



## VOLUNTEERS CHRISTMAS EVENT WILL BE HELD AT ROYAL ARMOURIES



The Youth Offending Service would like to invite you to attend the volunteers Christmas Event on:

**WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2010**  
**7PM TIL LATE**

Chocolate fountain, 4 course meal, disco until 1am

Dress code: Smart dress, no jeans/trainers



Places are limited so please confirm your place ASAP by calling the office or emailing one of our co-ordinators.

### New Chief Executive of Leeds City Council

Some of you may be aware that Tom Riorden has succeeded Paul Rogerson as the council's new Chief Executive. He was appointed in April 2010 and took up his position in August 2010. Tom is continuing the consultation with Leeds Council staff regarding suggestions on how to be more efficient.

### Generic Training Calendar



If you would like to attend any of the following training sessions please call the office and book a place.

Spaces are limited.

All sessions will be held at Moor Road, Headingley

**Application Workshop**  
**(Helping volunteers with application forms)**

Wednesday 20 October 6pm-9pm

**Working with girls**  
November (Date to be confirmed)

### Youth Justice Interactive Learning Space (YJILS) Training



Congratulations to Savina, Tyrone and Sarah who have completed the module 'Exploring the Youth Justice System-an introduction 2010'.

If anyone needs any help with the training please call the office and we will be happy to help.



## Inspection of Youth Offending Team



Leeds YOS will be inspected on their work and cases during Monday 27 September to Friday 1 October. Inevitably this will mean cases where volunteers have played a role in the prescribed interventions for young people. We will let you know the feedback in our next newsletter.

## NORTH TEAM RELOCATION



Our North Team which was based in Enterprise House on St Paul's Street in Leeds City Centre has now relocated to Tech North, 9 Harrogate Road, Chapel Allerton LS7 3NB . Tel no: 0113 2243308.



Sarah Kennedy and Adele Robinson on their new jobs as Youth Justice Workers within the Service we wish them well in their new roles and thank them for all their time and work they gave to their volunteering roles.

## Recruitment



We will be starting the Foundation Training in November where we will be training around 30 new volunteers. Please look out for any new faces over the coming months.

## Expenses

Please can we remind volunteers to send in expense forms promptly and to refrain from letting them accumulate over months.



Also those volunteer who claim for mileage please can you remember to record your mileometer reading on the expense sheet.

**Many thanks**

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Every year in the UK, Black History Month (BHM) raises awareness of African and Caribbean history and cultural heritage; celebrating positive contributions to the political, economic and cultural life of Britain.



For more details please email:  
[Tajinder.virdee@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Tajinder.virdee@leeds.gov.uk)

## Reparation Project-Middleton Park



Over the summer one of our volunteers, Savina, took the opportunity to help the YOS deliver a reparation project in Middleton Park, South Leeds. Alongside Park Rangers, the young people cleared undergrowth, built steps and uncovered historic 'bell pits' (a method of mining coal dating back over 200 years). Savina said that it was "extremely rewarding. Some took longer to engage than others, yet all enjoyed it and gained from the experience." She also said that it was educating, enjoyable and well organised.

# Referral Order Review

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## REFERRAL ORDER STEERING GROUP

Savina Elleuche (savina@tiscali.co.uk) has joined Yvonne Allison (allisonyk2610@waitrose.com) in representing panellists on this group. Both of them would welcome hearing from you and we are in the process of discussing with them how best to do this; if you have any ideas then let them know. If anyone would like to put their name forward for this group please let us know.



The Steering Group met on Monday 20 September where discussions included the current inspection, RO numbers, panel timelines and mutual training / observation opportunities. As a result, our two Victim Liaison Officers will be making a presentation to Magistrates in November.

In addition, Youth Court has agreed that panellist volunteers can observe a routine court sitting for a morning. **Please get in touch if you would like to be considered for this.** As you will know, access to Youth Court is strictly controlled so please be patient. We can only do this one volunteer at a time and even on the day the sitting Magistrates may decide that it is not appropriate to have an observer in the Court.



