



# WHITEHAVEN HARBOUR YOUTH PROJECT

## Introduction

Over the years the Harbour Project has carried out some tremendous work with young people in the West. We know that it is appreciated by a host of young people, their parents, schools and our partner organisations—because we get some good feedback, and even thank you cards and boxes of chocolates! The trouble is we don't spread the good news far enough in the community, so this newsletter will appear quarterly to let you know what is going on and what has been achieved. We'd be delighted to hear back from you or hear of others to go on our circulation list.

## Look out for...

- \* Check out our **Autumn /Winter Programme** on our website [www.whyp.org.uk](http://www.whyp.org.uk) with Fun indoor and Outdoor activities.
- \* **National Youth Work Week** .31st Oct—6th Nov. Theme—Youth Work—Bringing Communities together”
- \* Our Fundraising **'Christmas Market'** is to be held on Saturday 26th November 10am—4pm, and look out for or take part in our Fundraising
- \* More fun **Intergenerational** events

## Youth Forum update

Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project has been involved with Emma Dickenson, Youth Participation Officer, for Copeland Council engaging young people in Youth Forums and a Youth Council. The scheme has given young people the chance to have their voice heard on a range of topics. Next meeting for the forum is 19<sup>th</sup> October based at WHYP premises.

## Support from Tudor Trust

“I was struck ...by the amazing amount WHYP has achieved over the last eighteen months during such a difficult time for your whole area. It is a credit to the staff and volunteers that you have been able to develop such strong new work at the project over that time”. Anne Lane, Grants Officer, Tudor Trust

## Awards, awards!!

Following on from receiving the High Sheriff of Cumbria Award the Project has received Young Cumbria's Peter Stanley Memorial Trophy as the Club who promote the most involvement in Young Cumbria's activity programme. Ken Bradford Hon Sec. at the Harbour Project also received a Keystone Award for 10 years service at the Project presented by Clubs for Young People.

## Active Summer

There were a host of activities going on here during the summer—from a summer camp at Coniston to the Afternoon Tea event; from Gill Scrambling and getting very wet to a two day canoe trip on the R. Tweed—and staying mostly dry!

Whitehaven school's summer school saw us working with 60 young people from local Primary Schools during their transition to become Year 7 students. What a great team they are and what a great opportunity to get to know new classmates, some of the 6th form students, to enjoy a range of activities and break the ice for a new school experience. The groups, with us, took part in canoeing on Bassenthwaite and climbing near Caldbeck. Then there were another small group who came to us from the school for 4 afternoons—to learn to climb ( see photo). It is no surprise then to find new faces appearing at our Adventure Group and Youth Club sessions following on from such opportunities.



## Digital Natives! Arts Award

Art Locates Me (ALM) have received Arts Council funding to deliver an exciting new art project called Digital Natives. They are working with young people (from 13 to 19) across Cumbria using the latest technology and display their work as a series of large-scale photographic projections.

We have recruited 9 young people who as well as seeing their work in all its massive glory should be focused on achieving a Bronze Arts Award in the first phase.

2 young people from each group will have the opportunity to progress to Silver (and hopefully Gold Arts Awards), there are places for 18 young people to attend a residential arts weekend in the Lake District (December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2011). During this weekend young people will take part in arts activities including projection art and be supported towards their Silver Arts Award.

There will be sessions in filmmaking, iPad drawing, digital graffiti, etc

At WHYP Bethany, Rachael, Yasmin, Katie, Sophie, Josh, Lee, Thomas and Ciara have all signed up for the Digital Natives Bronze Arts Award program. Watch this space for updates! These large scale projections will be part of one big Celebration Event on 2nd December at WHYP hopefully using local buildings as the canvas!

## The Albatross Campaign

### Save your used postage stamps ...

We've been saving used postage stamps which the RSPB then auction to stamp dealers as a way of raising funds to run an international programme, which is working with fishing fleets, to help prevent a 'by catch' of albatrosses from being killed by the thousands. The scheme is making great headway so we need to collect even more used stamps. Please drop yours, or those coming in to a business, to us...



Then on one of our outings to an RSPB reserve we can hand them over. Like the occasion we took a massive sack full to RSPB at their Leighton Moss Reserve. Mike, Lyn and 10 young people – the letter of thanks came back “ thank you for the consignment of stamps which you and your family dropped in “ !!! Check out [www.RSPB.org.uk](http://www.RSPB.org.uk) and look at the albatross campaign.

## Young Peoples Achievements

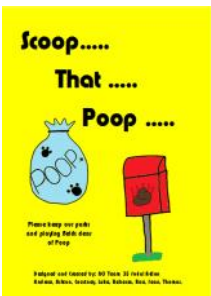
### National Citizenship Scheme

Wendy and Stuart facilitated a group of young people during August/September 2011 in partnership with Connexions on the First NCS Social Action program.

Young people took part in two Residentials, Team Building at Lakeside YMCA and Community Research at Cockermonth Youth Hostel. Followed by their Social Action. The group designed and arranged delivery of leaflets linked to Moor Row Park and its problem with dog mess and broken glass.

Funding from Cllr Elaine Woodburn (Copeland Borough Council) of £78 was used to have the leaflets printed, and Free delivery arranged via 'Egremont Today' monthly newsletter to Moor Row.

Andrew, Ashton, Courtney, Luke, Rebecca, Ross, Sean and Thomas are due to graduate on Saturday 8th October.



Flyers produced by the team to tackle issues related to our local parks and greens.

Thomas and Sean Climbing at Lakeside YMCA, one of the many Heights Challenges, and Team Building Sessions.

### Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Award is open to young people once they are 14 years of age. It is made up of Service, Skills, Physical and Expedition sections at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. We have a lot of people involved and, during the last few months, if you hit upon a wet and windy weekend you could be sure that one of the expedition groups would be out—either on a practice or final expedition! They have done very well and survived some very demanding conditions. Rhys Moore has now completed his Bronze Award and will join others for our presentation in the New Year.

### Heartstart

Megan Lowrey, Abigail Marsh, Anna Pearson, Michael Raby, and Beth Vaughan all completed their Heartstart Emergency Life Support certificate in May 2011

### Table Tennis

There's a good following for Table tennis building up on Wednesday evenings at Under 14 and Under 17 levels. Linking in with other groups, it is proving to be not just a skilful sporting theme but a very sociable one at that, and they have certainly been getting around :-

- County Schools Competition ( representing St. Benedict's School )
- County individual Trials—Thomas Page reaching the quarter finals
- Hosted the Clubs for Young People regional competition and then on to
- Clubs for Young People national Finals at Halton T.T. Centre Widnes.
- Junior Umpire Awards ( English T.T. Association) gained by Callum Dawson, Robbie Dillon, Callum Johnstone, Michael Raby, Aiden Smith and Scott Stanborough.

The Whitehaven junior Table Tennis League will re start in February 2012 so come and get some practice in on Wednesdays .

### Junior Achievement Award

Megan Lowrey is the first young person at WHYP to achieve the UK Youth Junior Achievement Award, for her contribution to the 'Afternoon Tea' Event put on by young people for older people in the community in June 2011.



Left: Megan with Afternoon Tea guest Eva Elliot

### Fundraising

We are fundraising for a range of camping/expedition equipment, furniture and replacement Canoe trailer. Young people made cakes, crafts and cards to be sold at our Fundraising Market held on Thursday 1st September 2011. The Market raised £100 towards our target of £8500 for equipment needed.



Left: Katie, Evie, Beth, Megan, Sophie, Nathan, Rachael, Josh, and volunteer Lizzy during our first Food and Craft Market.

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