

News!

Full-Time Volunteering Opportunities

This is a 44 week opportunity (30+ hours per week) for 15 young people and it is hoped that all placements will provide them with a valuable experience of working within this sector.

Up to £100 per week will be allowed to cover travel and express. If you like to know information please contact: Leila Borgia, Young Employee Support Scheme, 01992 531965 (x 51965) or leila.borgia@connexions.hertscc.gov.uk

Boom!

Clubs for Young People launched one of the UK's biggest arts and multimedia programmes on 13th March 2008, in partnership with MTV. BOOM! is for young people aged 16-25 and challenges them to make short films and videos that reflect their opinions, concerns, interests and passions. Clubs receive a free video camera, an Apple Mac and free training for two young people in their project. For more information about Boom! contact David Baker 07827 947672 or david@pro-actionherts.org

RURBAN Project

In collaboration with the Herts Sports Partnership and Child UK, Pro-Action has been running the very successful 'RURBAN' project. The project encourages young people to take part in multi sports activities, whilst at their youth clubs. Qualified sport coaches deliver active sessions, which include hockey, badminton and football. Sessions run for 1-2 hours an evening for 8 weeks. If you would like your club to be part of the RURBAN project please contact Nicole Williamson 07912 352991 or nicole@pro-actionherts.org

Leadership course

The Leadership Course focuses on leadership development using various adventure activities (team skills, personal challenges) to explore leadership skills. The course is accredited through the open college network at level 1. Following the course all students will be offered a voluntary placement to continue with other accreditation routes. Courses will be commencing from April 09 and is offered to 15-20 year olds. For more information contact Nicole Williamson 07912 352991 or nicole@pro-actionherts.org

Please Note - this will be the last time that we will be posting the newsletter. The reason being that information now comes to us on such a regular basis that often opportunities have passed by the time the next quarterly newsletter comes out. We will be aiming to initially send an emailed newsletter every month and if there is a need may increase this to bi-weekly.

Please do send in two different contact email addresses to enquiry@pro-actionherts.org from your organisation to register for the newsletter stating

- Your name
- Organisation and position in organisation
- 2x contact email addresses

If your organisation does not have access to email - then please call your district co-ordinator to register an address which you would like a printout of the newsletter to be sent to.

Remember that if your 'membership' has lapsed in the past few months that all memberships will be restarted under a new format in April and until then you are in effect still members of Pro-Action. This primarily affects members who were affiliated to the old HCYS.

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Welcome to 2009!

After a decidedly chilly start to the year, a warm welcome to the first of our new look newsletters!

We hope this will brighten the dark evenings with a look forward to the exciting activities and events highlighted on the centre-spread Events Calendar - we have a lot of events planned with many more to follow over the coming months.

I would like to say a sincere 'thank you' for the time and input of members who came to one of our 'Meet the Team' events in December. These were very rewarding for us and hopefully useful to those member organisations who attended. We do wish to engage with as many of our members as possible, so if you feel there are any issues you want to bring to our attention - please do either contact your local (see below) District Co-ordinator for a chat. Alternatively Geoff and myself are available on the new office number - 01707 276859.

A quick request, if as a member you still haven't had contact with your local District Co-ordinator please do call them. A small number of organisations' details seem to be out of date and we have been unable to contact you by phone or email. Finally please do read the back of the newsletter, regarding the future delivery of this newsletter.

Kind Regards, Nick Webb, Pro-Action

Quick reminder of some Pro-Actions services!

- Free CRB checks for volunteers (reduced rate for paid staff)
- Signposting to funding opportunities (and help in applying)
- 'Starter' Pack of Policy & Procedure Templates for Child Protection / Health & Safety / Equal Opportunities / Complaints
- Access to all our activities. Midnight Skating, Superteams, Highland Games, National competitions of Football, Pool, Boxing, etc
- Training for young people

District Co-ordinators

Bernadette - Stevenage and North Herts - 07827 947674

David - Broxbourne and East Herts - 07827 947672

Hardeep - St Albans, Hertsmere, Welwyn & Hatfield - 07827 947673

Nicole - Dacorum, Three Rivers & Watford - 07912 352991

Office number - 01707 276859



What's on!

2009

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Boxing	County round Box-off by 31 st	Area boxing finals 15 th	1st March Quarter finals / 15 th Semis / 23 rd - 26 th Finals									
Gillette Cup	Group 1 match	Group 2 match	End of group stages on 7 th	4 th Quarter finals / 5 th Semis	National Finals on 2 nd					Trials for Gillette Cup squad 09/10		
5-a-side Football			County Round 28 th @ Dehavilland Campus	Regional Round 18 th @ Derby						County Round 24 th @ Dehavilland Campus	Regional Round 21 st @ Derby	National finals 5 th @ Derby
Pool / Snooker			County Rounds 14 th @ St Albans 21 st @ Hatfield	Regional Round 5 th	National Finals 10 th							
National Events		BOOM! Stage 1 8 th @ North London	BOOM! Stage 1 8 th Luton 15 th South London		Make a mural comp 22-26 th / 100 mile canoe challenge	Table tennis champions on 13 th / 26-28 th @ Stubbers Residential Centre	Photography competition commences		Close of mural comp on 30 th	Close of photography comp on 31 st		
County Events					Highland Games 30 th @ Dehavilland Campus		Sat 18 th Super teams Dehavilland Campus					Midnight Ice Skating 4 th @ Alexandra Palace

Events are open to all young people from any organisation - you do not need to be a pro just come and have a go!

For more information visit www.pro-actionherts.org or call 01707 276859