

Young Essex Assembly Beat Bullying
Minutes from meeting on 7th November 2009 at County Hall

Present: Laura, Georgia, Sophie, Emily, Louise, Katrina, Bryony, Sherilyn
Apologies: Esther, Bronwyn, Jaime, Cathryn, Zoe, Charlie, Jordie, Diane

Diane

Diane (Anti Bullying Co-ordinator) is currently off sick so fingers crossed she is back on her feet quickly so we can organise the training for the conference on the 19th November.

Essex County Council Internet Blog

The Chief Executive of Essex County Council writes a weekly blog that goes out to all employees and for Anti Bullying Week we are going to take it over! We drafted a copy of the blog and this will appear on the intranet next week.

Please Don't Poster

The Designer has come up with a draft of the poster, Sherilyn will email it out - if everyone can comment on it as soon as possible.

Police

Police officers from Uttlesford who do a lot of work around bullying and cyber bullying have contacted us about the conference. They are willing to give a short talk on staying safe online and why Cyber Bullying is a crime. They will also bring some display boards and be available over lunch if people want to talk to them.

Training

For the training we thought we could write a case study that people could work on. Schools will be sat at tables so this means the teachers and pupils will work together. We came up with a rough idea, and it's been added to - see what you think. (See separate outline for case study.)

We also want to give out copies of the Please Don't poster and ask participants to come up with some Please Do's instead. This could even be turned into another poster to be given out at a later date.

We would like to demonstrate the Support Group Approach as a way of resolving the Case Study - perhaps we could work with Annette on this.

Workshops

As schools arrive they will be asked to sign up to a workshop - each workshop will have limited places. Schools will sign up as a group so they stay together. We will have two different drama workshops, a music workshop and a poetry workshop. We currently have 21 schools attending which would mean there would be about 20 pupils per workshop which is an ideal number.

Balloons

At the end of the day everybody will release helium balloons with tags attached. Everyone will write their own tag through the day saying something like:

I am unique because....

I deserve to be safe because...

Practical things

We need to make sure everyone has their hoodies/t shirts and badges. Sherilyn will organise transport for everyone of the day of the conference and will email letters that you can give to your Head teachers explaining your involvement.

Next meeting

We will meet next Sunday 15th November from 11am-3pm to work on the training (hopefully with Diane), the welcoming speech and to make all final arrangements. We will meet at County Hall.