

# Every Child Matters Update

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## Children and Young People's Plan review 2008

The annual review of the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) is underway and we need your views!

The review provides us with an opportunity to evaluate the progress we have made over the last year in improving outcomes for children and young people in Leeds, and to set our priorities for the next year. We have a statutory requirement to revise our CYPP annually, as this provides evidence for Ofsted's Annual Performance Assessment of Children's Services. Therefore it is important for everyone involved in working with children and young people across the city to contribute. With your help, we can prioritise and review targets to make sure we make a real difference to the lives of our children and young people in Leeds.

We want to hear your assessment, of what we have achieved and what we need to do next, by the end of February.

Once we have gathered feedback from everyone involved, we will use this information to produce a draft revised CYPP for consultation in March.

All the information about how to get involved is now available on the Children Leeds website at [www.childrenleeds.org.uk](http://www.childrenleeds.org.uk)

## Latest information at [www.childrenleeds.org.uk](http://www.childrenleeds.org.uk)

The new Children Leeds website will go live on Monday 11 February, and can be accessed at [www.childrenleeds.org.uk](http://www.childrenleeds.org.uk). The website will undergo further development over the next few months. On our website, you can find details of forthcoming training courses, including;

National Induction training;  
Common Assessment Framework training;  
Lead professional training;  
Peer-vision; and  
Manager training.

Full details are on the website, and places must be booked by 1 February. For more information, contact Jenny Wagner, phone 0113 279 5261.

## Stay in school and go places!

Following on from the success of last year's 'Holidays in term time' campaign, Education Leeds have teamed up with Co-Op Travel again to promote the important message 'Every school day counts'. Families can get considerable discounts if they book their holiday during the school holidays.

For more information, contact the attendance strategy team on 0113 256 0555.

## Magic Me workshops!

Neighbourhoods for All Ages is hosting a "Magic Me" workshop in February with the UK's leading provider of intergenerational arts activities, Susan Langford, who is coming to share her approach.

Organisers have been overwhelmed with people applying for the available places. A second workshop for those who have been unlucky this time is being planned for April. Further details will follow.



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## Open forum 2008

Our first open forum of 2008 generated lots of ideas about the challenges and opportunities coming up for this year and beyond.

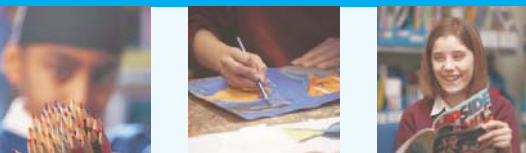
Over 150 people made a really positive contribution to understanding the big issues on the horizon that will influence our major review of the Children and Young People's Plan in 2009. They also added to our awareness of how we're performing against our existing priorities, so we can refine the current plan to take us forward in 2008. If you weren't there, please speak to someone who was to find out more, or contribute to the current refresh of the plan through the Children Leeds website.

Getting the balance between planning services and budgets for the longer term and maintaining the focus on the biggest issues we face right now is crucial to us offering more flexible, targeted support to meet the needs of every individual child and young person in Leeds. Every one of us has an important part to play in this, so please use the consultation period to get involved and have your say!

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## Young people explore their options with West Yorkshire Police

The Explorer programme builds on the work done by the LAPD, who run an annual programme to boost recruitment.

The Leeds Explorers pilot programme was all voluntary, and requests to assist the police at events and other policing initiatives were met with tremendous enthusiasm from all explorers. There were 400 'hits' on the website expressing interest, 70 applications were received, 20 young people were interviewed and 13 were finally selected.

The project was a valuable opportunity for the police and young people to positively interact, and the outcomes were excellent for both groups. During the programme one young female explorer was successful in joining the service as the youngest Police Community Support Officer, and the rest are watching for recruitment.

The next 30-week programme starts in October 2008. If anyone knows of any suitable 16-18 year-old potential explorers, please contact Mark Busley, phone 0113 395 0798, email mark.busley@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

## This is your publication...

so let us know about the great work you are doing in your organisation. How are you including children and young people in the changes you are making? We all want Leeds to have the very best children's services to make sure that every child matters.

Please send all your comments and suggestions about this update to the children's services unit. Email [children.leeds@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:children.leeds@leeds.gov.uk) Phone 0113 395 0247

## Leeds leads on tackling health issues

Over 350 children and young people from dance groups across Morley and south Leeds performed to a sell-out crowd at an event organised by Leeds PCT in December. All the dancers were from DAZL, a community dance project which aims to use dance to improve health and prevent obesity.

Leeds 'Carnegie Club' is a free community-based service, funded by Leeds Primary Care Trust and delivered by Carnegie Weight Management. The programme is designed for children aged 11 – 17 years old who are overweight or obese and their primary caregivers. The first club was a great success, and if sufficient numbers are recruited, the second club will run every Saturday afternoon for 12 weeks from 23 February, with a 12 week follow-up programme. For more information, go to [www.carnegieweightmanagement.com](http://www.carnegieweightmanagement.com)

Young people who are worried about their weight can also try out free sessions giving them guidance on healthy lifestyles and a chance to try new activities as part of Breeze. This is Leeds City Council's brand to encourage under 19's to get involved in positive activities in Leeds.

A new and innovative 'energiser' that boosts children's mental performance and physical wellbeing has also taken primary schools in Leeds by storm. Led by Education Leeds, 'Wake Up and Shake Up' involves children taking part in short daily aerobic-type exercise in a fun way, to lively 'pop' music. The exercise helps 'energise' the children and prepares them for their studies.

'Wake Up and Shake Up' was delivered as part of Education Leeds' 'Be Healthy!' challenge last year to all 285 schools across the city. This year's challenge has a new element; 'Be Healthy, Stay Safe!'. The challenge encourages children and young people, schools and families to again 'just do one thing well' to improve their emotional and physical health and healthy eating, but also to keep themselves safe.

'Be Healthy, Stay Safe!' will launch this year on 7 April. Anyone interested in getting involved should go to [www.educationleeds.co.uk/behealthy](http://www.educationleeds.co.uk/behealthy)

## Dates for your diary

**4 March**

### Parenting pathfinder end-of group celebration event

A celebration for parents who have completed the extended Incredible Years programme.

For more information, contact the Osmondthorpe One-Stop-Shop, phone 0113 247 4835.

**12 March**

### Parents as partners in early learning conference, Elland Road

For more information, contact Stephanie Taylor, phone 0113 247 5479.

**12 March**

### Sport Leeds seminar

5 - 9.55pm, John Charles Centre for Sport

Gabby Logan is the guest speaker at this event which hopes to encourage participation with the voluntary sector and wider groups involved with sport. For more information, contact Lucinda Walsh, phone 0113 247 8309.

## Please pass this publication on to colleagues in children's services

If your organisation or colleagues do not have access to email or the internet, or would like this update in another format, please let us know. You can call us on 0113 395 0247.

