

Children and Young People's Trust

newsletter

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Children and Young People's Trust
Improving outcomes for children in Solihull

Introduction

Spring: a season of rebirth and renewal. Blue skies and warm sun lift the spirits and there's more time for that football game in the park after school and work. Our children's trust partnership is being reborn as well, to give us new energy to tackle the toughest problems facing us in Solihull such as underachievement, poverty and health inequality. It will also help us maintain and improve the things that make us proud of Solihull, like the high quality education, leisure and safeguarding services.

The environment is changing for all of us - public sector funding will get tighter over the next few months and years. The only way to get through this is to pool our energy, ideas and resources. So our partnership is changing to meet the new challenges. There will be more partners involved in the Trust Board (including parents and young people) and a new set of partnership groups to lead the changes we want to make. The Board also retains its strong focus on how we make integrated working a reality in Solihull, including LINCS and the Common Induction.

We'll be launching our new Children and Young People's Plan on 14 October at this year's Trust Assembly - make sure you keep the morning free and we'll let you have more details shortly. In the meantime if you'd like to showcase your work on the day at the Market Place (back by popular demand) get in touch. The new plan will have 'something for everyone' as they say - because you helped create it by contributing to the consultation, and we'll need your help in delivering it.

Read on to find out up to date news on the Trust. Find out how the Forest School programme helps to improve children's confidence, the new developments with 14 to 19 year olds and the latest on vetting and barring. Also, check out our latest training.

Ben Lewing
Change for Children Programme Manager

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Children and Young People's Plan 2010-11

The Trust carried out its largest ever poll of Solihull people between January and March this year. The purpose was to find out what you thought should be in our new Children and Young People's Plan for 2010. 1929 children and young people and 429 parents and carers completed questionnaires or took part in focus groups and there were 53 formal responses from staff and volunteers representing a spread of public and third sector organisations. If you responded, thanks!

We've turned your ideas into a draft plan with eight priorities - here's a sneak preview:

1. Safe from harm
2. Supporting parents and carers
3. Raising achievement for all
4. Good physical and emotional health
5. An equal chance for vulnerable children and young people
6. Things to do and places to go
7. Active involvement
8. Looking after the environment

The Trust Board is current looking at a final draft version which we will formally sign off over the summer and launch at the Assembly on 14 October. Watch this space for more details soon!

Consultation with children and young people

We asked children and young people up to the age of 19 (up to age 25 for those with a disability) for their views on what we should include in our new plan.

Right from the start children and young people were involved in planning and designing the consultation. They got a chance to say what was important to them and what they would improve under these headings:

- Being healthy
- Staying safe
- Having fun
- Where I live
- Helping me learn

Over 1,900 children and young people across the borough got involved through schools, local groups, events, focus groups or by filling in a questionnaire. We have taken their feedback and come up with a list of key priorities for children and young people. These priorities have helped shape our new Children and Young People's Plan.

Children and young people told us that staying safe was the most important issue for them. They also identified other concerns which include:

- More support and advice on eating healthy food and feeling healthy
- More things to do in their area including at local parks
- Extra help and extra time in school to do work and having supportive teachers
- More lessons that children and young people enjoy, including practical lessons, PE and using computers
- Everyone looking after their area, preventing littering, recycling and looking after the environment

Children and young people told us that they really enjoyed being involved in the process. They also said that it's very important they get to have a say in the future of Solihull and get feedback on what we have done with the information they give us.

Consultation with parents and carers

We asked parents and carers what they thought we should include in our new plan.

They were asked what concerned them most within each of the five outcome areas for children and what they think we could do to improve things:

- Being healthy
- Staying safe
- Enjoy and achieve
- Making a positive contribution
- Economic wellbeing

They were also asked questions about access to information, family support, childcare and how involved they felt in making decisions about services.

Parents from our Parents' Forum helped design a questionnaire for parents and carers, and also put together key questions to be used at focus groups.

We distributed 3,400 questionnaires through a range of services and nine schools also volunteered to take part. We received 429 completed questionnaires and 109 parents attended the focus groups.

