



Commissioning future activities for young people in Shropshire

Consultation document – easy read version (8 January 2014 – 31st March 2014)

1) Our idea for youth activities in the future (from April 2015):

Public services are changing. There is more emphasis on working in local communities. There is also more emphasis on involving young people in developing services. Also, there is now less money around to do this. We are looking for new ways to make sure the money we do have is spent well in local areas.

The Council and its partners want to make sure that as many young people as possible can take part in youth activities in their own area. We believe that youth activities should be enjoyable and useful to young people's development.

By young people we mean those aged 10 to 19 in general and up to 25th birthday for those with learning disabilities.

By youth activities we mean things do outside of school, at the weekends and in the holidays. For example: activities like youth clubs, sports / games clubs, art activities, Scout activities and many others.

We are thinking about setting up **Local Youth Boards** in areas across Shropshire. The boards need to understand what activities young people want, what is already available in their area and what works well. They will then be in charge of choosing activities for young people. They will also be in charge of checking that activities work well.

The Local Youth Boards will be made up of young people (at least half), local town councillors and a few adults from the community. Adults from the community could be community workers, representatives from a local school or others.

Members of the Shropshire Children’s Trust and Shropshire Members of the Youth Parliament (MYPs) will make sure that the boards are working well.

The boards and the activity providers will be helped to start up. They will also be helped to make sure that that staff, activities and premises are safe and running as they should.

For this reason, we would like to commission an independent partner organisation who can help all the Local Youth Boards and all the activity providers in Shropshire.

“It is really important that young people, parents and carers tell us what they think, so that we make the idea the best it can be.”

Shropshire Members of Youth Parliament, January 2014

2. We want to know what you think about our idea

We want to hear from young people and their parents or carers.

We are using an online survey to ask six questions and we hope to get as many opinions as possible. The survey is on this link:

<http://shropshire.gov.uk/youth-activities>

We also have a version, which can be printed off and obtained from the above link or from Marion.Versluijs@shropshire.gov.uk, Tel: 01743 253795.

This document is the easy read version of a more detailed consultation document. The detailed version can be found on the link above.

If you have any questions about this consultation, please contact Marion Versluijs.