

September to October 2008

Staffordshire County Council (SCC) has just been short listed for the NICE Awards 2008

(National Institute of Health & Clinical Excellence) for its programme undertaken to reduce alcohol consumption in 11-15 year olds across the county. SYOS and SCC are partner organisations. There are 3 award categories with three short listed entrants in each; we are in the Public Health group (others are Clinical and General). SCC is the only local authority short listed in any of the three categories. The 9 short listed candidates will give a 10 minute presentation of their entries at the NICE conference (3&4 December) and one per category will be selected as category winners by the category judges. The prize for overall winner will be a trophy and the category prize with an additional £1000 to be spent on supporting NICE implementation in their organisation. To reach the final NICE shortlist is a real tribute to the small group of officers, including those from partner organisations that had the drive and vision to get us to this point. Read more about this [here](#)

ISSP young people delight St Stephens Primary School Children with new role play areas The primary school in Fradley has benefited from work carried out by young people on the ISSP scheme. Several colourful and thought provoking role play boards have been designed with direct input from the school pupils and created by young people as part of the community reparation whilst on ISSP. The new boards will help to improve pupils' creative writing, listening and speaking. Learn more about ISSP [here](#)

Staffing News...

Sharon Moore has secured a new role as *Assistant Director of IYSS* taking responsibility for the Youth Offending Service, Teenage Pregnancy, Youth Services and SCVYS. Learn more about IYSS [here](#)

Olivia Saxton has joined SYOS in the new role of Accommodation Officer. Olivia is addressing the accommodation needs of young people across the county.

Catherine Fox has begun her secondment from connexions and is working as part of the South East Area Team.

Teresa Alcock has started in the role of Prevention worker based in the signpost Centre, Highfields, Stafford.

PC Andy Whitehall has started in his new role seconded from Staffordshire Police. He is working as part of the SYOS Prevention Team.

Scott Crawford recently joined SYOS as the Intensive Fostering Programme Manager.

Janet Sirdefield has joined the South West area team as an Education Welfare Officer for SYOS.

To learn more about the SYOS Prevention Team check out the 'What We Do' page on the [website](#)

Also if you would like to learn more about the work of the IFP visit the [Intensive Fostering Programme page](#)

Thank You to Dave Morris...

It is with deep regret that Staffordshire Youth Offending Service has lost Dave Morris of the South East ISSP Team, who recently passed away.

Dave was an outstanding member of staff who inspired his colleagues and provided excellent support to young people. He will be sadly missed by all.

Deepest sympathy goes out to Dave's family

News in Brief

Staffordshire Youth Offending Service Annual Conference 2008 fast approaches-The 2008 Annual Conference is due to be held at Uttoxeter Racecourse in early November. The conference will be attended by over 150 delegates including SYOS Staff and young people who have worked with the Service. Also the two key note speakers are Frances Done-Chair, YJB and Chief Constable Chris Sims-Staffordshire Police. Learn more about last year's conference [here](#)

Staffordshire Youth Offending Service DVD finished and pressed- The DVD has been nearly a year in the making and is now pressed and due to be launched at the upcoming SYOS Annual Conference 2008. It has been contributed to by SYOS Staff, young people and parent/carers who have worked with the service and by members of the public. It aims to educate the general public, partners, interested organisations and young people about the positive work that is carried out across the county. In the near future the DVD will also be available on the website at www.syos.or.uk

BBC Radio 1 interview Intensive Fostering young person and foster carers-Radio 1 have been back to Staffordshire to interview an IFP young person about their experiences on the Intensive Fostering Programme. Also the young person's foster carer spoke to Radio 1 about their role in the programme. Learn more about how the IFP works to keep young people out of custody and put them back on the right track [here](#)

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