The Solihull Parent's Forum identified 16 common themes and issues from the range of views. These include:

- More activities and things for children, young people and families to do
- Making communities safer with a focus on better, more visible community policing and more information for parents on how they can keep their children safe
- Better health education for children and more information/support for parents on how to keep their children healthy
- Improved services for children with a disability
- Early intervention - support for parents to help them deal with things before they become a crisis
- Educating parents in parenting skills - a standard offer to all parents as a preventative approach

After the consultation, the Parents' Forum looked at the data and came up with a list of key priorities for parents and carers. These priorities have also helped shape our new Children and Young People's Plan.

We're reporting back to parents, carers, children and young people on the consultation. See the report soon at www.solihull.gov.uk/cypt

Involving parents and carers

Parents' Network and Parents' Forum

A parents' network has been set up to provide parents and carers with regular information on what is available for families in Solihull.

From September, parents and carers in the network will receive a newsletter each term that will include information on:

- Services, activities and events in Solihull
- Things that are happening or changing to make things better for parents and children
- How parents can get involved and have their say about what is happening in Solihull for them and their children

Parents or carers who want to have more of an active say in improving things for their family can join the Parents' Forum. The forum is a group of parents and carers who have children of various ages and come from all areas of Solihull.

They meet every month to discuss things like;

- Keeping children healthy and safe
- Schools and learning
- Things to do and places to go
- Support for parents and carers
- How to make sure all parents are involved in making important decisions about what we do in Solihull



If you know any parents or carers who would be interested in joining the network or forum or would like to know more, please contact us.

Contact: The Family Information Service on 0800 389 8667 or email parentsnetwork@solihull.gov.uk

Updates on Priorities

Priority 1 - Healthy Lifestyles

Targeted mental health in schools or TAMHS

Emotional health is an issue that comes out strongly from almost every consultation on children and young people's needs. Children and young people say they want:

- More emotional support
- Help to develop confidence
- Help with relationship and friendship issues in the family, school and wider community
- Someone who they can trust to talk to

As a result of our consultation on the Children and Young People's Plan we have identified emotional health as one of our priorities for our new 2010-11 plan.

We are also to be part of a national 'Targeted Mental Health in Schools' (TaHMS) programme. The aim of the programme is to improve the level of support that children and young people with emotional difficulties receive in school.

We will:

- Train staff in schools so that they are more able and confident to recognise and support children at risk of poor emotional health and well being
- Work with voluntary organisations to provide services such as one to one counselling for children affected by bereavement, family breakdown or bullying in schools
- Make the process for referring children to specialist support agencies clearer and simpler

Outcome

The emotional health and well being of children and young people in Solihull should improve, which will lead to an improvement in their school attainment, attendance and behaviour.

Contact: Teresa Scragg, Commissioning Manager on 0121 704 6175 or email tscragg@solihull.gov.uk

Priority 2 - Anti-Bullying and Personal Safety

Missing children and young runaways

The terms 'young runaway' and 'missing' refer to children and young people up to the age of 18 who have run away from their home or care placement, have been forced to leave or whose whereabouts are unknown.

The needs of children who run away are varied and complex and can impact on children's life chances.

A multi agency steering group has been set up to support missing children and young runaways. The steering group is made up of representatives from agencies that have a responsibility to meet the needs of children who runaway from care and home. **This group will:**

- Promote awareness of the needs of young runaways to Solihull's children's workforce through information and training - to help

identify these children early and prevent them from running away

- Raise awareness with children, young people and their parents of the safeguarding issues associated with running away and provide information and guidance
- Make sure that detailed multi agency procedures are in place to support front line professionals to manage all missing children incidents in a proportionate, timely and coordinated way
- Make sure that each runaway has their needs assessed and that an appropriate plan is put in place to promote their welfare and protect them from harm.

Contact: Tina Wakfer, Children's Safeguarding Manager on 0121 704 6922 or email: tinawakfer@solihull.gov.uk

Priority 3 - Things to Do and Places to Go

Enjoying the outdoors

Solihull Forest School uses the outdoors and woodlands to deliver inspiring programmes to help children learn and develop. It is part of the national Forest School programme which uses the outdoors as a classroom.

