

You Choose!



GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE AUTHORITY

**YOUTH
ENGAGEMENT
EVENT
HOSTED BY
GMPA**

13TH OCTOBER 2009

**NORTON
GRANGE HOTEL
MANCHESTER ROAD
CASTLETON
ROCHDALE
OL11 2XZ**



**THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO
YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 14-21**

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THIS YEAR'S YOU CHOOSE! EVENT

The workshops at this year's You Choose! event cover the following topics:

LAUNCH OF COUNTER TERRORISM LEARNING RESOURCE

This workshop will showcase a brand new educational tool which has been produced by Greater Manchester Police Authority on the issue of counter terrorism.

The learning resource to be used in schools, youth settings and community groups has been developed by the Changing Faces group which is a team of 13 talented young people who were recruited last year to work alongside the Puppet Broadcasting Company (PBC).

If you were at one of last year's You Choose! events you'll remember the guys from PBC and their innovative approach to engaging people with life-size puppets. This workshop will explore issues such as identity, stereotyping, culture and violent extremism and will be delivered by members of Changing Faces.

SEXUAL OFFENCES

At last year's You Choose! we asked young people what they wanted to talk about this year. Sexual offences was one of the top issues for discussion.

There are lots of myths and stereotypes about sexual violence and in this workshop young people will learn about how to keep safe. Sex crime shouldn't be something that 'just happens' so what the law says will also be covered. The workshop will be run by staff who have worked with young people who have experienced sexual assault and a specialist advisor will be present from St Mary's Sexual Assault Referral Centre. The subject will be addressed in a sensitive manner and will focus on staying safe.

CYBER BULLYING

Cyber bullying is a cowardly act when an individual or group of people embarrass, harass or threaten someone else by email, mobile phone or on internet social networking sites. Although cyber bullies cannot physically hurt you, the experience can still leave you feeling upset and scared.

This interactive workshop will be delivered by Childline and peer mentors from a Greater Manchester secondary school. It will identify the different types of cyberbullying, how to stay safe and show young people what to do if they become a victim.



The conference will soon be here so don't delay, complete the booking form and post/fax/email it back to us straight away.

We're sorry, we can't take bookings over the phone as we need this in writing. Places are extremely limited so book your place now!

ALSO

- drinks will be provided
- freebies for each young person attending
- opportunities to win prizes

YOU CAN ATTEND ONE OF THREE SLOTS

- 8.45am – 12.00pm
- 12.15pm – 3.35pm
- 5.30pm – 8.45pm

LAST YEAR'S YOU CHOOSE! EVENTS



In November 2008, GMPA held two You Choose! events for young people aged 14-21 at the Bolton Arena and the Zion Centre, Hulme. Both of these events focused on counter terrorism, alcohol and drugs, weapons and gangs and policing priorities. These themes were chosen by the young people at the 2007 You Choose! events.



More than 400 young people from all over Greater Manchester attended the 2008 You Choose! events and took part in three workshops: a rap session focusing on drugs and alcohol, an interactive puppet workshop on counter terrorism and a drama session on weapons and gangs.

A REPORT WAS PRODUCED AFTER THE 2008 YOU CHOOSE! EVENT. IT HAS TWO ELEMENTS: A PRINTED BOOKLET AND A CD.

The 2008 report provides an insight into the views and opinions expressed by the young people throughout the You Choose! workshops.

The weapons and gangs workshop was designed to consult young people on the reasons why young people join gangs and the consequences this can have. Participants in the drug and alcohol workshop shared their thoughts on the impact that such substances can have on individuals and wider society. They then used their views to construct a rap which was later recorded and included within the report. The counter terrorism workshop was delivered by GMPA's Changing Faces group which is producing a counter terrorism learning resource.

If you haven't received a copy of the report and would like one, please contact the Engagement Team using the details on the front cover. Just a limited number of these reports available.



PLACES ARE FREE!

But numbers are limited (max 10 young people per organisation) so return the completed booking form as soon as possible.



BOOKING FORM – please return by Friday 2nd October 2009

Please choose which session you would like to attend in priority order (mark boxes 1, 2, 3)

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Mr Ms Mrs Miss

First Name:

Surname:

Job Title:

School / Organisation:

How many young people attending?

How many adults attending? (maximum of 2 per group)

Address:

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..... Postcode:

Daytime Telephone:.....

Mobile:

Email:.....

Specific requirements

Disabled access – the venues are accessible for wheelchair users

Do you have any other specific requirements?.....

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I am unable to attend but would like a copy of the report from the conference

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