

Youth Debt updates

Background

The Youth Council was approached by Julie Butler in January

YC April '08

Some interesting discussion took place about jobs at 16 when still at school, jobs for under 16's, saving money, reading the small print before you sign and the age group that would be most suitable for a 'Youth Debt' lesson in schools. Julie asked if we could get involved with a logo and a future website.

YC Nov '08

Purpose of Youth Debt project- Caspian and Ellie spoke about the link to the Youth Council website and the aim to be preventing debt rather than tips once in debt.

YC Jan '09

Title for Youth Debt project- The following titles were suggested for the web link: Money Matters and so do YOU, Cash Dash, Penny Pushers, Penny Pedantics. Penny pushers was chosen as the title following a Youth Debt sub group meeting with Councillor Julie Butler.

YC Feb '09

Text/email vote: Young people voted to take Youth Debt on as a Youth Council project.

Website: info for each section-

School age (11-16): tips for shopping and swap shops or eBay, budgeting, money management, loans, jobs including legislation regarding age, how to find jobs, search engine, job adverts, jargon buster and how to forward plan.

College age (16-18): costs of university, a gap year, car insurance, buying a car, a loan, EMA information, debit cards and jobs

University age (18-21): money management packages and easy to use spreadsheet, grants, credit card

School pilot at Millchase: Meet Chair of Governors, Mr and Mrs Pittaway and Mrs Adams (Head) with Youth Councillors and Cllr Julie Butler to discuss the project. If project is agreed, promote in assembly, through posters, leaflets, our

website, virtual learning environments and at events. Drop-in sessions could take place in the library or in a teacher's office. The training and information packs need to be put together soon.

YC March '09

CAB pack: Boring pack but it needs to be due to the nature of the subject

Jo filled out income/expenditure form and ended up in debt despite parents subsidising a lot of her money for toiletries: hair etc

Minor changes: explain what a creditor is and what CAB means

YC April '09

Money, money, money book: Ellie and Harriet showed everyone the book that they are working with and explained it was colourful, visual and interesting. They are going to use the book to help create our pack.

YC July '09

Drop ins: to be run from November-December at Millchase School

To develop: website pages, a pack for Youth Councillors, ideas for a hook to generate interest within schools, a training session and relevant materials (involving Hampshire Savers and CAB), content for a DVD (which could be shown in schools, used on our website and added to you tube and a cartoon about the project in SOL.

Possible hooks and advertisements: bright colours and bold writing in leaflets, randomness, text speech, animation and moving words, use social networking sites i.e. face book, VLE information re drop in (something new will be clicked on), rolling adverts on VLE, add to homepage for schools, advertise on parental zones of school websites, use plasma in school offices and sports centres (mainly adult content), do assemblies and involve role play by YP and/or a DVD.

Transport updates

YC April '09

Transport- 'Improve transport for young people in East Hants.' Lobby transport providers about their prices (including holiday schemes i.e. Alton) and their services. Approach stagecoach first and southwest trains to find out what is happening already including developing existing routes and the introduction of new routes (particularly to other transport links). Address what can be done about overcrowded buses including the need for more buses particularly those providing later services. Rural areas need the most attention and the need for transportation could be identified through polls and questionnaires. Older generations may be against improved transport specifically for young people but the transport officer at EHDC and portfolio holder should be able to support us plus people along new bus routes who will benefit and YP at schools.

YC June 09

Transport – Jake read out ideas gathered in April's meetings for this campaign. Sarah discussed existing projects the first being for proof of age cards. Questionnaires have already been sent out to YP in East Hampshire, although these were mostly from Horndean. There was a positive response and so the YP

decided it would be a good potential project. It was also mentioned that this could be a discount card for cinemas and shops. Sarah mentioned that they were already reviewing the transport system, which focussed on villages and young people. Danielle suggested prices as another main focus, which would include lobbying bus companies. Caspian said that perhaps it would be better to stick to sorting out proof of age cards as they are more easily achieved, whereas the prices and routes would be a struggle to change with the companies. It was asked should the proof of age cards allow students in full time education, and even at university, to pay child fare, as it currently only applies to under 16s. Bob suggested that we should have two sub-groups: one for proof of age cards, and one for general transport issues. ID card sub-group includes: Caspian, Lisa, Heidi, Becca and Jake. The general transport group includes: Danielle, Elin, Joanna and Hannah.