The school works with children in 40% of Solihull primary schools, community groups, out of school groups, children's centres and other local groups.

Activities involve fire lighting, campfire cooking, using tools and making things such as musical instruments, dens and bridges. Sessions give children the opportunity to use their imagination, be creative and use their initiative.

Children are able to have fun whilst learning, take calculated risks and develop at their own pace.

The programmes help children and young people develop:

- Motivation and a positive attitude to learning
- An understanding and awareness of the environment
- Communication and social skills
- Health benefits by being outdoors throughout the seasons

The programmes are linked with the curriculum and Every Child Matters five outcomes.

Abbie, pupil 13

"It's great because I'm able to choose what to do and you don't get that opportunity anywhere else."

Scarlett, pupil Year 1

"Forest School has helped me with my BLP (Building Learning Power)!"

Andrea Harrison, Year 1 teacher Cranmore School

"In all my years of teaching, I have never seen children so engaged with their learning."

Forest School offers:

- Help to establish and run a Forest School programme in schools
- Advice on the design and maintenance of schools own forest school sites
- Training, support and coaching for new Forest School leaders
- Teambuilding and INSETs for your staff teams or pupils
- Taster sessions and bespoke events/courses for staff and pupils

Contact: Janice Price, Forest School Manager on 0121 7883466 or email jprice@solihull.gov.uk



Priority 4 - Raising Achievement

Free education and childcare for two year olds

Solihull is part of a national pilot that provides free, high quality, early education and childcare for two year olds to narrow the gap in achievement between disadvantaged children and their peers.

Liam's story

Liam has been attending Brambles Nursery for ten hours a week. Before starting nursery Liam didn't have the opportunity to play with other children and wasn't confident enough to mix with other people without his mum being there.

Mum said "Since coming here he's been amazing, his confidence has really grown and I'm not anxious anymore about leaving him. We haven't got a garden for him to play in at home so it's great he gets the chance to here".

When his mum was admitted to hospital the nursery played a vital role in providing a sense



of stability. "My relationship with the nursery is really good. They supported both of us which made it easier to cope. Liam's hours fit in with my daughter's school so when I have appointments I can keep my hospital experience separate from them". Mum went on to say that "Without this I don't think he would have been ready to start school. This has really given him a head start".

Nursery Manager, Karen Nash said "Liam took a long time to settle, but since then he's completely transformed. We've seen improvements in all of the children being funded through the two year old pilot. It's great to see families given the opportunity to use the nursery that wouldn't usually be able to and for their children to simply have fun".

Contact: Vicki Lee, Project Officer: Free Early Learning and Childcare on 0121 788 5376 or email vickilee@solihull.gov.uk

Supporting 14 to 19 year olds

Local Authorities have a statutory duty to ensure that by 2015 all 16-18 year olds are taking part in education and training along one of five pathways:

- General academic qualifications such as A levels
- Apprenticeships
- Diplomas
- Foundation learning
- Employment with training

The 14-19 team works closely with schools, colleges and work based training providers to make sure that all young people have an education or training pathway which is appropriate to their needs and interests.

Our goals

- Shape the curriculum for 16-18 year olds in schools, colleges, work based learning providers and individual organisations such as Diplomas and Apprenticeships.
- Make sure the needs of vulnerable groups are met such as young offenders and young people with disabilities.

- Work with neighbouring authorities (Birmingham, Coventry and Warwickshire) to support students attending courses across local authority boundaries.
- Challenge and support education and training providers who have poor post 16 success and attainment rates.

These are challenging goals and can only be achieved by all of us working together so that we can give all young people the best opportunities to reach their potential.



14 to 19 Team left to right: Nicola Smith Administrator, Louise Davies Advisor, Andrea Quigley Senior Advisor/Team Leader and Mike Brown Advisor. Penny Browne Support Officer is also part of the team.

