

Information sheet – East Devon Inclusion project

Providers

Devon Youth Service is the local authority provided Youth Service for young people aged primary aged 13 – 19 across Devon

Our twin purposes are:

- To support, challenge and enable the learning of young people in order that they may realise their full potential in shaping their own lives.
- To promote the social and economic inclusion of all young people so that they can contribute to, influence and be valued as part of their community and of society as a whole.

We aim to:

- Offer opportunities for personal growth through which young people can develop life skills, confidence and self esteem.
- Recognise, respect and encourage initiatives of young people.
- Act as advocates on behalf of and alongside young people in challenging the inequalities and prejudices arising from their experiences and life circumstances.
- Offer a variety of informal education activities, programmes and experiences which are recreational, social and fun!
- Acknowledge and value the diversity within youth culture and promote it within the wider community.
- Challenge young people's actions, attitudes and words whilst encouraging them to realise the consequences of, and take responsibility for those actions, attitudes and words.
- Provide ways for young people to express their views and be heard.
- Offer support to young people through the transitions they experience in moving from childhood to adulthood.
- Offer relevant information, advice and education for young people on their rights and responsibilities and the issues which affect their lives, and so enable them to make informed decisions and choices.

Further information about Devon Youth Service can be found at www.devonyouthservice.org.uk

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Background to the project

To run a 1 day per week inclusion project to a maximum of 12 young people from participating East Devon Schools. Similar collaborative projects have successfully run in other parts of the county between DYS and schools (Exeter, Teignbridge) and it has been identified that this offer would be of benefit to young people in this geographical area.

Project Aim

To provide off school site youth work activities to young people to enhance their personal and social development as part of their identified alternative curriculum pathway.

Project Objectives

By the end of the project young people will have:

1. Improved their communication skills.
2. Developed functional skills in Mathematics, English and IT
3. Improved their ability to work together as a team
4. Gained appropriate accreditation / qualifications for their involvement in this programme
5. Learnt new skills and sampled new activities.

Project content

The project is developed to meet the individual needs of the young people attending the course. Examples of what may be included are:

1. Sport and fitness
2. Beliefs and Values
3. Forest Skills / Bush Craft
4. Music Production
5. DJing
6. Team building and communication exercises
7. Cooking
8. Personal Finance
9. Sexual Health and Relationships

Accreditation

Each individual on the programmes will be offered an accreditation route.
Examples of these include:

1. D of E
2. Food Hygiene
3. The Devon Award
4. The Cooking Award
5. The Music Award
6. First Aid
7. ASDAN – Short Courses