

One of the issues that many groups have raised, and continue to raise through Voice, is transport so here is a snippet of the most up to date information around !

Transport Guidance: supporting access to positive activities for young people

The Aiming High Transport guidance is the result of collaborative work between the Department for Children, Schools and Families, the Department of Transport, the National Youth Agency, stakeholders from Local Authorities (L.A.s) and the third sector. It is aimed primarily at Children's Trusts (strategic partnerships) and transport planners, although it will be a useful tool for a range of decision makers and providers at local level. It is designed to help them address barriers to participation in positive activities by coherent planning of transport and service provision.

This guidance showcases a range of innovative solutions developed by L.A.s and their partners from around the country and highlights potential linkages with emerging policies, with a transport focus. To deliver against the requirements of existing and new policies these have found it useful to address the needs of young people in a holistic way. A central theme of the examples featured in the guidance is the involvement of young people working with their L.A.s to develop local solutions to transport as a barrier.

For more information check out the following links;

www.nya.org.uk/information/100582/141457/transport/

www.nya.org.uk/files/141456/FileName/8259-DCSF-TransportGuidance.pdf

Improving road safety for pedestrians and cyclists in Great Britain

In 2007, 2,946 people were killed on GB's roads, 18% less than the average number of deaths between 1994 and 1998. Pedestrians and cyclists are among the most vulnerable road users, having little or no physical protection and with a higher rate of fatality per distance travelled than for any other mode of transport except for motorcyclists.

Against the average number of deaths and serious injuries for 1994 to 1998, the Department for Transport's strategy is to reduce by 2010 the number of people killed and seriously injured by 40%; the number of children killed and seriously injured by 50%; and the rate of slight injuries per 100 million vehicle kilometres by 10%.

Improving child safety on the roads is a key strand of the Government's Public Service Agreement. For more information

www.nao.org.uk/publications/0809/improving_road_safety_for_ped.aspx

.....and don't forget you can find lots of transport information and resources/ activities for children, young people, parents and workers can be found at the following websites;

- www.goto.org.uk/
- www.dingding.org.uk/

If you have any concerns about transport please contact Ben Gilchrist or Colin Kirby on 0161 339 4985 – they will be happy to hear from you!