

Youth

NEWS

Welcome to the July issue of Torbay Youth News. Funding to enable us to produce and circulate Torbay Youth News has come from the Change Up programme. Many thanks to Voluntary Youth Service Devon for gathering together information for the newsletter.



Website Launch

Torbay Youth Service has launched its brand new positive activities and information website for young people www.my-bay.org.uk with the newly branded mobile provision for young people, "The Box", appearing all over the Bay.

My Bay is a new interactive website with young characters representing areas of interest to young people. By clicking on the characters there are various levels of information about health matters, staying safe, work and education, "all different all equal" and a searchable database of positive activities across Torbay.

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The Box, a popular youth-bus which travels around the Bay and is visited by hundreds of young people every year, has been liveried in the new My Bay branding and was on tour across the Bay and open to all during the May half term week.

The Box was also at R Nite at Torbay Leisure Centre so that young people could have a look at the new website.

As well as DJ'ing equipment and musical instruments to try out, the Torbay Youth Service team and enthusiastic volunteers, some of them young people themselves, were on hand at The Box giving helpful information and advice to young people on all sorts of things to do in Torbay.

Free My Bay merchandise, including mouse mats and badges were given out at the events as well as information about R Nite, youth activities around the Bay and discounted bus passes for young people.

The Council is keen to find out what young people think about the new My Bay service and will be asking for feedback in return for prizes.

Any groups that would like their activities included on the website can either complete the online feedback form or contact **Jo Penhaligon** on 208221 or joanne.penhaligon@torbay.gov.uk.

Torbay Youth Opportunity Fund for Youth (TOFFY)



Are you aged 13-19? Do you have an idea which can be developed to create something new to do or somewhere new to go? If so, then why not apply to TOFFY ?

The aim of the fund is to involve young people in identifying positive activities and things to do, and to support their role as decision makers, grant givers and project leaders.

Over the past 3 years a group of young people have been working together, making decisions on applications – they are called the TOFFY Panel.

Applications must be made by young people who have good ideas for more things to do and places to go, but need the funding to do so.

The Toffy Panel have finished the first round of applications; however, forms can still be submitted over the summer for the Panel to start considering at the end of September. There is a maximum of £500 available for individuals and the group application has now been increased to a whopping £20,000 !

To get an application form, you can telephone **Karen Rundle on 206481 or email karen.rundle@torbay.gov.uk** or they can be downloaded from **www.my-bay.org.uk**.

Your ideas/articles

This is your newsletter. If you have any good news stories, training events, etc from young people etc please send them in for publication. We particularly welcome articles from Youth Forum members and young people.



New Youth Worker for Brixham

The Youth Service would like to take this opportunity to introduce the new full time Youth Worker for Brixham, who joined the Service at the beginning of June.

Jason Dennis is a qualified youth worker and joins us from the YMCA in Reading. He has also had experience in working for the Youth Offending Team in Reading.

Jason has taken on the accreditation role across the Bay and is also the lead worker for Brixham; which includes overseeing the Youth Café, detached work and the Duke of Edinburgh Award. He will also be working with Connexions in providing accreditation programmes.

Jason is based in Brixham and can be contacted on **07500 075433** or email **jason.dennis@torbay.gov.uk**.

Youth Forum Membership

All voluntary youth groups and organisations in Torbay can apply to become members of their local Youth Forum. There are Forums in Brixham, Torquay and Paignton and meetings are held every two to three months and gives members an opportunity to exchange news and information about their group, as well as keeping up to date with Youth Service activities. Information is also available about funding opportunities, CRB requirements and any other issues of concern to voluntary youth groups.

For more information **contact Jo Penhaligon on 208221 or email joanne.penhaligon@torbay.gov.uk**.

Ten Tors 2009

Congratulations to both the 35 and 45 mile Ten Tors teams who completed the event in May.



