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# **Staffordshire Integrated Youth Support Service**

**Planning July 2008**

Feedback from the  
Young Person's Consultation Event

# Building Staffordshire's Future

- Tuesday 7 July 2008
- Drayton Manor Park
- Approximately 100 young people
- Cannock & Tamworth
- Consultation re: Building Schools for the Future
- IYSS workshop

# IYSS Workshop

- Activities to elicit opinion from young people about the development of an IYSS
  - Quick fire questions
  - Agree or disagree
  - Interviews
- Staffordshire County MiPod
- Key themes emerged...

# Key themes (1)

- No surprise – young people want to ‘go out and do things’
- However, significant indication that these young people lacked knowledge and awareness about what to do and where to go
- Is lack of provision or awareness the problem?
- What’s on offer for young people should be of a better standard
- The most popular suggested age range for services was 13-19yrs



# Key themes (2)

- Young people receive guidance and support from their friends, parents and the internet
- Young people don't want to run the IYSS – just have a say
- Integrated services:
  - **Good** - because when you ask a question 'they'll' know the answer
  - **Bad** - because there might be competition between the services

# Piloting survey questions

- Interesting comments about the use of language, in particular words such as:
  - Activities and facilities
  - Involved, involvement and participate
  - Politics and debating
  - Volunteering
  - Fund raising and charity work
  - Faith and religious activities
- Discussion about how to describe participation

# What next?

- Incorporate these findings into the IYSS developments, e.g. Youth Offer – language used and its promotion
- Ensure the consultation with and participation of young people features in the IYSS principles
- Explore alternative ways to consult with young people
- Establish a good two-way communication strategy between the IYSS Board/Team and young people