

Newsletter

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Perfect Scores for Respect

A project aimed at educating more than 1,100 children across Stoke on Trent on the consequences of bullying, anti-social behaviour and criminal damage has produced spectacular results.

The CSEF project is a joint collaboration with Stoke On Trent's Safer City Partnership, Healthy Schools, Staffordshire Housing and Cragrats. The scheme, launched in June this year visited 22 schools across the city.



Each session began with a hard-hitting theatrical presentation, focusing on the lives of three young people involved in crime, anti-social behaviour and bullying. It looked at the impact of their behaviour and the possible consequences.

After the performance the pupils then took part in an interactive workshop, involving discussion, exercises, simulation and improvisation.

98% of students said the presentation made them think about the effects of anti-social behaviour

"Through these workshops we are encouraging children to think about their life choices and take responsibility for their actions," says Patrick O'Malley, Head of Development at CSEF.

"Too many children succumb to peer pressure and think it is acceptable to damage people's property or indulge in criminal activity. They think because they see other people their age engaging in this type of behaviour that it's the done thing."

"We want to get the message across that it isn't and has very real consequences, some of which may affect them for the rest of their lives."

100% of adults enjoyed the presentation and unanimously agree that it was beneficial for their students

Richard Woollacott, Headteacher at Priory CE School said: "The session tackled a key issue for children at a stage in their lives when they need to be influenced. It also built on a lot of activity we are currently doing in relation to personal, social, citizenship and health education."

Copies of the evaluation are available at www.csef.net



Scottish Parliament Night

Elizabeth Smith MSP will be hosting an evening on behalf of our Chair, Lord Wade and fellow Trustees at the Scottish Parliament, Holyrood.

Scheduled for Monday 8th September 2008 the evening will celebrate the success of child safety education in Scotland.

Guest speakers will include: Margaret Brunton, South Lanarkshire Council, Mark Stevenson, Chair of the Scottish Burned Children's Club and Sue Palmer, the best selling author of 'Toxic Childhood'.

YCAP Report Released

Around 100,000 young people aged 10-17 enter the criminal justice system for the first time each year. Data from the Police National Computer (PNC) shows that although first time entrants to the criminal justice system aged 10-17 have been rising and falling in recent years – the overall trend since 2000/01 is a significant increase.

If this trend continues, then by 2020 there will be around 2,300 first time entrants per 100,000 10-17 year olds, an increase of 25% from 2007/08.

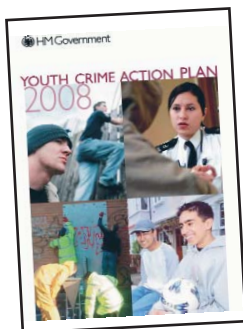
Young people aged 10-16 years are thought to be responsible for around 25% of crime, costing in the region of £6bn per year (including crime against business and the public sector).

The Answer: Prevention

A high proportion of crime is committed by a small proportion of offenders. It is possible to predict accurately by age 10, and in many cases by age five, whether a child will go on to be a future criminal. Based on this, the plan suggests the need for two tiers of intervention – **universal** (to identify potential offenders early) and **targeted** services (aimed at reducing risks and promoting resilience in those identified as possible future prolific offenders).

The Action Plan contains a package of preventative proposals aimed at intervening early to reduce the risk of youth offending and reoffending by seeking to plug some of the identified gaps.

To access the report please visit:
<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/documents/youth-crime-action-plan/>



Manchester Metropolitan Crucial Crew

Following on from our success in Trafford, CSEF have been invited to coordinate the first Manchester Metropolitan Crucial Crew. A total of 41 schools from across Central Manchester will attend the event which will run from October 6th-21st 2008.





Mayor arrested at 'Crucial Time'

Graffiti can get you into trouble as Mayor of Thurrock Cllr John Everett found out.

He was at the fortnight-long Crucial Crew event at Thurrock and Basildon College's Woodview campus in Grays when the long arm of the law reached out and "arrested" him.

More than 1,800 Year 6 pupils from schools across Thurrock took part in the event, receiving essential safety training as part of the Crucial Crew national scheme aimed at giving children information to help them cope in difficult or dangerous situations. The young people spent 10 minutes in eight "sessions", targeting a wide range of issues including road safety, recycling, water safety - and graffiti.