Contact: Andrea Quigley, Senior Advisor and 14-19 team leader on 0121 704 8487 or email aquigley@solihull.gov.uk

Priority 5 - An equal chance

Children in care

The National Youth Advocacy Service (NYAS) is a children's charity which has been commissioned by the Children and Young People's Trust to provide advocacy services for all children and young people in care and 'looked after' by Solihull Council.



This includes - children living away from home, care leavers, disabled children receiving short breaks and children and young people receiving children's social care services between the ages of 4-21 years.

Advocacy is:

- Speaking up for children and young people

- Empowering children and young people to make sure their rights are respected and their views and wishes are heard at all times
- Representing the views, wishes and needs of children and young people to decision makers
- Helping looked after children and young people understand and find their way through the system

NYAS will help us meet our promise to looked after children by making sure that:

- They have access to a flexible, independent and confidential advocacy service
- They are helped to make informed choices about their lives

NYAS has provided services to young people looked after or in need for over 25 years.

Contact: Laura Power, Commissioning Officer on 0121 704 6430 or email lpower@solihull.gov.uk

Supporting young carers in schools

Young carers are children and young people who look after someone in their family who has an illness, disability, mental health or substance misuse problem. Young carers take on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities that would normally be expected of an adult.

Young carers are potentially one of the most vulnerable groups of children and young people and are at risk of experiencing poorer outcomes than their peers.

We have set up a working group to look at how we can support young carers in schools. Many young carers perform poorly at school and have difficulty fitting in with their peers. This can be a result of poor attendance and the pressure and stress caused by caring responsibilities.

The working group is made up of representatives from schools and from around school communities.

What we are doing

We are introducing a support package for schools which includes:

- Identifying a lead member of school staff to support young carers
- Healthy schools guidance on how to support young carers
- Providing resources to raise awareness and understanding of young carers
- Sharing information to promote better understanding of young carers

Contact: Joanne Sierzega, Education Welfare Service on 0121 788 1505 or jsierzega@solihull.gov.uk

Priority 6 - Integrated working and training

Integrated working is about building strong relationships across the workforce to better meet the needs of children, young people and families.

Corporate parenting

We are all corporate parents

Corporate parenting is about how we work together to make sure that we act as good responsible parents for all children and young people in care. We should always consider if 'services are good enough for our own child'.

Children and young people in care (looked after children) are one of the most vulnerable groups of children and young people that we work with. For this reason corporate parenting is one of our priorities.



The corporate parenting strategy is out for consultation until 31 May 2010. The strategy will say how we aim to meet the guidance in the Children and Young People's Act 2008. It will also say how we will show looked after children and

young people how we are meeting, and intend to meet, the promise that we made to them in May 2009.

The promise is our commitment to all of our looked after children, young people and care leavers.

All agencies and services need to continue to work together to meet the needs of these children and young people. All services need to consider how their service impacts on children and young people in care and how accessible the service is to these children and families.

Contact: To have your say in the consultation or for a copy of the promise, contact Yvonne Byrne, Strategic Corporate Parenting Manager on 0121 704 8420 or ybyrne@solihull.gov.uk

Tackling child poverty

Solihull has nearly 5,000 children living in poverty. These children face disadvantages that include poorer educational attainment, poorer health and a lower life expectancy than their peers.

The Child Poverty Act 2010 sets out national targets to get rid of child poverty by 2020. The act also sets out the duties and responsibilities for council's and their partners to tackle child poverty.

This involves a local needs assessment which will inform a local joint strategy.

The Solihull approach

We held a workshop on child poverty in November 2009 which was attended by representatives from the Council and partner organisations. They decided that rather than produce a separate child poverty strategy we should take a holistic

approach. The needs assessment will therefore shape the Council's Action against Poverty Strategy (AAPS).

The AAPS will include everyone who is living in poverty in Solihull, but with a strong focus on erasing child poverty.

A project team has been set up to work on the strategy and the needs assessment. To help us understand the true picture of child poverty in Solihull we will be asking the views of local families and organisations through a consultation.

