

## 2C4C Crime Subgroup Minutes Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2009

**Present:** Samuel  
Natasha  
Zoe  
Kurt  
Jo (Notetaker)  
Dan (Chair)

**Apologies:** Nnebs  
Alecs  
Catherine

**Absent:** Rosie  
Liam

### 1. Introductions and Apologies

*Apologies received from Alecs and Nnebs.*

As Catherine was not able to attend, Jo had agreed to take the meeting instead and it was agreed that she would take the notes and Dan would Chair.

### 2. Icebreaker

We all took part in playing 'Two Truths and a Lie' and learnt some interesting things about each other! Jo then asked all of the subgroup members to tell her why/how they had become members of the YEA as she didn't recall there being similar opportunities when she was at school and she was interested to know their backgrounds.

### 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed.

### 4. Policing Pledge/2SMART Christmas Advent Calendar

Jo gave out a copy of the 2SMART Policing Pledge for Children and Young People (CYPPP) to all of the subgroup members present and also gave them a copy of the posters advertising the advent calendar. She had also brought 150 of each poster with her as Catherine had kindly agreed that the YEA would distribute these to youth centres across Essex.

The subgroup drafted a covering letter that would go out with the posters (copy attached).

Jo also confirmed that she still needs to speak to the TV Unit at Essex Police about the possibility of producing the CYPPP in a podcast type format.

Some of the subgroup members mentioned that they had seen adverts on TV about the National Policing Pledge and were pleased that the launch of the CYPPP coincided with the national launch.

Jo reiterated the fact that the CYPPP had been well received by Chief Officers and confirmed that the Advent Calendar had gone live on the 2SMART website on 1<sup>st</sup> December. Most of the subgroup members said that they had had a look at the calendar and liked it.

Jo said that she would keep the group updated as to the ongoing marketing strategy for the CYPPP and added that it had been decided to use the postcards detailing the pledge points as teaching packs for police officers and PCSOs to use in schools.

**Action Point: Jo to send draft letter to Catherine for sending out.**

## 5. Curriculum Resources

The group needed to decide on the subjects to be covered and had a discussion about this. The ideas suggested previously were:

- Internet crime
- Personal safety
- Peer pressure to commit offences
- Anti-social behaviour

The group would like to cover the following:

- **Internet safety** would include advice regarding:  
Chatrooms/Facebook - giving out personal information via these mediums.  
Source reliability - i.e., how truthful is a web page?
- **Personal safety** - keeping safe at night, self defence/reasonable force, licensed taxis and being aware of your surroundings (headphones/iPods etc). Using a mobile in a public place – who are you sitting next to on a train for example? Are you thinking about what you are saying/information you are giving away about yourself? Keeping safe on public transport and mobile phones and driving.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour** – this would incorporate the issues around peer pressure (i.e., Graffiti). What is ASB? What are the perceptions?? The consequences of ASB
- **Weapons Crime** – what is weapons crime? What is a weapon? (Legal definitions, cover made, adapted or intended). What is the effect on the victim? The law and possible punishment.

## **6. Meeting with the Police Cadets**

Jo is to speak to the Cadet Manager to find out if it might be possible to invite one or two cadets to a YEA meeting in order that they can give their perspective on policing and other matters and share their experiences with the group.

## **7. Possible Event/Conference**

This was discussed and October 2010 was agreed as a good time to hold an event. Dan suggested having a panel of police officers present to discuss various issues and answer questions from the floor. Kurt said that there might be some funding available from the Youth Bank and added that the application deadline is March 2010.

It was agreed that the aim/purpose of the event and who would be invited would be discussed/agreed at the next meeting.

It was suggested that it might be useful to invite a representative from the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) to attend in order to discuss the law and deterrents around youth crime and why offenders don't always go to court for the offences they have committed.

## **8. Any Other Business/Next Meeting**

### **Involvement in Training at Essex Police College (EPC)**

Dan advised the group that he had met with an Inspector at EPC who was keen to progress involvement in probationer training and added that this was now looking like a real possibility. The practicalities of such involvement would have to be looked at carefully of course but it was entirely feasible that role play sessions might be a possibility.

The group discussed the types of role plays they would like to see taking place and the following ideas were suggested:

- Stop and Search
- ASB/How police officers deal with groups of young people who are behaving and not behaving, at bus stops for example.
- How police officers deal with intimidating behaviour.
- Dealing with victims.

Dan said that he would meet with an EPC trainer to determine exactly what is and isn't feasible. The subgroup members present all confirmed that they would be interested in taking part in these exercises.

The next meeting will take place at County Hall on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2010, 11am – 1pm.