

11 Million Day, 7th November 2008

Children's Rights Postcards Design on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

Sir Al Aynsley-Green, Children's Commissioner for England called on decision makers in government, local authorities, businesses, charities, schools and the media to invite children and young people to takeover their organisations for one day. This is known nationally as 11 Million Day.

The Partnership Delivery and Participation Teams, Children and Young People's Services, invited a group of 14 children and young people aged between eight and 14 years old to get involved in Buckinghamshire's 11 Million Day 2008. The project involved producing designs for postcards promoting some of the Articles in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

The Articles for this particular project included:

Article 8 right to an identity, Article 12 right to an opinion and Article 31 right to play and free time.

The aim of the day was for the children and young people to produce postcards is to inform other children and young people about their rights.

After a presentation and some activities on the background of the UNCRC the children and young people individually choose one of the Articles and created a design to illustrate the message they wanted to convey.

The Bucks Youth Cabinet was then asked to choose six postcard designs, three postcards from the young age group and three postcards from the older age group.

The six selected postcards have now been produced and made into a pack to share information on the UNCRC and its benefits to children, young people and adults.

The designs will be used in future participation and children's rights, training. They will also be distributed at conferences and other events in Buckinghamshire.

To request a pack of the six postcards please contact participation@buckscc.gov.uk giving your name and postal address.

11 Million Day, 23rd November 2007

Young People's Children and Young People's Plan

On the 23rd November 2007, as part of the national 11 Million Takeover Day, five Students from The John Colet School joined the Partnership Delivery Team, Children and Young People's Services, at County Hall in Aylesbury.

Their brief was to design a Young Person's version of the Buckinghamshire Children and Young People's Plan.

Over the course of the day they put together the leaflet and created the content which they presented to senior staff members.

During the initial designs of the leaflets we advised the young people involved that they needed to be aware of accessibility issues, and that they should try and use contrasting colours and bold text at all times. During the formal design process, we were in contact with Bucks Association for the Blind, ensuring that our designs were accessible for the visually impaired.

The leaflet has now been produced and distributed throughout the county. This helps make young people in Buckinghamshire aware of the Children and Young People's Plan and its effect on them.

A copy of the Plan can be found at:

http://www.buckinghamshirepartnership.gov.uk/assets/content/Partnerships/CYPT/participation/cyp_plan.pdf

To request a hard copy of the publication please contact participation@buckscc.gov.uk giving your name and postal address.