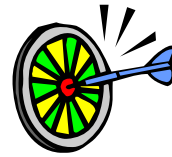


Who Are We?

Youthtastic are a group of young people from across Workington, who link young people's views into local decision making processes. The group was set up by the Young People's Co-ordinator in 2003 and has grown from an original 15 members to over 400! Nineteen young people make up the main "Executive Committee"



Our Aims

- To get young people involved in making decisions;
- To let young people know what is happening in Workington;
- To have somewhere where young people can suggest their own projects;
- To give support to young people when they are trying to ensure that Workington has good activities for young people;
- To make sure all young people have the opportunity to get involved;
- To show that young people are enthusiastic and interested in their local community;
- To give young people the opportunity to get information on all of the things for them in the local area.

Influencing Decision Makers

Youthtastic's success is unprecedented in West Cumbria and they are approached by many different organisations to undergo peer research and consultations. They have organised youth forums, trained councillors in "How to Engage with Young People" and were invited down to the House of Commons by their local MP, Tony Cunningham.



One Big Saturday



Youthtastic organise Workington's annual One Big Saturday event in Vulcan's Park, which is a free day of music and activities aiming to celebrate young people's achievements and promote projects and services available to them.



Team Building

Youthtastic go away on an annual team building residential and recruit more young people to be part of the Executive Committee. Communication, problem solving and working with others skills are developed and tested.



The Future

Youthtastic is all about getting young people involved in positive activities and making a difference in their communities. Youthtastic want to show people that young people can be valuable citizens. With additional staff, the number young people involved can increase, as can the range of projects. Youthtastic members have just launched their website www.youthtastic.co.uk and are keen to organise youth forums, develop a "Youth Café" evening, take part in issue based work, develop an arts project and allow as many young people as possible to be involved.