



Worcestershire Council for Voluntary Youth Services

24th January 2012

Dear Member

WCVYS Membership Renewal

I am writing to you with information about membership renewal for 2012.

I know that 2011 has been a year that has had its fair share of challenges, but I am also aware that many in the voluntary youth sector have risen to meet these challenges. The voluntary youth sector continues to make an enormous contribution to inspiring and supporting young people. The indications appear to suggest the role of the voluntary youth sector is set to increase in relevance and importance over the forthcoming year.

I have enclosed a membership form for 2012. Please complete the form and send it back to the office with your payment by 24th February 2012. An electronic version is available on the website (www.wcvys.co.uk/membership) if you would like to complete it on your computer.

Those members that have joined since 1st October 2011 will not need to pay again at this time, but please return your completed form for our records.

WCVYS has had to increase its membership fees for 2012, but we hope that you have been satisfied with the service you have required and received from Worcestershire Council for Voluntary Youth Services. We hope that you see WCVYS as giving you value for money as we have worked hard to ensure our activities have continued to develop. Amongst WCVYS's activities in 2011 has been to:

- Produce a new members pack called 'Getting Started';
- Offer all members free online Group 1 and 2 safeguarding training;
- Organise a very well attended AGM;
- Provide four members forums;
- Launch a Certificate in Youth Work Practice course;
- Carry out nearly 400 Enhanced CRB Disclosures;
- Represent the sector at local, regional and national level;
- Produce a monthly newsletter and weekly e-bulletin.

It looks as though 2012 is going to be a demanding year for all of us. WCVYS will aim to go on providing the support we are currently offering members, but additionally we are planning further developments. One new key development is providing a new service to members through our website. As from 1st March 2012 some information will be exclusively for members and will be found on the members page of WCVYS's website.

In order to ensure you have access to the members page we need you to send an email to Jo Banfield jo@wcvys.co.uk from the email address you wish to use to access the website. WCVYS will then send to that address a password and access details.

As well as a new website service we are also planning more training and organising another members survey.

The voluntary and community sector looks set to play an even bigger part in provision of opportunities for children and young people. This is a time of enormous opportunity for the voluntary youth sector and WCVYS wants to work with the sector in achieving the successful provision of services to young people.

WCVYS aims to keep improving its member services and go on being an ever stronger advocate for the voluntary youth sector in both the county and the region. We see 2012 as a year that will bring some far reaching changes in services to young people. WCVYS wants to help build the sector so that it is ready to respond effectively to these changes.

We thank you for your membership in the past year and look forward to your membership in 2012. We hope that together we can continue to build a still stronger voluntary youth sector.

Best wishes for a successful 2012.

Yours sincerely



Michael Hunter
Chairman

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