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## Introducing new members

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Welcome James and Donna!



What's been going on since the last newsletter?

Hannah and Becky have left the crew to move on to other things

Donna and James (above) have joined the Crew

We've joined up with another group (see pg 4 ) to look at how we can make changes to Social Services

James, Steph and Jason have done presentations to the Corporate Parenting Steering Group & the Childrens Services Management Team, these are the people who make decisions about the Corporate Parenting team and what they do.

*Corpor8 Crew*

(Jason, James, Steph, Donna)

### The Corpor8 Crew

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## Staff changes



Anne-Marie has left to go to a new job but we've got a new Development Worker called Josie Art and Design. If anyone is interested in who works part-time in the team. She's the best person to introduce herself ....

" Hi Im Josie Bevin -Nicholls I've just started to work with the team from this May , I am also study at university having just completed my first year on a degree course.

Before I worked in the social services I worked in Fashion and still have a interest in Art and Design. If anyone is interested in joining me when I go to any degree shows or to Loughborough or De Montfort Art and Design shows please contact me via the Corporate Parenting team ."

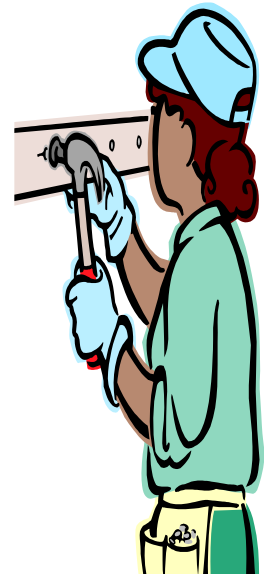
*Regards Josie*

## Teenagers to Work

- T**eenagers to work
- E**njoying work experience within the county council
- E**arning some extra money
- N**ot being bored during the school holidays
- A**vailable to young people aged 14 and over
- G**iving young people the chance to try out different jobs
- E**ncouraging young people to work for the County Council
- R**ecognising what young people want to do
- S**haring skills/experiences

**2** good to miss!

- W**orth taking part in.
- O**pen to anyone interested in learning new skills
- R**un from anything between 2 & 6 weeks in the holidays
- K**illing time



\* If you want to get involved this year fill in the form enclosed with this newsletter!

## How we make decisions about funding



We discuss as a group upon a funding request that we've received whether to fund the young person, or to ask for more information, or to not fund them.

When we receive the applications all details have been anonymised so it's private for the person writing to us.

When looking at funding requests we will consider the young person's age, what the carer has funded, anything that we have already funded and the item and price of what they are asking for.

We discuss has it any benefit for the young person?, if it continues would they carry on?, is it good for their education/self-esteem?

Funding is available for all looked after children from babies to 21 years. The sort of things we have funded are:

- educational equipment for babies
- music/sports lessons
- arts/crafts
- hobbies
- supporting young people with special needs for a camping trip

We ask for feedback from young people to see if they enjoy it and lots of information so we can make a decision.

*The Corp08 Crew*

## Job Opportunity

Ever wanted to work in social Services?

Want to earn a proper wage?

Interested in getting a qualification too?

Aged 17-24?

The Corporate Parenting team will be looking for a Care Leaver to work in the team very soon. Watch out for the letter which will tell you all about the job and how to apply!.





## Exam results

We hope all those in Year 11 taking exams got a card from us before they started. By the time you get this, most of the exams will be over and you can relax a little – until the results come!

We're interested in your results too – this year we're going to pay £10 for each GCSE or GNVQ pass. So when you get your results, make sure your Social Worker knows how well you've done, then we can send you a cheque.



## Fill this space!



We're sure you've all got loads of things to say about stuff you've done/seen/places you've been.

We're always interested in what you've got to say. We'd like to keep a space in every newsletter for your comments. How about writing a review of your favourite book/film, describing a day out/somewhere you've been or writing a poem or short story.

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## Need a computer?

If you're 11 or over the Corporate Parenting team can lend your carer a computer.

What will I get?

- Windows XP
- Office XP for students
- Encarta encyclopedia
- Printer



If you want a PC, talk to your carer and get them to speak to their social worker.

\* If you're a care leaver in full time education you will be able to get a PC of your own!

## Joining together



The Corpor8 Crew and the Blueprint project are joining together to make one larger group.

This group will look at making changes for young people who are looked after. They are holding an event in July 2004 to launch the new group. Look out for the leaflet that will be sent to all young people aged 11-21.

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# Summer Holiday

## Safe cycling



Want to learn how to ride your bike properly & safely.

We're running a cycling proficiency course where you can learn to ride your bike to keep yourself safe. At the end you'll be able to take a test to show what you've learned

**Dates:** 2nd—4th August  
**Place:** Wreake Valley Community College  
**Time:** 1.30-3.30pm  
**Places:** 10

## Driving skills/experience

Fancy tinkering around under the bonnet of a car? Want to take a car for a spin? Fancy learning some basic driving knowledge?

Now you can!

**Dates:** 26th & 27th July  
**Place:** Motorvate, Leicester  
**Time:** 10.00am -4.00pm  
**How many places:** 5



## Play away!



Maybe you want to be a star – maybe you fancy supporting backstage / writing or directing – the possibilities are endless. We're running a 3 day drama workshop where you'll be able to try out all of these things.

**Dates:** 9th-11th August  
**Place:** Wreake Valley Community College  
**Time:** 10.00am -3.00pm  
**How many places:** 8

*\* Remember—all of these activities are on a first come first served basis!. The application form is in with the newsletter!*

## Drive away.....

If you're 17 and over, the Corporate Parenting team can help you learn to drive. They will pay for :

- Your licence
- Written/practical tests
- 1/2 of your lessons.

The only thing the Corporate Parenting team is that you can pay 1/2 of your lessons yourself.

When you pass your test you will receive a £20 voucher!.



# Safer Surfing—Important rules to remember



**Never** give out personal details such as your address/school/ telephone or mobile number to someone you meet on the Internet, unless your carer gives you permission.

**Never** send anyone your picture, or any details about any bank or savings accounts.

**Never** arrange to meet anyone you have met in a Chat Room in the real world without telling your carer. If you meet someone, always stay in a public place. On the Internet, people are not always who they seem.

**Never** open attachments to e-mails unless you are sure that they come from someone you already know and trust. They might contain viruses or other programmes which could damage your computer. Make sure that your computer has an up to date virus checker.

**Never** respond to any nasty messages. Tell a carer if you get a message that you don't like, or if you see any rude pictures. They can report it.

**Always** keep your password to yourself.

**Always** check with your carer that it is OK to be in a Chat Room.

**Always** be yourself. Don't pretend to be anyone, or anything you are not.

**Always** stay away from sites that say they are for people aged over 18 only. The warnings are there to protect you.

**Always** get out of a Chat Room if someone says or writes something which makes you feel uncomfortable or worried. Make sure that you tell your carer.

**Don't forget to always ask your carer's permission before using a computer to Surf the Web!**