This year PCSC were awarded two teams in the 2009 Ten Tors event (35 mile & 45 mile). The students have been training since January in the gym and classroom and their weekends out on Dartmoor preparing themselves physically and mentally for the challenge ahead. Karl Timmins from the Torbay Youth Service said "Working in partnership work with Paignton Community and Sports College we are able to provide a varied programme of training that will empower each of the team members with the skills they will need to take on this fantastic challenge."

Six students per team took up the challenge of navigating their way across the rugged landscape of Dartmoor on 9th & 10th May alongside 400 other teams from schools, colleges, and cadet and youth groups. Having flown through scrutineering with no major issues both teams spent the rest of the Friday preparing themselves mentally and enjoying the climbing wall and stands the army had laid on. Katy Cuckston (Team Manager) said "Both teams have worked really hard throughout the training for this event and all students deserve their place in the team. I hope they are all very proud with themselves for everything they have achieved not only this weekend but also over the past 6 months."

Both teams left the start line nervous but confident of finishing in good time on the Sunday after some careful route planning. Once they had gone staff were left to wait and hope there were no injuries or illnesses in the teams as now the teams were out on their own until they returned on Sunday afternoon. After some brilliant navigation and teamwork a fantastic sight greeted staff on the finish line as the 35 mile team came in first closely

followed 5 minutes later by a running 45 mile team! This resulted in a very proud smile on all those involved in the build up to the event. David Carpenter (Head of PE) said "A big thank you to everyone for all the hard work and effort to make it the best Ten Tors I have ever known at Paignton. It is a life experience those children will never forget." The 45 mile team have even been personally thanked by staff at Torquay Community College for supporting and encouraging their team whilst out on the moors, demonstrating real testament to the spirit of the event.

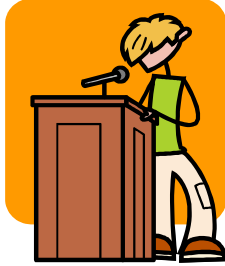
Congratulations must go to all students who took part in both the event and training for this very prestigious event.

35 mile team: Dylan Shillabeer, Martyn Gebhard, Garry Bacon, Rachel Litt, Lauren Dawkins, Kayleigh Perrett and Sean Scott

45 mile team: Dan Page, Stuart Lee, Jordan Harlock, Charlie Crotty, Ian Strul, Michelle Godden and Ben Squires

Thanks must go to all staff who helped out with the event including staff from the College; Chris Cook, Feli Arranz & Charlotte Singleton and also to the Torbay Youth Service, especially Karl Timmins, who ran the onsite training and providing the team with extra instructors out on the weekends. Without all of these people the teams would not have been as prepared and ready and I'm sure they all pass on their thanks. Thank you also to all staff that came up to the event over the weekend or helped in any other way in the success of both teams.

What We Have Been Doing So Far ! By Ahmed El'Houdiri



On 9th April all the members in Torbay Youth Parliament met with MP Adrian Sanders to discuss our agenda and what we would like to achieve this year. We talked about how he could help us in our transport campaign, whilst for EMA he told us a meeting with the Minister who is in charge of EMA (Vernon Coaker) could be possible.

Residential

On 27th-29th April the members of UKYP went on a residential to Skern Lodge. Over the course of the weekend they achieved many things with the rest of the members of Youth Parliament in the South West. Together we decided on the main national manifesto for UKYP and voted on it to bring it forward with all the other regions. Ultimately the whole group voted and decided on making EMA, bullying and transport the main issues to be tackled over the course of the year. We also had debates on sex education and how it should be taught and brought in for youths to be fully integrated with all the information. In meeting each other and familiarising ourselves we will prove to actively forward these ideas effectively over our term in office.

Normal Meetings and Survey

Over a few UKYP meetings all the members created a survey together in order to send out to the youths in the area to hear their voices and make sure they contribute their ideas to the group so that they can be acted on. In doing this they created the survey and sent them out through members of UKYP and the Youth Cabinet in order to get to all the schools and youth groups involved to fill them out. They have already got 200 responses, and are getting them back all the time

(one is included in Youth News so please send out to all the young people you work with!) with transport (focused especially on the lowering of bus fares for 16-18 and in general) and sexual education being the two most important issues raised. We are going to use this as statistical evidence of the genuine interest of youths in dynamically changing the prices of transport and bus fares.

