

**Willenhall Local Neighbourhood Partnerships**  
**18<sup>th</sup> July 2005**

**Involving young people**

**1. Brief summary of report**

The purpose of this report is to inform the LNP of the progress on involving young people in the LNP progress and for the LNP to note and action the recommendations.

**2. Work to date**

The LNP Team have had discussions with members from Youth Opinions Unite (Y.O.U.) who are groups of young people from across Walsall who meet at a district and borough level to help influence key decision-making and policy issues involving young people, Y.O.U also acts as a consultative body. Discussions have explored ways in which they could be involved in the LNP process. The members from Y.O.U. agreed the following ways forward:

- Y.O.U. members to observe the September/ December round of LNP meetings and feedback what could be changed to attract young people to the LNP meetings.
- Each of the LNP's to appoint a young peoples champion  
The task of the champion would be:
  - To attend the District Youth Meetings quarterly to feed back on LNP progress and similarly gather feedback from Y.O.U. for members of the LNP.
  - To represent the views of the young people in the LNP meeting
  - To ensure the Y.O.U. project plans would be incorporated into the LNP Partnership Plan.
  - To make Y.O.U. members aware of upcoming task group meetings

An initial meeting between YOU staff and the young people's champions would be arranged for August to discuss the champion's role in more detail.

**3. Recommendation**

- To note the work carried out to date
- To nominate a member from the LNP to undertake the role of 'young people champion'
- To agree for the young people to observe the LNP meeting in September or December
- For the LNP to consider other ways of involving local young people

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