



CASE STUDY

1. Title: Participation of Young People through the UKYP Network
2. Area: South West
3. What was the issue? The UKYP aims to give a voice to young people between the ages of 11-18 years. There are 66 elected members in the South West, each contributing to shaping a regional manifesto based on local issues. Negative images of young people were a top priority and for some authorities reduction of bullying was also key issue. The positive work of these young people could support schools and communities in developing and evaluating their anti-bullying policies. Their active participation can dismantle the negative perceptions society has of them and enable them to contribute to the reduction of bullying in schools and communities.
4. What action was taken? The ABA Regional Adviser and the Regional Youth Development Worker delivered an Anti-Bullying seminar at the UKYP Regional Network meeting "Are we tackling bullying in the South West?" Following an awareness raising session the young people were asked to respond to a series of questions relating to Anti-Bullying support in their LA's. The "Let's Fight it Together" DVD was used to prompt discussion around cyberbullying and as an evaluation of the seminar they were asked a series of questions around their knowledge, confidence and interest in becoming part of a Young Equalities /Anti-Bullying Network . Report and evaluation of the seminar was sent to all the young people.
5. What impact has this had (so far)? Youth Parliament Gloucestershire undertook a consultation with six secondary schools. The aim of the consultation was to gain a well-rounded and honest feedback of how Gloucestershire's young people in different situations view bullying, how it affects them and what can be done to help those affected by bullying. They also reviewed the schools AB policies. A report of the findings has been published and was presented at an award ceremony during AB week. The Youth Parliament hopes to further develop their strategy and action plan in line with the findings in order to follow the most appropriate path for the issues surrounding bullying as a main priority for the Youth Parliament Team.
6. How did the above action help to embed anti-bullying work in your area? The work of the young people in Gloucestershire supported the Local Authority AB strategy and provided a comparative study by young people as the Personal Safety Office is also reviewing school policies. The added contribution of this research will provide a more accurate evaluation and also illustrates well how the positive intervention of young people can make a difference to all Children's Services.
7. Additional information Details of the Youth Parliament Gloucestershire research can be obtained from their web-site www.UKYPGlos.co.uk Focus/Anti-Bullying

Details of Young Equalities South West can be obtained from

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