Big Event

With time flying we have had to work extra hard over the previous few months to organise what we want to do and the best way to carry forward our campaign and lower bus fares by persuading Stagecoach effectively that it must be done. We know this issue is already being recognised and acted upon by Torbay Council and Stagecoach as they already have a discounted bus pass scheme on a Saturday evening for R-Nite which is a great achievement! To keep the ball rolling on this we realise we need more than evidence and statistics from a survey done by us, to show us in our full strength with strong representation from the Council and the youths to show how big a want it is in Torbay and how much people want change!

We have made many steps to realise our idea in doing this. Firstly and most obviously, we have complete backing by the youths in the area as they are affected by this and are the people who brought the issue up and want it to be taken seriously. Furthermore, after contacting and meeting influential Council Members such as: Cllr Anna Tolchard, the Mayor: Nick Bye and the MP: Adrian Sanders we also have backing by people who can make a difference in Torbay in very influential areas such as transport.

It had taken a lot of time and commitment to go this far and we did not want to be let down by a lack of initiative after this. After some thought, we realised that the best way to put across our campaign in a way which shows are commitment and its importance to the youths in the area to persuade the Stagecoach team would be to organise a big event. Although the actual planning

of the event is at its preliminary stages we have ideas of merging the transport campaign with art and music etc during Youth Work Week to inform the youth of both issues, maybe with transport as a theme running through the day. Another idea is to include on the day is a debate in which youths can have their say direct to Stagecoach as well as Council Members and UKYP, however no final decisions have been made yet... we will keep you updated!

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vtalentyear

**Torbay's
Got V-
Talent**

Torbay Youth Service was successful with its bid for a £285,000 grant from national youth volunteering organisation, V, to recruit young people who would like the opportunity to contribute to their community by volunteering within Children's Services.

The bid is being used to run a full time volunteering programme for 16 to 25 year-olds. They will lend their skills to various children's services provided by the Council including youth work, nursery and play work. Some volunteers will also help in youth offending services and substance misuse work. The V-Project is full time, at least 30 hours a week over 44 weeks, and includes a Level 2 National Vocational Qualification and a Personal Development Grant for each volunteer. With this experience and an accredited qualification under their belt, the young volunteers will be well-placed to progress on in to employment in children and young people's services.

Okay so now you know about the project, let's talk about how things have been running for V-Talent here in Torbay. The project started back in March 2009 with over 18 young volunteers applying for a place on this project. As there were only 11 places available, the 18 volunteers were each asked to attend an introduction session, followed by a residential and (where necessary) an interview process, to identify the remaining volunteers. Each volunteer was then match to the appropriate volunteering placement based on their skills and career aspirations.



So where are we now? We currently have 9 volunteers on the V-Project working in a variety of different settings. All of the volunteers are very committed and clearly have very bright futures in front of them.

Time to Meet the V-Talent Team

Cameron Nimmo

Role: Youth Service

"I work for the Youth Art development at Torbay Youth Service, I attend numerous youth clubs offering skills and support for young people aged 13 -19. I am also in the middle of putting together an event for National Youth Work Week 2009. I am enjoying my placement as a V- Worker because I have got to meet lots of new people and learn some valuable skills".

Amy Cropper

Role: Children's Centre

"I am currently working at the Chestnut Nursery in Brixham. I spent six years looking after my brother and sister collecting them from school and then looking after them at home. The V-Project has provided me with an opportunity to do something (working in a children's centre) that I have wanted to do for my whole life.

I am really enjoying my experience of working at the Chestnut Nursery and feel that this opportunity has made a big, big improvement in my life. I don't think my mom would ever have believed I could have done what I am doing now; I have proved my mom wrong - I Can Do IT".

Anthony Pinkerton

Role: Play Service

"I joined the V-Talent project as I saw this as a fantastic opportunity to expand my knowledge base. Prior to joining the V-Project I had already gained a wide range of youth work experience, but I felt this project would increase my career potential as by having both youth work and play work experience, as I have a talent for both of these roles. I feel the opportunity the V-Project has presented to me will enable me to map out my career.