Cllr Everett joined Georgina Clark from Petroplus UK (sponsors of supporting resources) and Dan Boneham, a representative from CSEF.

Many different agencies took part in the Thurrock Crucial Crew scheme, including Thurrock Council,

Essex Police, the Essex Fire and Rescue Service, the South West Essex Primary Care Trust, Thurrock Council's Waste and Recycling and Be Smart Team, Network Rail, and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Cllr Everett said afterwards: "I was really impressed by the Crucial Crew scheme. The short-sharp, 10 minute lessons where the young people took an active part are bound to have got the safety message across. "I would like to congratulate everyone who took part for their efforts. A great success."

Each child that attended was given a copy of the Crucial Crew handbook, (produced by CSEF), thanks to the generous support of Petroplus Oil Refinery at Coryton.

Georgina Clark, from Petroplus, said: "Safety is the number one priority at the Coryton Refinery and we are particularly pleased to sponsor a project that emphasises how important safety is in all aspects of life."

She added: "The Children's Safety Education Foundation and Thurrock Council bring a great deal of expertise to this event and it is a pleasure to work with both organisations."



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New Home Safety Advert

Accidents at home are the biggest cause of injuries to children under five. Every week nearly 800 under fives are rushed to casualty after falling down stairs, over 500 suffer burns and scalds, and around 500 swallow something harmful. However, many of these accidents could be prevented.



To coincide with Child Safety Week the DCSF has launched a new advertisement highlighting some of the most common causes of accidents to children.

To view visit:
<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=aE-mIEhAnb0>



North West Ambulance Service - 'Don't Walk Away' Campaign...

CSEF are happy to promote the The 'Don't Walk Away' Campaign, an awareness campaign aimed at young people. The DVD teaches young people about the dangers of alcohol and what they should do in an emergency situation.

Six years ago Paramedic Steve Evans started to notice an increase in the number of unconscious 11 to 13-year-olds he was picking up in his ambulance. One Friday night in particular he had three unconscious 11 to 13-year-olds in the ambulance from one small town and they had got their alcohol from three different places.

On investigation, it seemed that First Aid is not taught in most schools and young people become frightened and panic when their friends become unconscious. They don't know the recovery position and they don't want to get into trouble by phoning 999.

Steve with the support of North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust was asked by the Head of the NHS Alcohol Policy Unit to write the First Aid Advice for the nation. This he titled 'When things go wrong'.

To view the promotional video visit:
<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=naGnUkWpryl>

Shire Health & Safety Award

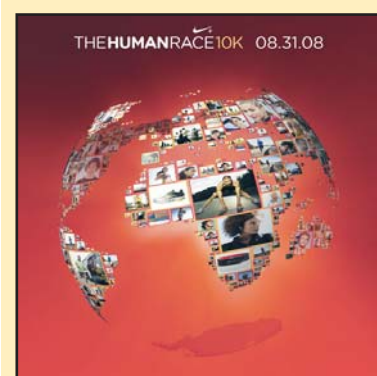
We are pleased to announce that Shire is collaborating with CSEF in promoting the Shire Health, Safety & Environment Award for junior schools in the Basingstoke area.

The aim of this award is to help reduce the pain and suffering of children and their families in our community by encouraging them to become more aware of the issues affecting their safety & health at home, at school, at play and when going about their day to day activities.

Angus Russell, Chief Executive, Shire Limited said "As a company, our products help improve the quality of lives of people around the world, including many children. As a major business in Basingstoke we wish to extend that care to the children in our local community. To achieve this, Shire and the Foundation will be working together with children and their teachers to provide resources and mentoring. The resources which the Foundation is providing have been widely adopted by schools for Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education. These are being

supplemented by the expertise and experience of our own Environment, Health and Safety specialists who will be working closely with the children and their teachers.

CSEF resources will be distributed in October 2008 culminating in an exhibition and award ceremony in early 2009.



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The Trustees and staff would like to extend their thanks to Raghuram Rajagopal who, with colleagues is aiming to raise £200 in the Fairbridge Nike+ Human Race 2008.

To support them visit:
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