

The Sparkplug Programme Project Plan

“A Voice For Youth”

We have shown that setting up a Young People’s Parish Council has a positive effect on young people in the community and upon the community as a whole.

The challenge is to help other communities benefit from this experience in providing them with a model and mentors, which will produce long term benefits for future generations and will ‘break the cycle’.

We need to show that NOT ALL YOUNG PEOPLE ARE THE SAME!

Targets:

- Produce a model of South Petherton’s Young People’s Parish Council to help other parish councils reduce crime / anti-social behaviour in their areas as we have in South Petherton
- To get 4-5 parish council’s to sign up to forming a Young People’s Parish Council

Key steps:

Step	When?
Skill development	September-November
Handbook / model production	November-January
Presentation to other parish councils	February
Sign up of parish councils to project (destination)	February

Resources:

Resource	Cost (£)
Document production	2000
Training and development	500
Residential teambuilding	500
Travel / materials / expert help / multimedia hire etc	1000
Total	4000

Sparkplugs:

- Young People's Parish Council – 15 members
- Parish council
- Richard Palmer
- Zara Scott-Davies – County Youth Service
- Volunteers and experts in village / community

Assumptions and learning

- Can we get young people working as a team to produce results?
- Can we mentor young people to achieve result?
- Are young people prepared to / able to respond?
- Will the young people be able to mentor others?
- Will the new skills acquired enable them to respond?
- Can we put respect for young people back into the communities and vice versa? (we have to prove this can happen)

Richard Palmer, 12/09/05