

Youth & Schools e-update

Hampshire, Isle of Wight & Surrey – 1st May 2009

This bi-weekly e-bulletin is part of our Youth Communication Plan to keep everyone up to date with what is happening in-between our quarterly newsletter. If you want something included, drop us an email mbaxter@redcross.org.uk.

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News from across the area

30 Apr 09 Your amazing work – Quarter One statistics unveiled This quarter we have reached nearly 12,000 young people, putting us on course to reach a massive 50,000 during 2009. So who exactly have we reached and how?

Here is a breakdown of our statistics for quarter one:

> Core Humanitarian Education	6293
> Broader Humanitarian Education	154
> Volunteer Training (inc. Child Pro)	78
> First Aid (Certified)	297
> First Aid (Evaluated)	3597
> Passive Learning	530
> Fundraising (inc. Dance for Life)	977
> Assisting young refugees	45
> Work Experience/Interns	2

In **Core Humanitarian Education** we have run sessions for young people on HIV / AIDS (nearly 2,000 on the ABC programme), Refugees, the work of the Red Cross and Emergency Response. **Broader Humanitarian Education** includes sessions on Earthquakes (QUAKE SOS role play) and Natural Disasters.

There have been changes to the way we report first aid with four new categories:

- > **Active First Aid (Certified)** This is where we train people in one of our certified courses and assess them against competencies e.g. Basic First Aid or Youth First Aid module 2.

- > **Active First Aid (Evaluated)** This is where we train someone and their understanding and confidence is evaluated.
- > **Passive First Aid** includes training people in First Aid awareness or handing out materials e.g. cards to people.
- > **First Aid Positioning** includes campaigns such as getting first aid on the curriculum or an extra question on the driving test and so on.

This combined with fundraising in schools and through Dance for Life and our young refugee work means that together we have reached a lot of young people.... **A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU! Well done.**

30 Apr 09 Red Cross volunteers meet Queen at the D-Day celebration. The Queen came to Portsmouth on Thursday this week as part of the 65th Anniversary of the D-Day landing. Eight Red Cross volunteers were there to meet the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh and hear the city's chimes ring out again after extensive restoration work. Fergus Carter-Brazier said, "It was a good day. I was able to speak to war veterans and others, which allowed me to understand what the Red Cross meant to people during the war and how our services were valued by both military personnel and civilians who needed our support." Other volunteers attending included Maureen Powell, Trish Hockley and Azalia Gosling.

26 Apr 09 Peer Educators at Girl Guiding UK "Power of Humanity" Girlguiding UK is the largest youth organisation in the UK and in 2010 celebrates its 100th anniversary. In preparation for this, the organisation has set up partnerships with several charities including the British Red Cross in an initiative called "Change the World". We have produced a programme of modules called "Power of Humanity" to let the young people find out about the British Red Cross.

Once the girls have completed the four core modules and one of the optional modules, Guide and Senior Section units will get the opportunity to take part in a 'real life' all-day emergency response workshop. During this exciting day, they received training from the British Red Cross, meeting our logistics team, who showed them how to set up a satellite navigation system and radio during an emergency. Our therapeutic care team instructing them to be able to provide calming massages to victims of disasters.

Our peer educators also provided First Aid and Shelter Building workshops, working with the colleagues from UK Office and South East Territory.

The other two events we are supporting are:

- 11 July 2009 Abingdon
- 1 Aug 2009 Poole



www.redcross.org.uk/powerofhumanity

28 Apr 09 First Aid @ Cowes High

Mike Baxter and Louise Randall have trained some 13 young people at Cowes High School in Basic First Aid, as part of their Sports Leadership course. One participant said, "These are really useful skills to know, I now feel more confident to use these skills if I had to."

28 Apr 09 Science Fair @ Marwell Zoo

In partnership with Solent Skill Quest, we have provided over 200 pupils with valuable Science knowledge and life saving skills.

Bob Carr, Anna Carter and Lisa Hale led several 30-minute interactive sessions about the circulatory system and dealing with bleeding. The highlight is where they get to use a bottle to squirt water to find out how arteries, veins and capillaries bleed.

20 Apr 09 Project Advantage – good news on funding

Project Advantage, which originated by a funding bid prepared by our YPCG (Young Person Consultation Group) lead by Sam Phillips has run over 20 courses training vulnerable groups such as Young Carers, Refugees, Young Offenders and Young Motorcyclists first aid and HIV awareness sessions.

The good news is that a subsequent £10,000 bid to Hampshire County Council has been successful – following submission of our case studies and application. This has secured two days of project worker time to organise the project and be able to continue to provide this valuable project for another year.

For more information contact Anna Carter annacarter@redcross.org.uk.

18 Apr 09 Fundraising News



Well done to Cheam Park Farm Junior School who raised £332.73 in March 2009. Also to Ryden's School, Leatherhead where two pupils – Kim and Nic – have organised a range of activities from Cake Sales to Sponsored Cycle Ride to Valentines Deliver – they hope to raise over £500 during the year for us!

