

Something to do ..

Somewhere to go ..

Isle of Wight Youth & Community Service
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Someone to talk to ..

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Get Outdoors at the Isle of Wight Council's Education Centre in Llanbrynmair, Mid Wales

The Centre offers a base for any youth group or school wishing to escape to the country. The centre is self catering and has two separate dorms which accommodate 18 males & 14 females as well as two separate rooms for staff, each sleeping 3. There are showers and toilets in each dorm as well as a separate shower room for staff which is also disabled compliant. There is a large tarmac and grass area which is ideal for bbq, camping etc. The centre is based in Mid Wales and nearest main town is Newtown.

View from front of building



There are many places of interest and activities that groups can get involved in and are all easily accessible from this location. Some of these places and activities include:-

- Snowdonia
- Slate Mines
- Quad Biking
- Canoeing
- Walking
- Hiking
- Paintball
- Archery
- Laser Clay

If you would like more information then please contact the Youth & Community Service on (01983) 823490 or alternatively email: youthservice@iow.gov.uk

BIG DAY OUT

This year the Big Day Out is being held at the Isle of Wight Steam Railway, Havenstreet on Sunday 7th October, between 10.30 am - 3.30pm. Entry is free with free transport and free entertainment. One free entry ticket needed per person. Tickets are available from your local library, Connexions centres at High Schools, the Isle of Wight College, Youth centres, Children's centres, IW Youth Trust and FIZ (Family Information Zone) Free travel by Wightbus from around the island. Timetables and

booking available at your local library. Car parking available on site. Entertainments include: Live music stage, recycled fashion show, gyroscope, giant sumo suits, gladiator games, sports coaching, circus skills, art workshops, bouncy castles, story telling, samba workshops and much, much, more ..

PLUS the chance to win a Big Year Out by taking part in the Big Day Out evaluation. Please note that steam trains will not be running .

The Big Day Out promotes the safeguarding of Children and Young People.

Youth Service Training Opportunities

As part of the Youth Service ongoing training and development programme, the following training opportunities are available to anyone working with young people and some are even for young people.

First Aid

One day Basic First Aid Course.
Open to young people delivering youth work.
Saturday 22nd September 9.30am-4.30pm
Saturday 1st December 9.30am-4.30pm

Introduction to Group Work Skills

This course is for anyone who works with young people and would like to develop their group work skills.
Saturday 6th October 10am-4.30pm

Introduction to Youth Work (YP)

This is an exciting opportunity for young people to take part in a three session course which will take place during the evening.
Wednesday 3rd October 7-9.30pm
Wednesday 17th October 7-9.30pm
Wednesday 31st October 7-9.30pm

Foundation in Youth Work

An introduction to youth work, the course examines the core values and skills that underpin good youth work practice. 6 sessions. For all new IWC Youth Workers only.

Wednesday 12th September 6.45-9pm
Wednesday 26th September 6.45-9pm
Wednesday 10th October 6.45-9pm
Saturday 20th October 10am-4pm
Wednesday 7th November 6.45-9pm
Wednesday 21st November 6.45-9pm
NEW - Foundation for Street Youth Work
Wednesday 5 December 2007 6.45—9pm

Young People, Drugs and Alcohol

An introduction to the facts, information and skills required when working with young people who use drugs and alcohol.
Thursday 8th November 7-9.30pm
Thursday 15th November 7-9.30pm

Safeguarding Young People

This course is mandatory for all Youth Service staff who have not previously attended Child Protection training.
Saturday 17th November 9.30am-4.30pm

Basic Food Handling & Hygiene

This course will cover 6 units designed for people who prepare food as part of their work with young people.
Saturday 17th November 9.30am-5.30pm

If you would like further details on any of the courses, please contact the Youth Office on

Tel: 01983) 823490

Email: youthservice@iow.gov.uk

**All our training courses are also available to view on our website
www.iwyouthservice.org.uk**

All bookings are taken on a first come first serve basis so please request an application form now.

CARTRIDGE WORLD OFFER FOR YOUTH GROUPS

Cartridge World in Newport High Street are offering a loyalty scheme especially to youth groups which gives a donation and free cartridge refills. For more information contact them on 532323.

IAM Advanced Driving

The Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) are offering 'A Skill for Life' encouraging better driving on our roads. The programme is delivered by a nationwide network of IAM Groups, each run by volunteers. When you apply you will be sent the contact details of your local group. Further details from the IAM on 0208 9969600 or visit their website www.iam.org.uk

Sports Leaders UK Level 2 Award in Basic Expedition Leadership

The Sports Leaders UK Level 2 Award in Basic Expedition Leadership (BEL) is a nationally recognised award that trains and qualifies teachers, youth workers and other members of the community to:

- Lead groups in lowland areas
- Have responsibility for the care of others when outdoors
- Organise base and mobile camps

The BEL Award:

- Is the minimum qualification required by the Isle of Wight Council for Leadership Offsite approval with regard to day walking, hiking, backpacking or camping with children and young people.
- Is the local operating authority of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme minimum standard and preferred method of training Award Leaders, group supervisors and supporters to lead groups in the expedition section of the Bronze and Silver Award.
- Counts towards the service section of all three Awards in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

**** It does not qualify people to lead groups in remote or mountainous areas ****

Course content:

The BEL Award is locally available through a Youth & Community Service training course delivered by Challenge & Adventure. It has ten units which a candidate must complete before receiving the Award; it requires a minimum of 90 hours of instruction and practical work followed by 30 hours of voluntary leadership experience when the skills learnt in training are put into practice, under supervision. The course is run over a period of 2 months and requires the commitment to 3 evening sessions, a weeklong residential at the IWC Outdoor Centre in Mid Wales and a camping weekend on the Isle of Wight.