Child poverty is everybody's business. If you, your organisation and/or any of your service users would be willing to contribute to the consultation please contact the AAPS team.

Contact: Jennifer Weston, AAPS team on 0121 704 8549 or email aaps@solihull.gov.uk

LINCS supporting families

LINCS is the process for the multi-agency support of children, young people and families in Solihull. It sets out the agreed procedures to be used in identifying, assessing and supporting children and young people, when more than one agency is involved.

Evaluation shows that 9 out of 10 children and young people who live in Solihull and are supported through LINCS have improved life outcomes as a result. They are able to cope without the need for specialist services such as youth offending and children's social work services.

The LINCS process was successfully used in a recent case:

The young person had behavioural problems and was at risk of permanent exclusion from school. The school thought that by bringing together all the agencies involved in supporting the child it would help the situation. The Pupil Referral Unit was involved in the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) with the young person and

their family and looked at the needs of the young person and how these could best be met. The end result was that the young person is now back in school full time.

Young person: "Yes it was good having support like that because normally I would feel pressured and only got the support I needed after I got into trouble."

Parent: "I wish the CAF had been introduced earlier and then I believe things would not have got to the point they had."

Lead person: Emma Parker, Head of Year 8 at CTC Kingshurst Academy. "The young person has made great progress due to the work between the two schools and the parents at home. I hope that the support continues so that the young person can continue to enjoy and achieve."

Contact: For more information on LINCS and how it can benefit the families you work with contact the LINCS team on 0121 788 5356 email lincs@solihull.gov.uk or visit www.solihullonevoice.org

Common Core - skills and knowledge

The common core describes the skills and knowledge that the government expects everyone who works with children and young people (including volunteers) to have.

The six areas of the common core are:

1. Effective communication and engagement with children, young people and their families
2. Child and young person development
3. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the child
4. Supporting transition
5. Multi agency working
6. Sharing Information

Training on the common core

Common Induction

If you are a manager you can make sure that your new staff are competent in the common core by enrolling them on the Common Induction. All six modules of the Common Induction equate to the six areas of the Common Core. The Safeguarding module is the same as the LSCB level 1 Safeguarding training and the Integrated Working module is the same as the Integrated Working Awareness Module which is offered to all staff. Depending on their level of experience and training staff may not need to complete all of the modules in the Common Induction. The Safeguarding and Integrated Working Awareness modules are mandatory.

For more information contact: Rebecca Gunning on 0121 788 5371 or rgunning@solihull.gov.uk

Integrated working

All staff can attend training on the LINCS (CAF) processes. They set out the agreed procedures to be used when identifying, assessing and supporting children and young people when more than one agency is involved.

For more information contact: Bernice Lingard on 0121 788 5386 or blingard@solihull.gov.uk

Equality and diversity

If you work in a universal setting with children and young people with disabilities you will find this training useful.

For more information contact: Nehemiah Moyo on 0121 704 8280 or nmoyo@solihull.gov.uk

Safeguarding

For information on inter-agency safeguarding training delivered by the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) visit www.solihull.gov.uk/staysafe Level 1 safeguarding training is no longer provided by the LSCB and is the responsibility of individual organisations to train staff. For voluntary organisations, Level 1 training will be provided by the LSCB.

How to communicate with parents effectively
How to signpost to other services effectively
These modules will be available soon - we will let you know more details soon.

For a copy of our training booklet please visit <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/Attachments/cypttraininganddevelopment0910.pdf>

Training dates

Integrated Working training and Common Induction (module six)

Date	Module	Time	Venue
Tues 22 June	Assessing a child or young person	13:30 - 16:30	Lode Lane
Weds 23 June	Common Induction Module Six: Health and Safety	09:30 - 12:30	Woodlands
Thurs 24 June	Early Identification	09:30 - 12:30	Woodlands
Tues 29 June	CAF Cards	09:30 - 12:30	Woodlands
Tues 6 July	Co-ordination and review	13:30 - 16:30	Sans Souci
Thurs 8 July	Integrated Working Awareness	09:30 - 12:30	Lode Lane

