

Southern Area Outcomes Group Banbridge LPG Volunteer/Employability Fair 30th September 2016 (Gilford Community Centre)

Background

Banbridge Locality Planning Group hosted a Volunteer/Employability Fair on Friday 30th September. One of their four key priority areas is to increase the number of Young People who volunteer.

The outcome of the day was to:

1. Inspire Young People
2. Increase employability knowledge
3. Inform Young People of the current volunteering opportunities in their area
4. Increase the Volunteer uptake in the Banbridge area amongst Young People from Secondary schools
5. Improve interagency working
6. Inform Young People of the importance of Volunteering

Outcome 3

Children and young people will experience good relations, equality and diversity



How much did we do?

- In total, 450 Young People attended from four local schools and the local regional college
- 30 local agencies exhibited at the event

How well did we do It?

- The cost was £1075 (buses and lunch for exhibitors) this works out at £2 per young person
- ABC Council kindly provided the Community centre to host the event
- 12 Teachers increased their knowledge of local Volunteering opportunities

Is anyone better off?

Four Secondary schools attended the event – this was our target audience as Irvne and Schubotz 2010 informs us that those in grammar schools (67%) were more likely to be involved in volunteering than those in secondary (40%) or integrated (51%), which indicates that more work can be done to ensure that all young people get equal opportunity to consider volunteering.

Volunteering has increased by 1.5% in the Banbridge area.

All students who took up the volunteer role were from local secondary schools.

Feedback from Young People