16 Apr 09 Milestones Exhibition

The Milestones Red Cross Exhibition celebrating the 100th anniversary of Hampshire Red Cross is now open at Milestones Exhibition in Basingstoke.

During the Easter Holidays we provided six days of first aid training at Milestones in Basingstoke. Over 300 people were trained in first aid, with many more onlookers receiving a first aid leaflet or watching demonstrations.

Thanks to everyone who took part. We are hoping to do some more demonstrations in May Half Term.

01 Apr 09 Work Experience and Interns

Ermina Isic has been with us for nearly three months now as an Intern from Sweden. She has assisted Event First Aid with their review, Fundraising with Dance for Life and the Museum with the Centenary Exhibition. We also have six people booked in for Work Experience, several of which are now volunteers.

Youth Information

Youth Communications Plan

We have a new Youth Communication plan to increase knowledge about what we do... this will include: more news stories on Redroom and the Red Cross Website, our own page on Redroom, blogs, flickr, twitter and facebook. We will also have some Youth Communication Ambassadors – Sam Phillips and Chris Jefferies, who will be assisting with communication with Carla Dow and the Territory Communications Team.

www.rxyouth.org/communication.aspx

for more information.

Rail Tickets and Travel

We can now book rail tickets online (inc railcard discounts) and get them sent to your home or ticket machine at the station – just contact Mike.

Changes to certification for trainers

From June 2009 all certificates for external first aid training (that is, all Administer First Aid modules and Youth First Aid modules) will be issued by Manchester. Our processes will remain similar to how they work now, it is just that trainers will no longer need to write out certificates! More info will follow from the Learning and Development department and via our future e-updates. Volunteer training remains unaffected.

New Child Protection Resource

A new child protection booklet is now available with key reminders about general principles for working with young people and also guidelines for dealing with disclosures

This will be sent out with the June Newsletter.

New certificates and using the correct Charity Wording on Headed Paper!

We have a new certificate for young people and adults to recognise their work with the new wording on incorporating the Scottish Charity number, which must be used on all publications. It should read:

The British Red Cross Society, incorporated by Royal Charter 1908, is a charity registered in England and Wales (220949) and Scotland (SCO37738)

If you need updated headed paper, please contact Mike Baxter. The Word Documents on the Brand Toolkit are out of date too and UKO have been informed!

Bank of Resources for various topics

15th May marks International Day of Families. Ideas for education activities related to this subject can be found at redcross.org.uk/education and some relevant resource lists are attached. More teacher briefing topics can be found on www.redcross.org.uk/education and the bank of resources are on Redroom under 'around the corner, education, education materials'. If you have any requests for other topics to be covered please email

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Principles and Values e-newsletter

Attached to this email and available at www.rxyouth.org/newsletters.

This includes information about Positive Images – the British Red Cross Society have 1 million Euros from the EU to promote this Refugee resources with European Red Cross Red Crescent Societies.

To find out more visit

www.redcross.org.uk/positiveimages

Future Events

4th May May Day Fayre – Portsmouth

Mike Baxter, Josh Phillipson and Josh Bulleyment will be providing first aid demonstrations to people at the May Fair at St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Portsmouth.

May 9 Red Cross Appeal Week – Wheelchair Push Hampshire Red Cross celebrate their 100th anniversary this year and have a exhibition at the Milestones Museum in Basingstoke.

As part of the centenary celebrations, Hampshire Peer Educators have been successful in their bid in the territory fundraising competition called **Hundreds to Hundreds** the aim of which is to raise as much money as possible given £100 to start off with. We are going to undertake a ten-mile wheelchair push around Winchester and Basingstoke raising as much sponsorship as possible.

You can support us by donating online at our Just Giving site:

www.justgiving.com/centenarywheelchairpush

16th May Dance for Life, Basingstoke

This is a Hampshire heat for the Red Cross Dance for Life. More help needed, so far: Robert Streeter, Jono, Dom and Fergus have offered to help..

www.redcross.org.uk/danceforlife

17th May First Response

A First Aid course for Explorers and Leaders in the Scout Association – more help is needed please!

18th May Beavers at Balfour Museum

Help is needed to run a First Aid workshop for some Beavers who are also visiting the museum. 1800 onwards at Winnall HQ.

25th May Surrey Show

We hope again to provide First Aid Demos at the Surrey Show – volunteers include Chris Jefferies, Gez, Anna Carter, Chris Babb and Jono.

Refugee Project residential

17 – 19 July 2009 Portsmouth Project at Foxlease Campsite, Lyndhurst

16 – 22 July 2009 Southampton and Territory Project at Ferny Croft Campsite

Guildford Save a Life

The Surrey Big Event will be taking place in early August 2009 – watch this space for information! Henna Amin (peer educator) is project manager for this event.

National First Aid Competition

We hope to enter a Youth Team – at present CJ and Lottie are organising this – we have a residential planned from 24 – 26 July 2009 and another training day on 6 September before the competition on Sat 12 September. For more information contact CJ, Lottie or Mike.

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