Module	Who it is for
Integrated Working Awareness*	If you are new to the children and young people's workforce in Solihull or need a refresher
Assessing a child or young person*	Assessing the needs and strengths of a family and recording them on a Common Assessment Framework (CAF)
Co-ordination and review*	LINCS model: how to identify, assess and support children, young people and families in Solihull when more than one agency is involved
Early Identification	Explore what some of the common blocks to children and young people achieving the Every Child Matters outcomes in Solihull and what might some of the triggers that can alert us
CAF Cards	This course will tell you more about a tool that will help you to complete the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) process with a family. The CAF cards are visual discussion starters that can be used to support the CAF conversation.

* Please note that when you book onto training you should attend the first three courses in the order shown.

Venue details

Woodlands Campus:

Solihull College, Auckland Drive,
Smith's Wood, B36 0NE

Sans Souci Training Centre:

Tanworth Lane, Shirley, Solihull, B90 4DD

Lode Lane Learning and Development Centre:

142 Lode Lane, Solihull, B91 2HP

To book training:

contact Emma Jones on 0121 788 5374 or
email ejones@solihull.gov.uk

Social work services:

If you work in social work services and have a query about how this training relates to the social work training programme, please contact Debbie Johnson on 0121 704 8163 or email djohnson@solihull.gov.uk

Safeguarding

Vetting and barring scheme

The information below reflects the current position as of 25 May. However, the new Government have stated in their coalition agreement document on 21 May that they plan to 'review the criminal records and vetting and barring regime and scale it back to common sense levels'. We will update you if the situation changes.

From November 2010 everyone who works or volunteers with children and young people will need to register with the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA).

This new vetting and barring scheme will work alongside the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) to strengthen current vetting systems. The scheme will help identify people who are unsuitable to work with children and young people and bar them from getting access to them through work or voluntary activity.

All new staff will need to be ISA registered before applying for a paid or voluntary position. There will be a phased programme for existing staff and volunteers to become ISA registered.

The ISA will also maintain the Children's Banned List which contains details of individuals who are barred from working or volunteering with children and young people.

The Children and Young People's Trust has set up a safer working practices task and finish group to support organisations with the ISA registration and to embed safe working practices.

Solihull Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) sets out the requirements for the safe recruitment of staff. Every service and agency working with children and young people in Solihull should make sure these requirements are reflected in their internal recruitment and selection procedures. The LSCB procedures can be accessed at www.solihull.gov.uk/staysafe

Contact: Emma Jones on 0121 788 5374 or ejones@solihull.gov.uk who will signpost you to the correct person in your organisation for information. For national information visit <http://www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/safeguarding/vetting-barring/scheme/what-does-it-mean-to-you>

Safer recruitment training

The government wants to make sure that everybody who is responsible for recruiting people into the children and young people's workforce does so more safely.

As a result, the Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC) has developed two training packages for recruiters - one aimed at the workforce in schools and e-learning package for the wider workforce.

From January 2010 it is mandatory that school based recruitment panels have at least one person trained in safer recruitment practices. In Solihull we provide training for the schools' workforce on safer recruitment.

We are planning to roll out training for the wider workforce and we will let you have details soon. For national information on what this training involves please visit

<http://www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/safeguarding/safer-recruitment/e-learning>

There are currently ten safer recruitment training sessions available for the children's workforce through the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB). The content of these sessions is geared more towards school staff as we are waiting for training materials from the CWDC for non-school staff.

Contact: Emma Jones on 0121 788 5374 or ejones@solihull.gov.uk who will signpost you to the correct person in your organisation for information.

If you work for a charity, voluntary or community group and need advice about safeguarding and other children's workforce matters please contact Charles Rapson at SUSTAIN on 0121 770 8222 or email charlesr@solihull-sustain.org.uk

Local News

Young people chair conference

In March over 70 people from organisations that support children, young people and their families attended a conference with a difference. A group of six young people aged 11 to 17 delivered a conference to raise awareness of issues that affect young carers from a young carer's perspective.

