Real Life Problems People

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SCHOOLS COUNTY challenge 2012

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Northamptonshire N.E.W.S. EDUCATION AND WORK SERVICE

Northamptonshire Arson Task Force

"Partners in Arson Reduction"

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE police

The CHALLENGE!

The challenge is for your school to identify a creative way of highlighting the negative impact of anti-social behaviour and violence on our communities via the 'Arts'.

You will identify a creative way to promote this message, informing people that violence and intimidation are not acceptable. As well as a project plan considering the most interesting ways to capture the interest of the public you will produce a final piece to be showcased on behalf of your school in an exhibition across the county.

This may be via film, sculpture, drama, poetry, art, creative writing, design technology, music or any other creative medium.

WHO

The school can choose to open up the challenge to just one group or across any year groups in key stage 3 or 4 (age 11 - 16). Students can compete in school to put forward their best piece of work to the exhibition. Where schools wish to split the competition between key stage 3 and 4, two winning pieces of work can be provided. This challenge can support and link to various parts of the curriculum:

Citizenship, PSHE, geography, art and design, creative and media, design technology, drama, music, literacy, law etc.

WHEN

The competition can run in school during any period January 1st – 26th May 2012. We will be asking for the piece of work that represents your school by 16th June 2012.

OUTCOMES

Participating in this challenge will enable students of all ages or abilities:

- To increase their creativity, showcase their talents, understand the need to work together and produce a project plan. Students will generate ideas, be solution focussed and learn to negotiate and influence others.
- To increase employability skills and understand how learning in school affects roles in the workplace. Local businesses and partners will act as business mentors and support students to develop their 'project plan' considering key themes such as project management, time management, target audience, marketing, budgeting etc.
- To raise awareness of the consequences of violence through this educational process and by doing so reduce violence across the county.
- To improve students behaviour and respect for the individuals around them. To reduce instances of bullying in school.
- To encourage students to engage actively with their local area and the wider community, understand their responsibilities and be more aware of the issues that affect them and those around them.

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THE PROJECT

We are all aware of the effect that Anti-Social Behaviour can have within our communities and the school environment.

This project is aimed specifically at low level violence. A single punch is all it takes to ruin lives.

"nearly four people per thousand head of population are victims of violence in our county" (Shaun Johnson, Northants Police, Arson Task Force)

This violent behaviour is often fuelled by alcohol, hatred, intolerance, jealousy and many other factors leading to a brief loss of control that in some cases can result in tragic circumstances for both victims and perpetrators alike.

Charge for entry to the challenge

• free to schools who have bought the NEWS membership
• £125 for non-members

Schools will receive:

- NEWS will support the school with engaging a minimum of 2 employers/businesses from suitable industries to help groups of students develop their ideas.
- An interactive brief from partners to explain the challenge and the background and issues for Northamptonshire on anti-social behaviour and violence. This will stimulate ideas and thoughts and be backed up with statistics and facts.
- Resources to enable participants to formulate a project plan
- Terms of reference, competition rules.
- Invitations to the opening of the exhibition.
- A prize for the winning student or team will be provided.
- A specific school champion for each school supporting the Challenge and overseeing the development of ideas.
- Publicity and press releases for the school.

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I would like to register for the Northamptonshire Schools County Challenge 2012
(All applications need to be submitted by 2nd December 2011)

School .....

Contact ..... Position .....

Contact Telephone number .....

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Contact of person leading on the challenge in school
(if different from above) .....

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