

**Poor information - a barrier
 for Young People!**



Poor information is one of the main barriers Young People have to overcome when looking for things to do and places to go.

www.YouFind.me.uk, the online directory of activities for Young People in Staffordshire, has been developed as a "one stop" shop where Young People can easily find a variety of activities to engage them whether



it is just somewhere to meet or a cultural activity, sport or entertainment. Providers are encouraged to supply as much up to date detail as possible about their activities - dates, times, costs, venues and facilities, whether

parental consent is required, whether equipment is provided, and who to contact.

YouFind helps Young People to make informed decisions about the activities available.

New YouFind Media

YouFind News Sheets

Printable PDF News Sheets of YouFind



activity information will soon be available to display on notice boards in schools, colleges,

libraries, clubs, community and youth centres. Each district will have its own edition which will be frequently updated as new activities are added to the website.

YouFind - The Movie!



To raise awareness of the YouFind activities web site, a short PowerPoint Presentation has been created. It explains the purpose of the site and encourages Young People to log on and search for activities.

The presentation could be used in PSHE sessions or as information displays on plasma screens in public areas.



If you would like a copy please contact team@YouFind.me.uk or telephone 01785 355752

Activities Wanted!

www.YouFind.me.uk has over 1,000 events every week for Young People to search online.



However this is the tip of the iceberg and many more

organisers will have the opportunity to add their events and activities online over the next few months.

Activities can be educational **or** recreational, ranging from a football club with coaching or an after school study club with specific set objectives **to** an activity fun day or a football club without coaching.



Whether your activities are community based, educational, outdoor, sporting, youth

club, cultural or volunteering activities they are wanted on **YouFind**.

If your organisation / school / college or club provides safe activities for Young People please log on to www.YouFind.me.uk and register today. The service is **free of charge** and used by Young People across Staffordshire.

Promotional materials



Free posters, pens and YouFind cards are available for you to promote YouFind within your college, school, club or activity.

Please contact the Team@YouFind.me.uk to request materials.

YouFind invited to take part in a Summer of Plings



The Promoting Positive Activities trial "Plings", commissioned by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) and working with 22 local authorities, is promoting a Summer of Plings and has invited YouFind to take part in this promotion of holiday provision for Young People



Plings will try to include on its website any YouFind summer holiday data and promote this through all their publishing channels and tools, anywhere they think Young People might be looking for something to do.

Cut off date - To ensure your YouFind activity provision data is uploaded onto Plings by their technical team, in time for the summer holidays, it should be entered onto the YouFind website by the 11th June 2010 at the latest.

<http://www.plings.net/>

School or Community events

If your school or organisation has a special event coming up just enter the details and a photograph or image (jpeg file) onto the YouFind News Page. YouTube videos of activities can also be easily linked to the page.

Explore the wide range of activities on www.YouFind.me.uk

Skating and Roller Disco at South Moorlands Leisure Centre, Allen Street Cheadle, every Saturday

Alternative Curriculum Project with local High School leading to accreditation - Wilnecote Youth Centre Youth Challenge/Youth Achievement Awards



Eccleshall Cricket Club Junior cricket coaching for ages 6-18 takes place at the ground every Tuesday evening from 6-8pm weather permitting with volunteer ECB CA coaches providing quality training sessions in a safe, child friendly environment.

Special Needs Adventure Playground provides indoor and outdoor play facilities for children with special needs or disabilities and their families



Future YouFind promotions

YouFind will be represented at:

- Charter Fair Rugeley on Saturday 5th June 2010
- SPECS careers event at the Sir Stanley Matthews Sports Centre, Staffs University on the 24th and 25th June 2010
- Play Day at Hagely Playing fields Rugeley 7th August



Partners support YouFind

Partner activity providers from over 140 organisations across the county have supported Young People by uploading details of over 1,000 activities a week onto YouFind.



Staff from the Staffordshire Young People's Service are preparing to input a summer holiday programme for Young People. These activities will be offered in a variety of locations in the community.

Schools are being encouraged to use the website to promote their after school clubs which include Dance, Drama, Performing Arts, Study support, Music and Sports. Libraries, Art Galleries and Museums throughout the County have a wide range of Young People focussed activities on offer on YouFind.

Safe from harm policy

Assistance is available for any club, community or organisations that do not have a safe from harm policy for young people, which includes CRB screening for staff and volunteers.



Either Sport Across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent (SASSOT) or the Staffordshire Council for Voluntary Youth Service (SCVYS) will offer free advice on how to create and implement a policy for your organisation.

Information and contact details are available on:

<http://www.sportacrossstaffordshire.co.uk/ChildProtection>

or

<http://www.staffscvys.org.uk/aboutscvys>

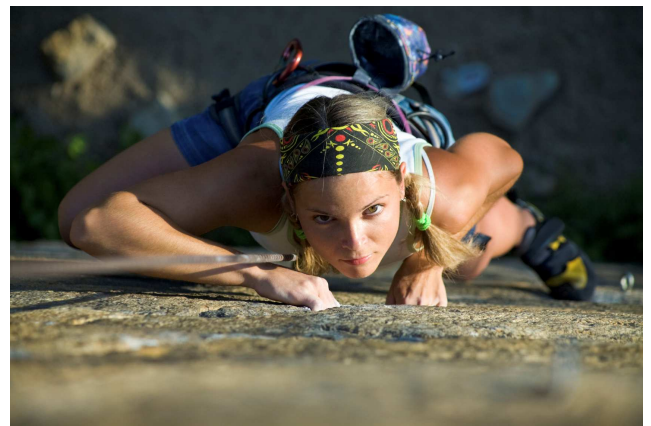


Networks

The **Youfind** team has developed a network system, following good practice established by the PLINGS positive activities trial, as part of the validation process for new activity providers.

Providers will normally “belong” to a network which can be verified, whether this is a formal link as part of an official organisation, an affiliation to a governing body/charity, an activity commissioned by a local authority or a more informal link to a community organisation.

The small number of community event organisers not linked to a recognised network will be asked to provide a referee. Organisers unable to provide a satisfactory reference will not have their activities listed on the site.



Join now Don't miss out!

What better way to promote your activities or facilities to Young People across Staffordshire and it is all free?

If your club, group or association is not registered on YouFind.me.uk ask your Club Secretary or Administrator to go online and input your organisation and activities today.

If you experience any problems with registration or entering your data please email the Team@YouFind.me.uk or telephone 01785 355752