

YEA Beating Bullying  
Minutes of Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> March 2009 - 11am-1pm at County Hall

**Present** - Emily K, Zoe, Katharina, Louise, Bronwyn, Sophie, Laura, Jamie, Georgia, Jordie, Bryony, Cathryn, Chloe, Perry, Charlie, Esther, Sherilyn

**Apologies** - Jade

**Absent without apologies** - Chelsea

**Introductions**

Everyone introduced themselves again as there were some people that hadn't been at the last meeting.

**Logo**

Zoe had brought some her ideas for the logo with her and the group looked at the design. Jade had asked Bronwyn to bring in her logo as she wasn't able to attend the meeting but unfortunately Bronwyn forgot!

**Action Point** - Bronwyn to post the artwork to the YEA office so it can be emailed to the group and the hoodies can be started as soon as possible.

**Everyone filled in registration forms.**

**Hoodies**

Everyone decide on the name they wanted on their hoodie and the size

**Action Point** - If you weren't at the meeting please email Sherilyn with the name and size for your hoodie.

**Case Studies**

The Anti Bullying Co-ordinator for Essex, Diane LeCount wanted to know if any of the group wanted to write a case study of their experiences of bullying at school that could be used as part of training or in reports. The case studies would be kept completely anonymous and would not use names or schools. Several of the group intend to have a go at writing a case study.

**Action Point** - Sherilyn will email some questions to think about, volunteers to send case studies back to YEA office.

**Away Day**

It was decided that instead of having the subgroup meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> May we would instead meet on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May and spend the day together. Hopefully we can book a room in a nice relaxing venue - there were requests for no mud, no escalators and no worms. Transport, lunch etc will be arranged and more information will go out soon. On the 9<sup>th</sup> May Diane LeCount, Essex's Anti-bullying co-ordinator and other experts will be joining us.

Action Point - Everyone to keep the 9<sup>th</sup> May free if they can - more information to follow.

### **Campaign**

The idea of holding a schools event to coincide with Anti Bullying week in November was discussed.

- It was decided that the group definitely needs training to be able to do the best possible job over the next two years. Training in how to help people who are being bullied and the long term effects of bullying would be a good starting point.
- We would like to get teachers to understand just how alone and frightened targets of bullying can feel.
- We want the day to be lively and engaging and think maybe some sort of performance could be part of it. A drama performance about bullying could finish at a crucial point and then workshops could be run asking people what they think should happen next.
- We need to make sure the message is taken back into schools so there needs to be a pack with lots of ideas and information in that people can take away.
- We discussed the possibility of making a short film and if we could get it shown in cinemas as so many young people would be there - we might be able to get a media studies department to help with this.
- We thought it was important that if we were put together some training for teachers as part of our event that we should take the same training to trainee teachers and people on child care courses so we can try and make things better for future generations.
- We want to keep the press informed of what we are doing so we can keep raising the profile of the problems around bullying.
- We will apply for funding in the next round of Youth Bank to try and secure money for our Anti-Bullying week event.
- The possibility of sponsorship for the project was raised, everyone will have a think about companies that we could approach.

- We need to do some research as to what is already being done about bullying, we need to find out what the government is doing.
- We could do something along the lines of the YEA Green Pledge where schools become part of an awards scheme.
- We will invite the Chairman of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Schools, Children and Families to one of our upcoming meetings so we can discuss our campaign with them. It was suggested that we could have an Anti-Bullying champion within the Council.

Action Point - Research what is currently being done about bullying.

### **Sitting**

The second YEA Sitting is on the 25<sup>th</sup> April, one of the bullying workers is going to come in and deliver some training to the whole YEA.

Action Point - All to attend the YEA 2<sup>nd</sup> Sitting

### **Next Meeting**

It was decided that Bronwyn would chair the next meeting (there will be a different Chair each time), if you have any points you want adding to the agenda please forward them to the YEA office. The next subgroup meeting will be Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May at a venue and time to be arranged very shortly. Transport will also be arranged. If you can't attend you must send apologies to the YEA office before the meeting.