

Young People's Web Group, 2009

Young people from Aylesbury area took part in a web based project which consisted of five working sessions and a celebration pizza evening.

The aim of the Young People's Web Group was to contribute to the website development which included the design, content, functionality and accessibility of the new Family Service Directory. The young people in this project specifically focused on the young people's section of the Directory.

After a introduction session about getting to know everyone and exploring hopes and expectations for the young people's involvement they were asked to look at the type of directories that they currently use, such as music download websites or searches in popular search engines like 'Google' and 'Yahoo' to find information about activities and clubs.

In later sessions the young people presented their views about what would make the Buckinghamshire Directory appealing and interesting to children and young people, specifically what the graphics, design and text should look like.

The young people came up with some fantastic and original ideas during this project, their input has proved to be extremely valuable and they reported that they learned many new skills as a result of their participation. The young people received a certificate to recognise their contribution.

These young people will now carry on as expert advisors and meet regularly to form the Buckinghamshire Children and Young People's Trust Web Advisory Group.

Photo: Some of the members of the Young People's Web Group