So far I have really enjoyed my time on the V-Project working as a play ranger. The opportunity to go into a park not knowing if you will end up working with either small numbers of children and young people or very large numbers is really exciting. It has been really good facilitating lots of different activities such as face painting, arts and craft, or different sports activities. I have chosen to join this line of work as I really enjoy having a positive effect on the lives of children and young people, providing them with a positive role model, whilst also being able to pass on skills and information I may hold".

Miranda Endres

Role: Youth Offending Team

“I am really enjoying my placement with the Youth Offending Team. It is really exciting to have the opportunity to make a difference in people’s lives. My role is around offering early intervention, before people get into trouble. I also shadow some members of the Targeted Youth Support Team working in various schools across Torbay. I feel that I am giving opportunities to young people that I didn’t have when I was that age. I am supporting young people to have a voice regarding issues of concern to them such as bullying.

After the V-Talent project I would like to have the opportunity to continue to offer support to young people in some capacity but I am not sure what the future holds. What I do know is that at the moment I am thoroughly enjoying my work with the Youth Offending Team.”

Emma Bovey

Role: Youth Service

“Hello, I’m currently on the V-Talent project and I’ve got a placement volunteering with Torbay Youth Service; I’m working with Torbay Youth Cabinet, UKYP, and Q.E.D youth centre on a Wednesday night. So far I’ve had an amazing experience one that I wouldn’t have got if it wasn’t for this project. I’ve been given the chance to work with some great workers and young people. I like going on team building days with the people on V-Talent even though we’ve only had one but it was so much fun the photo represents the raft building we did. We all had such a laugh and it was a great day for all of us!”

Tony Taylor

Role: Play Service

“I joined the V-Talent project as I was a volunteer working at QED in Paignton and I thought this would be a really good opportunity to help start my career and work full time. Through this project I am working with the Play Service and I am currently supporting the work of the Play Rangers. I have really enjoyed all aspects of this role including playing football and supporting children to do arts and crafts projects. I am currently running football training for children at Shiphay with at least 10 children attending each session.

Communicating with children is what I really enjoy. Finding out what they enjoy listening to their stories. When you see the smile on their face it feels really good, it makes me feel better, it’s a big reward for me. There have also been some very long meetings which I have attended as part of my placement, but at least I am having the opportunity to see all aspects of the work. After my placement ends I really want to continue working in play work. I may not have felt this before my placement with the V-Project as I was more focused on youth work. My priority is making sure children have something to do and I will do all I can to make sure that they do”.

Cathy Landucci

Role: Youth Service

“I joined the V-Project as I have always been interested in working with young people. I like meeting lots of young people from diverse backgrounds. Many of the young people I now support are at a very impressionable stage in their life. The decisions the young people are making now are vital and will / could change their lives for ever. If I can be a part of supporting young people to create these positive changes in their lives then I feel that my role working for the Youth Service as part of the V-Talent project will be extremely rewarding.

I am hoping that my experience through the V-Talent project will lead to employment. I really want to work in a job in which I feel satisfied because the job is both beneficial to me but also for the people I work with and support. Knowing I have improved a person's life (even in a small way) will leave me with a great feeling of satisfaction. The V-Talent project has provided me with an incredible opportunity to embark on a career path in which the work doesn't feel like work, yet is extremely rewarding”.

I am sure like me, from reading the volunteer's stories you start to get a feeling of how the above articles are clearly having an extremely positive impact on many people's lives and in some cases I think we could go as far as saying that this project is changing people's lives. It may come as no surprise to know that we already have a waiting list of volunteers who are now really keen to get involved with this project once spaces become available. For more information contact [Paul Savill](#); Placement Supervisor 01803 206485 / 07825735007 or [Lorraine Moss](#); Volunteer Co-ordinator 01803 206233

Oliver Hill

Role: Youth Offending Team

“I see myself as a hard working enthusiastic person. I wanted to join the Youth Offending Team to make a difference. I want to give my time to listen to young people, to talk about problems they may have. Due to my personal experience of being a victim of an attack, I wanted the opportunity to talk to young people in a restorative way. I recognise that lots of young people need support and may not feel comfortable talking or opening up to adults of an older age; therefore I feel the V-Talent project will give me the opportunity to have a really positive impact on the lives of young people. Only recently I have been working really closely with one particular young person, who through conversation I was able to discuss my personal experience of being a victim of crime. I am aware that hearing my story did have a positive impact on this particular young person.

