



Youth Engagement Scheme (YES!)

Progress to date

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Funding for YES!

DFRS funded the pilot YES! scheme in Jan 2007

Since then we have been funded by;

The Regional Improvement Efficiency Partnership

Chesterfield Working Neighbourhoods Fund

Derbyshire County Council

Derbyshire Police

Primary Care Trust

Bolsover District Council

Staveley Neighbourhood Management



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Partners involved

- Local schools – referral agencies
- Peak District National Park Ranger Service
- Ozbox (Derbyshire Constabulary)
- Derbyshire County Council
- CPS Magistrates
- Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership



Referrals

The 15 young people attending the scheme do so by referral:
The agencies we identified as appropriate to make referrals are:

- Youth Offending Team
- Secondary Schools
- Educational Welfare Service
- Connexions
- Youth Service
- Pupil Referral Unit

All of the above partner agencies were involved in the planning & development of the scheme.



Referrals

- Aged 13-16 years old
- Referral criteria includes those who;
 - Are young carers
 - Attend Pupil Referral Unit
 - Are looked after children
 - Require positive adult role models
 - Lack confidence/self esteem
 - Are exposed to crime or anti-social behaviour
 - Are failing to succeed within a school environment



Course Content

12 week course, one day a week during a school term

- Fire Service drill
 - Using ladders
 - Hose & Pumping water
 - Breathing Apparatus
 - First Aid
 - Radios and Communication
- Partner agencies
 - Shelter building in the Peak District
 - Ozbox
 - Princes Trust
 - Local Magistrates



Pass Out Parade

- Young people invite their families and supporters
- They demonstrate practical activities they have learnt
 - hose running competition
 - combination drill
 - parade





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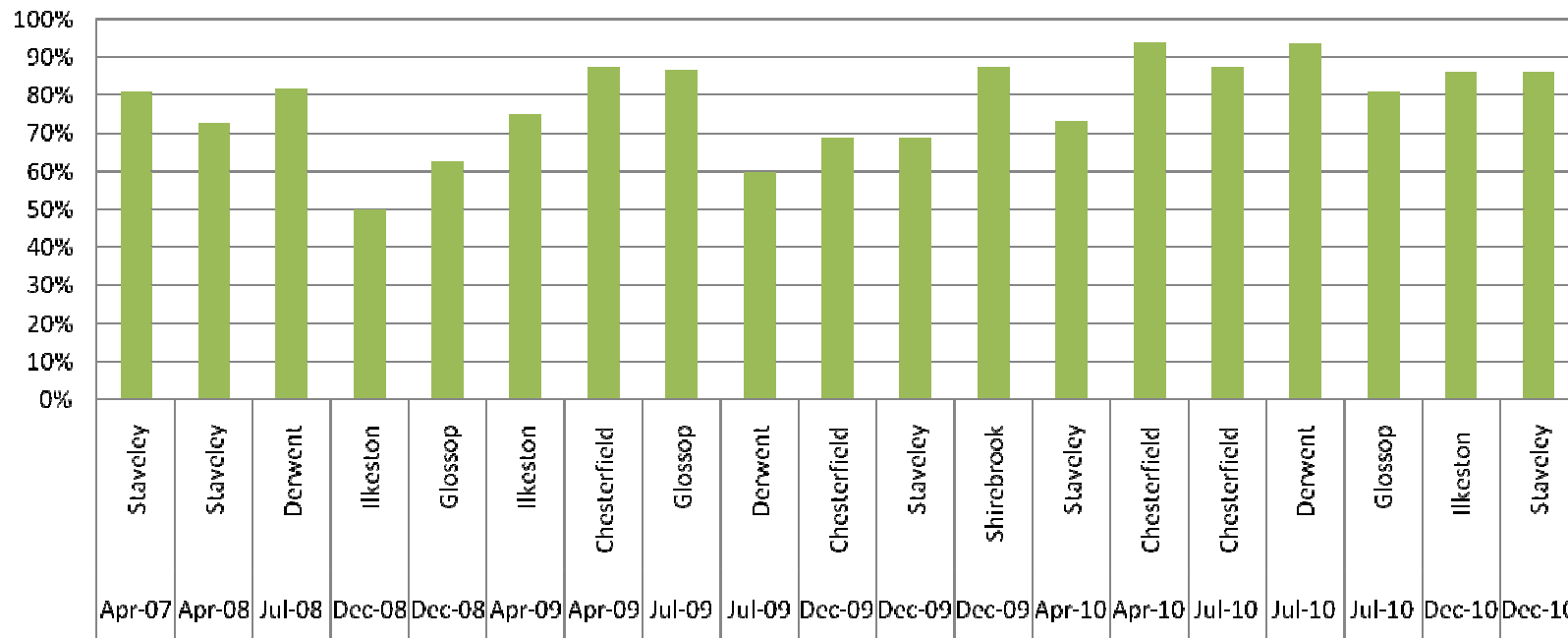
The Impact of YES! On Young People

- Increased self esteem through increased achievement – breaking the cycle of disaffection.
- Improved relationships – especially parents.
- Improved aspiration – may move onto fire cadets, find employment.
- A return to education or training – school, college, work placement.
- An improved ability to manage behaviour – less likely to be disruptive/aggressive.
- An ability to problem solve and make more positive choices.
- Improved attendance.



Outcomes

- We have worked with over 300 young people to date
- 76% average retention rate
- 2008 - 65%, 2009 – 76%, 2010 – 86%



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Exit Strategy

- Young People that pass out from their YES course have the opportunity to join Fire Cadets.
- We attach a fire cadet unit to each station that delivers the YES! Programme
- Cadets meet weekly between 1830-2030, with up to 15 places at each unit
- WNF have provided £25,000 to fund Cadets at Chesterfield and Staveley stations for 2 years



What next?

Future funding

Courses planned until March 2012 under current funding streams

Grant Applications being submitted in September 2011

A prospectus has been developed to sell bespoke courses to schools or other agencies, based on YES!



What next?

Cost of courses has changed from...

£16,000 for 1st course in new location

£10,600 thereafter

£7,500 now

£3,800 (8 week pilot)



What next?

Course Content

Evaluations = minor changes

Working with families

- included from the start
- frequent contact
- join in group sessions
- progress reports



Thank you for your time

Do you have any questions?

To obtain a prospectus please contact Jo Scott jscott@derbys-fire.gov.uk



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