other queries.

Courses still available at OCVC and application details are available on their website: www.ocvc.ac.uk/news/article/time-applying-running-out-0



ARMED FORCES RECRUITMENT

There has been some confusion over recruitment to the RAF and whether they are still taking applications.

Currently, the RAF recruiting position is changing weekly, however, some careers (8-10 jobs) are recruiting now, most, will be available after the New Year for those applying now. The Army are still recruiting, the Navy have an 18 month-3 year waiting list depending on the occupation. For further information please contact the relevant recruitment office:

Army Careers - 01865 515989

RAF - 01865 552661

Navy -01865 553431



STAFF TRAINING

IYSS TRAINING

Drugs & Alcohol Awareness

Monday 6th September, 10am - 4pm, Cricket Road Centre, Oxford



Pre-Sentence Report Writing

Friday 10th September, 10am - 4pm, Youth Offending Offices, Westgate, Oxford

Profile Refresher Training (For Connexions Staff)

Wednesday 15th September, 1:30pm – 3:30pm, Abingdon Connexions Centre

Data Protection & Confidentiality

Monday 20th September, 10am – 12:30pm, Oxford Connexions Centre

Domestic Abuse

Tuesday 21st September, 10am – 1pm, Youth Offending Offices, Westgate, Oxford

Restorative Practice in Youth Settings (3 Days)

Wednesday 22nd – Friday 24th September, 10am – 4:30pm, venue tbc

Supporting Young People Experiencing Victimisation

Wednesday 29th September, 10am – 4pm, venue tbc

To secure a place on IYSS Issue Based or professional range training please complete a [booking form](#) at Spired.com. For more information contact the IYSS Service Support Unit on 01235 816064 or email iyss.servicesupport@oxfordshire.gov.uk

OCC TRAINING

Other learning opportunities for staff are available on the Learning and Development pages of the OCC [Intranet](#). If there is training you need but can not find listed, talk to your line-manager or the Service Support Unit for advice.

SOUTHERN AREA UPDATES

DIDCOT CONNEXIONS JOB SHOPS

Didcot Jobs Shops are running on **Wednesdays from 2pm - 4pm** at the Connexions Centre, 197 Broadway. Primarily aimed at 16-19year olds who need help with Job seeking, CVs, Writing letters of application, Filling in forms, Preparing for interviews, etc. No appointment necessary. For more information young people can call 01865 328480



CONNEXIONS DROP IN AT THAME ON HOLD

Helen Platt PA can no longer offer the weekly drop in from the Town Hall in Thame so for the next couple of weeks, can you please refrain from sending people to the Thame drop in. Helen is looking for new premises but if young people from Thame need to contact her they can call Didcot Connexions centre, or contact Helen on 07827 947331 or helen.platts@connexionsoxfordshire.com.

ABINGDON TRAINING PROVIDERS EVENT

Abingdon Connexions are hosting a Providers event on **Thursday 26th August** for 16-18year olds between 2pm - 5pm. Providers attending include; Trax; Include; Intraining; Oxford Learning United; Zenos; ACE Training. Please encourage young people who are looking for a placement to come along.

ABINGDON ENGAGEMENT PROJECT – GLAM NAILS AND MOCKTAILS

Abingdon Connexions in partnership with The Abingdon Bridge (TAB) provided an afternoon of girly fun on Monday 9th August to encourage girls between the ages of 16-19 years to access our services in an informal environment.

16 girls attended of which 9 are in the September guarantee group. They made mocktails, whilst TAB staff delivered a safe drinking training programme, this also included a make your own mocktail drink and name competition with a prize of £15 of Beauty treatments at Elaine Lake Beauty Salon.

They were taught how to manicure their nails by a young person who has just completed her level 2 in beauty therapy at Abingdon and Witney college and has received support from Connexions in deciding her future plans.

The groups then swapped over so they all had a chance to learn some new skills. They were all given the opportunity to chat to TAB and Connexions staff, and were given a goody bag of information including sexual health advice, September guarantee activities and how to access local services. Feedback from the young people involved was very positive and they felt confident to access our services again.



CENTRAL AREA UPDATES

NEW MOBILE NUMBERS FOR CENTRAL STAFF

Jane Limerick

East Oxford and Cowley Area Youth Worker: 07584 581179

Kate Bird

East Oxford and Cowley Area Youth Worker: 07747 648504

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Senior Youth Support Worker, East Oxford and Cowley : 07747 648503

Kev Jackson

Headington & Wheatley Area Youth Worker: 07887 858686



PRINCES TRUST TEAM2 PRESENTATION

The Oxford Team programme started in June and over the past 12 weeks we have engaged with a group of young people through a variety of activities which have included a week's residential, community project, team challenge, individual work placements and much more.

The young people would be delighted to welcome you to the Common Hall Café in County Hall at 3:30pm - 5pm on Friday 20th August so they can present in their own words, how they have benefited from the experience and what they have achieved.

The presentation is a great way to learn more about the programme and we would welcome all partner agencies attending so they can support the recruitment process for the next Team Programme to run in Banbury.

For more information contact Lee Teideman on 077477 60882 or email:

Leeteideman@connexions-berkshire.org.uk

RIVERSIDE GIRLS DAY

Central Geographic Youth Work Team hosted a Girls Day at Riverside which was attended by 65 young people and involved 14 Young Volunteers. Girls and Young Women aged 13 – 19yrs could take part in a safe, supportive environment and get involved in the Aiming High climbing wall, canoeing, fashion workshop, jewellery workshop and football skills. The event was supported by Ruskin College; TVP; Healthy Eating Initiative who provided a salad bar, and by Teenage Pregnancy Unit who provided sexual health information and resources. Young musicians from ArkT performed on the day and there was a good atmosphere as young women enjoyed and achieved. Sponsors included Midcounties Cooperative, Nash Bakery, and Shee Wee.



UPDATE FROM SUPPORTING CHOICES TEAM

'ZERO TO HERO' Z CARDS

Over the next few days Connexions centres and Young People's centres will be receiving a supply of 'Zero to Hero in Seven Steps' Z cards. The purpose behind the card is to remind this summer's Year 11 leavers of key initiatives aimed at supporting them e.g. Sept Guarantee, Apprenticeships, EMA etc.

Please ensure you make these cards available to young people in your centres and at other events you may be attending.

YOS EMAIL GROUPS

YOS email addresses all now start with the pre-fix CYPF-YPAE-... so all IYSS email groups have the same pre-fix and should be easier to find on Outlook.

IYSS SAFEGUARDING SURVEY

All IYSS staff should have received an electronic survey to complete about your knowledge of Safeguarding policy and procedures. Please answer this as honestly as possible and return to julia.horsley@oxfordshire.gov.uk by Friday 17th September at the latest.

VACANCY BULLETINS

Every Tuesday Oxfordshire Connexions publishes lists of jobs, apprenticeships, training, E2E and other opportunities for young people available in Oxfordshire right now. They're sent out via email but you and young people can view them online at www.spired.com/connexions/opportunities.htm

SEPTEMBER GUARANTEE UPDATE

Connexions and other IYSS staff continue to work towards all young people have an offer of learning and/or employment for September. Numbers without an offer continue to drop - 678 in year 11 and 970 in the 17 year old/year 12 group. 255 less than two weeks ago.

Colleges are heavily engaged with ensuring offers information is accurate and that those applied awaiting an offer are followed up.

Learning vacancies still exist and are being promoted through the County so if you know young people who haven't got anything planned please get in touch with their Connexions PA and direct them to the Connexions Oxfordshire website.

Full reports on September Guarantee progress are being posted at www.spired.com/connexions/staff/performance.htm

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