My Volunteering with the V-Project has given me a really interesting opportunity to meet a wide range of young people from many different backgrounds. I feel that by giving my time I am making a difference for these young people I am meeting”.

Youth Activities in Hele

Youth activities in Hele just got better as two youth provisions have been brought together to create an even bigger youth drop-in at the Hele Windmill Centre every Friday night between 7pm and 10pm.

The youth club is supported by the young people in the area and each week the activities include cooking, guitar lessons, and table tennis and computer games. Internet access is also provided by the Windmill Centre.

During the summer months we will be pushing our sports programme in the cage and taking sports up onto the windmill fields.

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young people's talent). More to follow about how this went in the next edition of Youth News.

On a local level the members of Youth Parliament are currently focusing their energies on launching a transport campaign as this seems to be the biggest concern for many local young people. The members of Youth Parliament are asking young people to complete a survey and send it back to the Paignton Cluster Team, Paignton Community and Sports College, The Bungalow, Waterleat Road Paignton. So far the members of Youth Parliament have received around 2,000 completed surveys back however they still would like more (could you please share this survey with young people and support them to complete them and return them back).

The members of Youth Parliament will launch the results of these surveys at a big event planned for November as part of national youth work week – more details in the next edition. If there was not already going on the members of Youth Parliament are also looking to attend the Sustainable Education Transport Strategy Forum, whilst also representing young people by sitting on the Children's Trust Board in Torbay.



The current members of Torbay Youth Parliament Daniel Olaiya, Ahmed El'Houdiri, Alistair Harrison and Laura Peacock have been working extremely hard both locally and nationally. On a national level Daniel (Member of Parliament for Torbay) has commitments in London and Birmingham over the next 2 weeks as Daniel who is also the young person's media representative for the South West is acting as youth media advisors for Shine Week (Shine Week is a national festival celebrating

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Being a UKYP Rep

By Laura Peacock

“Hi I am Laura Peacock and I am 13 years old, I attend Paignton Community and Sports College and my role in UKYP is Shadow Member of Youth Parliament. I had never heard about Youth Parliament until Paul Savill came and did a talk in my school and at first I was interested but didn't have time to fill out a form. So one day I went to my school library and a youth worker was there and asked me if I wanted to fill out a form I was happy to but never thought I would make it past the first round.

So when I got a call saying I had made it down to the final 14 out of 69 candidates I was amazed as when I read all the other manifestos I thought mine didn't stand a chance. So as soon as I got that phone call I was straight into campaigning and making sure I gave it my best shot.

When I went to the results evening I was so shocked to hear my name called out as finishing 4th I was so pleased with myself even though I hadn't won.

I was told that if anyone dropped out then 3rd would step in and if anyone else dropped out I would get a chance. So I never got my hopes up.

So when I got the phone call to say William had stepped down and Dan moved up a place and Ahmed and Alasdair would share the deputy role so Beth and I would step in I was overwhelmed with joy and excitement to know that my voice would be heard. Already I have had a say in big decisions with other UKYP members and hopefully we are making our mark.”

My UKYP Journey

By Daniel Olaiya



Since I was elected in to the UK Youth Parliament, I have really grown from strength to strength capitalising and improving many skills and abilities of mine and using them more importantly to air the voice of the young people of Torbay.