The young people supported by Solihull Young Carers' group and Str8 Up not only planned the conference, but also acted out scenes to underline their issues..

Young carers are children and young people who look after someone in their family who has an illness, disability, mental health or substance misuse problem. Young carers take on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities that would normally be expected of an adult.



The conference was so successful, the Mayor, Cllr Norman Davies, invited the group to have tea at the Mayor's Parlour.

New community exhibition bus

Colebridge Trust has a new community exhibition bus that is available for hire for events, consultations, promotion and even service delivery.

The bus comes with a driver/supporter and offers excellent value for money in getting your message or service out into the community.

Contact: Charles Rapson, SUSTAIN on 0121 770 8222 or email charlesr@colebridge.org



Calling all training providers

Thanks to funding from the Skills Agency, SUSTAIN is developing an online resource to help training providers make their services more visible to the community and to encourage more people to take up the wide range of training courses available.

If you would like to be involved in setting this up contact Charles Rapson.

Contact: Charles Rapson, SUSTAIN on 0121 770 8222 or email charlesr@solihull-sustain.org.uk

Events

Children and Young People's Trust Assembly

Our next assembly will take place on **Thursday 14 October from 9.00am to 12.30pm at the Renewal Centre, Lode Lane in Solihull.** If you work with children, young people and their families it is important that you come along to see what is going on in Solihull and how you and your organisation will be involved.

The day will include:

- An introduction to our new Children and Young People's Plan
- Workshops on our new priorities and what they mean to you
- Parents, carers and young people talking about their experiences

- A Market Place with services showcasing their work
- Live entertainment from children and young people

If you would like to showcase your organisations work at the Market Place please let us know. Contact: Claire Salter, Marketing and Communications Officer on 0121 704 8474 or clsalter@solihull.gov.uk

The Assembly is a great opportunity to network and catch up with colleagues so put this date in your diary - we will send you details nearer the time.

LINCS practitioner support group

If you would like support with the LINCS process please come along to the LINCS practitioner support group.

Meetings are from 1.30pm to 3.30pm on:

9 June
7 July
14 September
20 October
1 December

Venue: Chapel Fields Centre, Richmond Road, Solihull, B92 7RZ

Contact: For further details and to book contact the LINCS team on 0121 788 5356 (Jill Essex / Margaret Weaver / Martin Mullins) or email lincs@solihull.gov.uk

About us

What is the Children and Young People's Trust?

The Children and Young People's Trust is a partnership arrangement that brings together key agencies to improve the lives of all children, young people and families in Solihull. It aims to make Solihull a place where all children and young people have an equal chance and are able to achieve their full potential.

The Trust is responsible for delivering the **Children and Young People's Plan** <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/Attachments/cyptChildrenYoungPeoplesPlanp.pdf> which looks at improving outcomes for children and young people in Solihull. It covers any service and organisation that affects those outcomes, from health to housing, education to employment, culture to care.

The Trust is part of the **Solihull Partnership**. The Solihull Partnership is the strategic partnership responsible for improving outcomes for all people

in Solihull. The whole Partnership includes local communities and their elected representatives working with public, private, voluntary and community sector organisations.

Who's who in the Trust?

Find out about the Trust Board Members

<http://www.solihull.gov.uk/cypt/17493.htm>

What is discussed at Trust Board meetings?

Our eBulletins provide a summary of Trust Board meetings.

<http://www.solihull.gov.uk/cypt/17500.htm>

Where can I find copies of important documents?

You can find key documents such as strategies, plans and reports on the Trust's website.

<http://www.solihull.gov.uk/cypt/17502.htm>

More information on the Trust can be found on www.solihull.gov.uk/cypt

Get Involved

You can be actively involved in the work of the Trust by:

- Coming to a trust board meeting as an observer - contact us to find out more.
- Joining one of the many project groups - contact us to find out more.
- Contact us to tell us what you think about the articles in this newsletter or any of the work that is going on across the Trust.
- We produce an eBulletin every six weeks which provides a summary of trust board meetings. If you would like to join the mailing list please contact us.

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