

# Hunts Children and Young People's Area Partnership Report for CTEP July 2016

## **Young People and Mental Health**

Community based initiatives in Godmanchester are going well led by a voluntary sector Area Partnership member

- Planning a second BLOB workshop (September) following success of last year's workshop. This year's workshop is almost full and we may have to consider a further session
- A Happy Map has been developed by the community and is added to by different groups in the community. It is hosted on the town website and highlights places young people go and why it makes them feel happy. The Town Council are looking at supporting a 'Happy Trail' to encourage the community to get out and see Godmanchester; interact with other people and share the small things that can help people in the community feel happier and healthier <http://visitgodmanchester.co.uk/index.php/happy-map>
- Staff working with young people in Godmanchester have pooled the resources and tools they find useful when working with young people on issues around mental health and compiled them into a 'self esteem' pack that can be used by anyone working with young people. Final tweaking taking place then will be more generally available and informal training sessions offered if required

Community based initiatives using the arts to encourage positive mental health and emotional well being in St. Neots, led by a community group, was initially supported by the Area Partnership but is now established and running independently. The action will be removed from the plan

A second webinar on young people and mental health took place in March and was well received. The theme was the 'stress less' campaign and how young people could cope better with approaching exam stress. The webinar can be viewed at <http://www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/health/healthtopics/mh/cyp/webinar>

The partnership has identified a key issue for young people – the lack of adults they can access if they want to talk about stress/mental health. We would like to develop work around this but currently lack a lead person to take this forward

## **Free School Meals**

Working with Educational Welfare Benefits team to continue work on information sharing

## **Employability and Young People**

The Hunts Providers Network (supporting young people in transition to college; preventing NEET etc) has recently been re established and will feed into the Area Partnership to ensure work across local partnerships is shared

A presentation by HRC on student pathways was well received by the last Partnership meeting and could be instrumental to other work in Hunts

Top Secret a multi-agency funded project initiated by the Area Partnership comes to a close at the end of July with a performance by young people involved in the project. The project set out to engage local young people in an arts project with a professional theatre company. Whilst developing their final performance, based on the history of Alconbury Weald, a new community, participants have learned about different skills and career opportunities. Young people's learning will be evaluated post project. A funding bid is currently being written to fund further work in this area

A careers event for parents held in Huntingdon library was well received but not well attended

### **Child Sexual Exploitation**

Currently exploring funding options for a tour of 'Tough Love' in spring 2016. Schools want to be involved in this tour

### **Supporting New Communities**

The partnership hosted a multi-agency workshop at Alconbury Weald in May. Key points were...

- Support for a single Welcome Pack –collated by the developers but with contributions from Area Partnership members
- Supporting community activities designed to encourage community participation leading to community leadership/ownership.
- Development of a Joint Services Group to help ensure that local services work together and are co-ordinated

### **Youth Grants**

£26k was distributed to young people's projects in Hunts. Feedback on impact of the grants will be presented to the Area Partnership

Young people would like to be involved in the monitoring of projects but we cannot identify a partner with the capacity to take on the support of young people in this initiative

### **Area Partnership Meetings**

**Accelerating Achievement** – recently had a focus on Accelerating Achievement and are planning a Task and Finish Group to look at possible actions

#### **Young People's Voice – The October Area Partnership Meeting**

The theme for the Area Partnership workshop (prior to the Extended meeting) is 'what is it like to be a young person in Hunts in 2016?'

Groups of young people are being asked to explore issues for young people and present them at the workshop. Looking for creative presentations. Presentations will be followed by an opportunity to discuss issues with the adult audience and ideas for future projects will be fed into the Extended meeting in the afternoon