One of my most significant experiences while I've been in the UKYP is my journey on “BBC The Speaker”- a recent televised public speaking competition. It all started when I received a short email about a new competition run by the BBC, in which they will eventually find Britain's best young speaker.. GREAT! - I thought when I saw it. However the problem was, to apply I had to send in a video of me giving a speech on whatever I wanted to, but I didn't and still don't have any sort of video camera to record any videos.

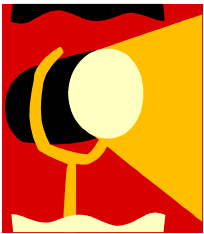
A little while later I get another email from the UKYP telling me that the BBC will be at Exeter University at the UKYP's annual sitting with all their cameras ready to audition people.. So I didn't have to - GREAT!

To cut the long story short I then got through to the next stage of the competition which involved me creating a second speech on something I was passionate about, now when I heard this I thought how and what can I talk about that is totally unique and special, which will hold their attention for a full one minute.

So low and behold the day came when I was faced with three celebrity judges one including Jo Brand (famous comedian). If I said I wasn't fazed I would be telling a big fat lie, I was very nervous but fortunately I chose to talk about myself which I couldn't really falter on, and I'm sure none of the

other candidates talked about Daniel Olaiya - the schoolboy from Torbay.

So it worked out to be a win win situation, in which took me sailing through to the next round, where I became one of the top 20 young speakers in Britain, unfortunately my journey on BBC The Speaker ended there but what I can say is that it gave me a profound experience which I will value for a long time and I guess I have the UKYP to thank for giving me the opportunity to do it.



Spotlight On Will Bowles

Will Bowles won the Torbay Youth Parliament election in January 2008. William listed many subjects on his election manifesto but most noticeable was that he wanted “[To voice the views of teenagers of Torbay and to give them the same opportunities as everyone else](#)”.

As a volunteer Will has consulted with over 3,000 young people across Torbay to find out what facilities for young people were needed. This information was then analysed and used in the creation of the £4.875 million My Place bid. Will then worked in partnership with various lead Council Members to shape the final bid. The final announcement was made in February 2009 to confirm that Torbay had been successful with this bid and therefore by 2011 Torbay will have a new world class facility for young people.

Will set about spending a great many hours planning an event which would showcase services for young people. Due to an amazing amount of commitment, passion and a drive to succeed Will and his colleague Daniel launched the 2008 Your Bay 2 Day Event. The day included over 25 stalls offering young people advice around a range of

subject covering everything from sexual health to careers and employment. There was also a question time debate between local Councillors, dignitaries across Torbay and young people.

The event proved to be a phenomenal success with over 200 young people attending and the feedback from the question time debate went forward to influence the Children’s and Young Peoples Plan for Torbay, thus ensuring the voices of young people have been listened to and have influenced change. Due to popular demand from young people and local councillors Will has agreed to once again support a similar event.

Will has also been part of the Toffy Panel in distributing funds for young people to the sum of £140,000 as part of the Government’s Youth Opportunity Fund. Apart from ensuring Government money was distributed in accordance with what young people wanted, Will was also able to offer support and training to other members of the group.

Amongst all of the above – Will also found the time to sit on the planning team for a new local youth facility to ensure that young people’s voices were listened to and the final design and creation of this new facility was representative of the young people from the local community.

Having given so much of his time in a voluntary capacity at the end of 2008 Will started to take his volunteering to the next level and started to undertake youth work training. Once Will had completed the Introduction to Youth Work course he set about extending his volunteering at R Nite. He is now taking part in the V-Talent Project and volunteering 30 hours each week for the Youth Service.



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Torbay Youth Cabinet

Torbay Youth Cabinet is going from strength to strength.

The Youth Cabinet

has been operating for around 18 months now and with many successes behind them. Such as the support and launch of R-Nite, major contribution towards the success of the £4.85 million My Place bid and more recently significantly contributing towards the re-writing of the Children and Young People's Plan for 2009/2010, there can be no doubt that the Youth Cabinet have certainly had a very productive first 18 months.



