

Democracy Campaign

BDC Officer Meeting 21st September 2010

Present: Becky Dunne, Claire Felton, Karen Firth, Sue Mould and Lizzie Tovey

ACTION UPDATE

| ACTIONS | When? | Action By |
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| <p>1. Link Democracy Campaign to Community Events</p> <p>Stall to be sited in High Street for Older People's Day to launch directory. Agreed to use stall to promote community engagement, elections/register & Overview & Scrutiny. .</p> | 1 Oct 2010 | Becky Dunne |
| <p>2. Democracy Champions</p> <p>Cllr Geoff Denaro suggested for BDC. Need to agree with him & Leader; then announce at November Council</p> | Late Sept 2010 | Claire Felton |
| <p>3. Engagement programme with schools and young people</p> <p>Electoral Services have supplied material to high schools/colleges to promote Electoral Register.</p> <p>Agreed to tie in with County's planned visits to schools (i.e. include district councillors subject to prior approval with Cllr Geoff Denaro). Session at Haybridge High School, Hagley arranged for Cllr Scurrall, with County Cllr Moore. Becky met with Hazel Robinson 15/10/10 to discuss presentation content. If it proves a success, we could incorporate it into Democracy Week.</p> <p>Agreed to identify dates & programme for stalls/events for a Democracy Week in Spring 2011 (pre purdah /local elections) to include local supermarket; school in Wythall, the TRUNK; Rubery venue.</p> | <p>Oct/Nov 2010</p> <p><i>Mar 2011 provisionally</i></p> <p>Early March 2011 <i>(28th Feb- 4th Mar 2011 provisionally)</i></p> | <p>Claire Felton</p> <p>Becky Dunne</p> |
| <p>4. Debbie Roberts at the TRUNK and youth services need to be linked in.</p> <p>(see 3. above)</p> | | |
| <p>5. Link with Bryony Almond and Worcestershire Youth Cabinet and Youth Parliament.</p> <p>Becky to arrange meeting with Bryony Almond &</p> | Nov 11 | Becky Dunne |

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| Kirsty Fraser (Youth Parliament) in November to discuss links and support for Democracy Week. | | |
| <p>6. Need to link in with the Children and Young People Plan consultation and with CYP Theme Group.</p> <p>Becky and Electoral Services to work together on contents of new youth pages on BDC/RBC websites including review of material already produced on behalf of young people.</p> <p>Children and Young People Plan is no longer required by government- Becky to raise how links can be made with the theme group at their next meeting (18th Nov)</p> | <p>Nov 2010</p> <p>Nov 2010</p> | <p>Lizzie Tovey Becky Dunne</p> |
| <p>7. Budget bid to the Equality and Diversity Forum on the basis of including young people in civic and democratic engagement.</p> <p>Agreed need to discuss further with Hugh Bennett as to whether to pursue. It was felt that it was not appropriate for this round of funding.</p> | Late Sept 2010 | Becky Dunne |
| <p>8. The Young Advisors project allows us to put in a bid – investigate new bid this year.</p> <p>No action taken in time to meet deadline so to be tied in with 7. above. This is not feasible for this year- Becky to discuss possible ways forward with Claire.</p> | Nov 2010 | Becky Dunne |
| <p>9. Tie in with WCC programmed visit to schools.</p> <p>(see 3. above)</p> | Nov 2010 | Becky Dunne |
| <p>10. Involve GCSE students at N. Bromsgrove and S. Bromsgrove High Schools (eg website design or research etc)</p> <p>To be picked up as part of action on 6. above</p> | Oct 2010 | Becky Dunne |
| <p>11. Activities with young people and in schools - to ask young people what they want to influence. see the Pershore “Wishes and Worries” activities.</p> <p>Becky to pursue this in the new year, to tie in with Democracy Week. Will explore in partnership with Extended Services (possible budget from them)</p> | Jan 2011 | Becky Dunne |
| 12. Need to define activities. Other activities to | | |

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| <p>include civic involvement eg litter picking, volunteering etc.</p> <p>Agreed to tie in with 'Make a Difference Day'. Separate meeting to be fixed for Guy Revans, Claire Felton & Becky to pursue. Meeting was successful- Community Clean-up arranged for Sat 30th Oct in Sanders Park. Becky and Claire met with Anna Wardell-Hill and Becky met with Jackie Boreham. Colleagues from environmental services and parks to support.</p> | <p>Oct 2010</p> | <p>Becky Dunne</p> |
| <p>13. Link in with Budget Jury in October 2010. Include young people as observers.</p> <p>Budget Jury was postponed due to delays with the budget setting process (due to national changes). Possibility of observers to be raised with budget jurors at next meeting (19th Oct)</p> | <p>Oct / Nov 2010</p> | <p>Becky Dunne</p> |
| <p>14. Youth Democracy page on Council website – identify young people to be involved.</p> <p>(covered by 6. above)</p> | | <p>Becky Dunne</p> |
| <p>15. A "Community Involvement Day" to engage with people on who is interested in getting involved, as parish councillor, district councillor, county councillor, volunteer, school governor etc.</p> <p>To be discussed further with Hugh Bennett who has some ideas. Possibly tie in with Democracy Week events referred to under 3. above.</p> <p>(NB. Sue Mould to arrange separate meeting between herself ,Jayne Pickering & Claire Felton on Budget/Council Tax referendum issues)</p> | <p>March 2011?</p> | <p>Claire Felton Becky Dunne</p> |
| <p>16. Inform stakeholders of what is happening and inviting them to get involved – inc parish councils.</p> <p>Pick up at Monitoring Officer meetings with Parish Clerks then follow up at Parish Forum in December to promote the plans for the spring Democracy Week</p> | <p>Oct & Dec 2010</p> | <p>Claire Felton</p> |
| <p>17. Promotion of Democracy Year</p> <p>Agreed that Becky and Electoral Services to work together to promote Democracy Year via dedicated pages on websites including links to youth pages. Also need to co-ordinate with Communications Manager to produce a double page spread in</p> | <p>Oct 2010</p> | <p>Lizzie Tovey Becky Dunne</p> |

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| <p>November issue of Bromsgrove Together under banner of Democracy Year to include community engagement, how to be a councillor, profile of chairman etc. Pages are under development, as is a 'Democracy Year' stamp which can be used for branding and promoting democracy related activities.</p> | | |
| <p>18. Effectiveness of Democracy Year</p> <p>Agreed need to identify a key question to use at end of year to gauge effectiveness of campaign to improve democracy</p> | <p>March 2011</p> | <p>Lizzie Tovey</p> |