Course Cost:

The course charge is £275 per candidate (grants are available for voluntary youth organisation leaders subject to funding being available) for which they receive:

- All instruction and practical work plus the opportunity to undertake voluntary practice.
- Sports Leader Award registration and log book
- One year's third party and personal accident insurance
- A certificate and badge on successful completion of the course.

There is a Sports Leaders UK candidate registration of £33, for which candidates must pay themselves.

The next course is being run during Autumn 2007 with the residential element being held in the October half term.

For details and a registration form email challenge.adventure@tiscali.co.uk or call (01983) 741599

Proposed dates:

Mon 8th October 19.15 – 21.00
Introductory evening to BEL Award at Challenge & Adventure, Shorwell

Mon 15th October 19.15 – 21.00
Training Evening

Sat 20th – Sat 27th October
Residential Training Course, Llanbrynmair, Mid Wales

Mon 5th November 19.15 – 21.00
Training Evening (this date may be subject to change)

Mon 12th November 19.15 – 21.00
Training Evening (this date may be subject to change)

Date to be arranged

Optional First Aid Weekend



"A good friend from Wales has died"

It is with great sadness that I report the death of Robert Large "Robbie the Bobbie" who died after a short illness on Sunday 3rd June 2007 aged 46 years. Rob was a good friend to many of us on the Island, who travelled to our Welsh Centre at Llanbrynmair since 1992, where he was the local policeman. Rob was a willing volunteer with Challenge and Adventure both on the Island and when we travelled to Wales. Christine and I attended the funeral with 250 mourners at Kerry near Newtown, representing ourselves and the Isle of Wight Youth Service.

Graham Westmore

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Garlic Festival

Thank you to all participants that worked hard in miserable weather conditions on the D of E Show trailer.



Golden Trangia Competition

Don't forget to enter this delicious cookery competition to coincide with the Big Day Out on Sunday October 7th. Entry forms from Carol or Rosie at the Youth Service office.

Half Term Camp

D of E activity camp will be held in the New Forest from Monday 22nd—Wednesday 24th October. Cost £30. A great opportunity to socialise with participants from other units. Details from Carol on 823490

Next leaders meeting is Tuesday 16th October at 7pm in County Hall.

Island Youth Water Activities Centre

Despite the poor weather this summer, we have had a varied and hectic season at the Island Youth Water Activities Centre.



Summer Term Activities

During the summer term a number of schools visited during their activities weeks. All of the Island's high schools sent groups of students as well as four middle schools and ten primary schools. They all went away with some experience of dinghy sailing and/or kayaking and many will return for further sessions as individuals.

The Centre's staff continued with special work with students from the Clatterford Centre and Medina House. Students attended regular sessions and enjoyed a regatta at the end of term.

Cross-Channel Yacht Racing

11 young people aged 14 – 19 were introduced to cross-channel yacht racing aboard "Paddywack" this spring. In three separate races the young people all performed magnificently in a challenging environment. The races start in the Solent in the evening and then continue through the night to arrive on the other side of the channel at some time during the next day. "Paddywack" has recorded some excellent results in her class, 2nd to St Vaast, 3rd to Alderney and 1st to Deauville.

Summer Holidays

The Centre has been fully booked every week during the holidays with young people doing 5-day accredited courses in dinghy sailing and kayaking. Particularly satisfying has been the return of young people who completed basic skills courses last year and are now doing advanced skills. One group completed a successful trip by dinghy from Cowes to Newtown and camped overnight at Corf Camp.

Cowes Week Racing

24 young people aged 13-17 participated in 2 races each aboard "Paddywack" during Cowes Week. Racing in Class 6 "Paddywack" accumulated an impressive set of results to finish 19th overall (out of 55) for the regatta. This is a great result as we are competing against adult crews many of whom have a great deal of experience of this type of racing.

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Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold Expeditions

Our yacht "Paddywack" has been used as the mode of transport for two Gold expeditions this year. The first was in July with a group of three girls and two boys from a school in Surrey. They sailed the yacht to Poole and back and studied traffic density comparing the Solent waters to Poole and Christchurch bays. The second venture is an Open Gold and places have been filled by two girls and two boys all from the Island. As I write they are completing their training and will undertake their qualifying venture over the weekend of 1st September.

Autumn

Regular school groups will return to the centre during the Autumn term and we will continue to take to the water well into December. Individuals can visit the Centre for after school or weekend activities. More information at www.iywac.org.uk

Farewell to Chris Haines Youth Works Project Officer

We recently bid farewell to Chris Haines who is starting up his own business—we wish him good luck in his new venture.

Minibus Hire Service for Youth Groups

The Youth & Community Service has three minibuses that are available to hire to Youth Groups. The nominated driver must hold an IWC Minibus and CVDA Permit, without this you will not be covered by the Council's insurance policy and will therefore not be allowed to drive the minibus. Both permits must be presented at the time of hire.

Hire Price Affiliated Group Rates	
Day Hire Fee	£60.00
½ Day Hire Fee	£40.00
5 Day Hire Fee	£280.00
A fee of 0.56p is applicable for every mile over and above a total of 62 miles (this is in addition to the ½ or day hire fee)	

Hire Price Non-Affiliated Group Rates	
Day Hire Fee	£70.00
½ Day Hire Fee	£55.00
5 Day Hire Fee	£330.00
A fee of 0.80p is applicable for every mile over and above a total of 37 miles (this is in addition to the ½ or day hire fee)	

The rates quoted are exclusive of VAT and this must be added at the current rate.

Youth Groups can affiliate to the Youth Service and will get reduced rates. If you would like more information on how to affiliate your group, please contact the Youth Service on (01983) 823490 or email: youthservice@iow.gov.uk

If you would like us to include anything in the next Bulletin please contact us at

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