(Youth Cabinet Meeting 8th June 2009 attended by the Mayor and Cllr Anna Tolchard)

Not wanting to stop still the Youth Cabinet have very big plans for the years ahead. The Youth Cabinet are currently undertaking an intensive training programme covering such topics as, how Children's Services works and the structure of the Children's Trust and working groups, not to mention communication skills, presentation skills etc.

Once the Youth Cabinet has finished this period of training the intention will be to launch 3 new sub groups. Each sub group will be aligned to 1 or 2 of the Every Child Matters outcomes.

The decision to expand the Youth Cabinet in such a way is in response to the volume of requests that the Youth Cabinet are regularly receiving. It is hoped that with additional groups focusing on specific areas, not only will more young people have the opportunity to join these decision making processes, but crucially many more of the significant decisions affecting young people, will be influenced by young people.

To support the Youth Cabinet sub groups to become operational many thanks must go to: The Children Society, Safer Communities, Connexions and the Equalities Team from Torbay Council, who in partnership with the Youth Service will be supporting these sub groups. These sub groups will be launched at a big event which will be held during Local Democracy Week in October so watch this space for more information.

Finally 8 members of the Youth Cabinet have been to the House of Lords. On the 10th July 2009 young people aged 13 - 25 took over the House of Lords and conducted a debate structured around three issues chosen by them, including talent/celebrity.

This is only the 4th time the House of Lords have allowed members of the public to run a debate in the Chamber and was an amazing opportunity for young people to learn about the political process, meet the Lord Speaker and other peers, tour the Houses of Parliament and get their voices heard.

Once again more details of how the trip to the House of Lords will appear in next edition of Youth News



'Inspirational' Jamie Given Police Award

POLICE in Brixham have rewarded an 'inspirational' young person for his good work in the community. Jamie Hardaker, 16, was presented with two good citizenship certificates under the Motiv8 scheme, launched in March.

He was singled out for the awards for his efforts in raising money for the Blue Peter Appeal and for his role on the interview panel for a new Chairman of Torbay Council's Transformation and Safeguarding Board.

The scheme, due to be rolled out force-wide following a successful trial in Torbay, rewards with tickets, young people who are spotted carrying out a good deed, such as picking up litter or helping someone.

Extra special good deeds, such as Jamie's, receive special recognition with a certificate, shopping vouchers and free entry to a range of local attractions.

Police community support officer Dave Bird, who nominated Jamie for the awards, said: "He's an exceptional youngster and an inspiration to all because he's self motivated.

"Everywhere you turn Jamie is there doing something for the community. It's amazing the amount of stuff he does. He's so polite, an ideal teenager.

"Although naturally, quite shy, he has managed to achieve all that he has through overcoming his shyness."

Jamie is a member of the Brixham Army Cadets, the 999 Cadets which was recently launched by

the fire service and the police, and a volunteer at Brixham Youth Enquiry Service.

He also helped launch Torbay's new youth funding panel and recently helped put together the bid for the new youth centre at Parkfield, Paignton.

He was one of three teenagers to sit on the interview panel to find the new head of the Council's Safeguarding Board - a multi-agency organisation designed to protect children and young people. And he recently organised a bric-a-brac sale at the Salvation Army in Paignton which raised £100 for the Blue Peter Appeal.

Jamie, a former pupil of Brixham College, says his motivation is trying to make Torbay a 'better place for young people'.

"I want to try to get more for them to do," he said.

"I like young people and seeing how they change through the stuff we do. It's very rewarding.

"It's really good to get these certificates and I'm really happy about it. It's nice to be recognised."

Since the scheme was launched three months ago, 19 tickets have been handed out to young people in Torquay, nine in Paignton and three in Brixham. Brixham's Acting Sergeant Tracy Sharam said: "The scheme recognises good work which has been done by the youths who are out there and it's one way of showing we appreciate their efforts."

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and
11/07/09
2-4.30pm

Music Projects, karaoke, DJ'ing,
Graffiti Art Projects, arts and crafts,
Youth Cafe
Study support, Pool, sports, dance,
Healthy living projects, life skills,
Trips, events and off site activities,
Accredited Youth Awards, group work projects,
Young volunteering opportunities,
Outreach and street-based youth work
Visits from specialist workers,
Information and support,
Wheelchair access,
You make it your own, we provide the tools!