## SATURDAY REFERRAL ORDER GROUP

Over the summer, numbers referred to this group have fallen. It can accommodate up to 20 young people at a time but last time we had only 6 on the register. It is a great way for the YOS to deliver both a challenging programme and reparation to young people who are low risk.

The group runs as follows:

- SESSION 1: OFFENDING BEHAVIOUR
- SESSION 2: VICTIM AWARENESS
- SESSION 3: PEER ISSUES / ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR
- SESSION 4: DIVERSITY
- SESSION 5: SUBSTANCE ABUSE
- SESSION 6: SEXUAL HEALTH

So next time you are reading an initial panel report, ask yourself, "Is the Saturday RO Group suitable for this young person?" and discuss it with the Youth Justice Worker.

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## ROBERT'S SCINTILLATING STATISTICS



- Do you recall that the number of Referral Orders per year grew and grew to a peak of 669 in 2006?
- Did you know that annual numbers then fell steadily to 509 in 2009?
- From January to June 2010 you started work on 225 Orders
- In the first six months of this year, the Courts sentenced 11 young people to a 2<sup>nd</sup> Referral Order
- So far this year, 54% of Referral Orders are five months or less in length, whilst 79% of Referral Orders are six months or less in length

Panel timelines has improved markedly since we changed our approach last April. With your help and support, it peaked at over 91% in the summer and is now averaging 82%. Thank you.

## North Office Relocation



You will all be aware that the North Office have relocated to Tech North in Chapel Allerton. Panels will be held at this venue from October. Louise has posted maps out to all volunteers but if you are still unsure where it is please call us and we will happily give you directions.



Referral Order Review is edited by Robert McNichol. Please pass contributions to Leeds YOS, 31 Moor Road, Headingley, Leeds. LS6 4BG or email: [claire.duguid@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:claire.duguid@leeds.gov.uk)

# Mentoring Matters

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## Mentoring Forum

The next forum will take place on **Thursday 14 October 6pm-8:30pm at Moor Road, Headingley**. Please call me on 0113 2144655 if you will be attending. This is a great opportunity for mentors to network and discuss issues concerns or even give advice to other mentors. We encourage mentors to attend these meetings as it is a form of supervision and support.



## Contact sheets



Please could I remind all volunteers that are matched with a young person that it is important to send in completed contact sheets ASAP. We are aware that some of you are busy etc but it is important that these are completed and returned so that we are aware of what is going on and if the young person is engaging. If you need anymore forms or envelopes please ring or email and I will send them out to you. Many thanks.

## Free Activities

Please remember there are free activities available in Leeds that you can take YP to. Also be mindful of the breeze card for YP where they can access activities at a reduced cost. For more details contact the office. Here are a few ideas:

- Leeds City Art Gallery-The Headrow
- Leeds City Museum
- Royal Armouries
- Kirkstall Abbey
- Golden Acre Park

To name a few!!



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# Appropriate Adult Agenda

## AA Reviews with Karol

For all those that have been trained earlier this year. Karol/Jane will be contacting you shortly to arrange a review. This is primarily to ensure you are supported in the role and have the opportunity to flag up any issues/concerns/anxieties.

## AA Forum

Thank you to everyone that attended the forum on Tuesday 14 September at Moor Road, Headingley. Thank you to Rob Mitchell for telling us about his experience on CART interviews and the training he attended on age assessments for asylum seekers.



We would like to encourage more AAs to attend these forums as it is a form of supervision and support and a lot of information, help and advice can be gained from these forums.

## ROTA



Thank you to all of you for covering the rotas and for helping out last minute, we really appreciate everything you do for us. The October rota has filled up nicely with a couple of evening shifts still available. Also thank you to those volunteers that have had shadowers with them we really appreciate the time you take to help out our new volunteers.