Our New Weekly sessions from 15/06/09

Monday	CLOSED GROUP PROJECT WORK WHEN ARRANGED.	Please ask your youth workers for details
Tuesday	SPICE UP YOUR LIFE 6.30-9.00pm	Including Life Skills, Creative Arts & Music 11-19 years. Just 30p. DROP IN
Wednesday	MUSIC TECH AND COOL RUNNINGS 6.30-9.00pm	After school session, study support and Music Tech 11-19 years. Just 30p DROP IN
Thursday	IN THE ZONE GROUP 6.30-9.00pm	Closed group - ask team for details 13-19 (and up to 25 years)
Friday	FAST FORWARD 5-7.30pm	Including Jamming, football, gaming, healthy living sessions e.g. quizzes, Music 11-19 years. DROP IN. Just 30p.
Other	TIME OUT PROJECT	Outdoor Education sessions throughout year as arranged, e.g. some Saturdays and holidays. Canoeing, caving etc. 10-25 years

Chilled Out is a Charitable Youth Project that works with Torbay Youth Service

You can find us in Abbey Park behind The English Riviera Centre, along from the crazy golf and in front of the tennis courts

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VYS NEWS

Vcashpoint - Round 6 is now open to applications. Grants are awarded to young people (16 to 25) to set up exciting and creative voluntary projects that

benefit their communities. The scheme has a total budget of £1 million available for distribution, with individual grants capped at £2,500. Projects that involve young people in their organisation, planning and implementation will be supported. The funding can be used to design and undertake schemes that will benefit the applicant's community and will have a positive impact in the long-term. Next deadline is 17th August. See www.vinspired.com/opportunities/vcashpoint/

Secret Millionaire fund - The Big Lottery Fund and Channel 4 have launched a joint Secret Millionaire Fund to support projects that give people better chances in life, build stronger communities, improve rural and urban environments, or promote healthier and more active people and communities. Lottery funding worth £1 million will be allocated as grants of between £300 and £10,000 to organisations across the UK. http://secretmillionaire.channel4.com/fund_info.shtml

Fun and Friendship - BBC Children in Need has launched a new grant programme focused on supporting disabled young people aged 12-18 years old living in the UK. The £3 million grants programme was set up following commissioned research revealing a significant lack of opportunity for independent socialising for disabled young people, often leading to feelings of loneliness and isolation. BBC Children in Need are targeting

organisations that can provide these opportunities for friendship, and identify and address the barriers disabled young people face as teenagers growing up. BBC Children in Need intends to award up to 12 three-year grants of up to £300,000 each. The deadline for applications is 31st July. See

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/funandfriendship>

Number 10 Art Competition - this is an art competition for young people from 5 to 16 years old. The best pictures will be displayed in the waiting room of 10 Downing Street and the young artists will be invited to the house to see their work on display. The theme is the Environment and entries will be accepted until 31st August.

<http://www.number10.gov.uk/Page19404>

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Torbay's young person Survey

1. What year group are you in? ...

Please rank the following issues in order of importance to you (1 being the most important, 5 being the least) in order to recognise what we should focus or campaign for in our roles in Youth Parliament.

- **Sexual/Relationship education**
- **Things to do/places to go**
- **EMA system (Fair Criteria)**
- **Transport Costs**
- **Promote Young Peoples Image**

2. Our main focus this year is going to be transport. Therefore we need to know if you would use the bus service more often if the child price was raised from **16 years old to 18 years old** (please circle)? **Yes/No**

3. And also would you use the bus service more often if the **prices were lowered** over the whole system? **Yes/No**

4. What do you think that is a reasonable price between Torquay town center to Paignton bus station (please circle)?

- **50p-£1.00**
- **£1.01-£1.50**
- **£1.51-£2.00**
- **£2.01-£2.50**

5. Do you find there is enough quality **sexual/relationship education** in your school (please circle)? **Yes/No**

Thank you for your co-operation