

## **Students Speak – 3 December 2008**

### **Environment workshop feedback**

The Wakefield Together Partnership is committed to engaging and building relationships with young people. The partnership will now consider all the ideas raised on the day and keep you informed of the outcomes.

In the Environment workshop, students were asked to discuss two issues:

Does your school recycle and what do they do?  
How do you think your school could recycle more?

Here are some of the ideas and suggestions from the students who attended on the day.

#### Crofton School

- Environment group are trying to get paper recycling bins in all classrooms and extra bins outside on recreation areas and school field
- Aiming for Green Flag award
- Held a recycling day
- School has an eco committee

#### Horbury School

- Paper recycling bins are in most classrooms. The school could be encouraged to recycle more if they received money for the weight recycled

#### Wakefield Girls High School

- Paper recycling bins are in each classroom.
- School Council currently discussing recycling plastics
- All food waste is sorted and fully recycled
- School has a wormery – garden worms
- School has an eco committee

#### Airedale School

- Paper recycling bins are provided

#### Featherstone School

- Paper recycling bins in all classrooms and staffroom
- Glass/plastic/ink cartridge bins are provided
- Science teacher currently building a compost bin and asking for peelings
- Lots of waste bins outside school

- Have litter pickers and make people who are caught dropping litter do litter picking duty

#### Roundtable ideas

- Organise a competition to make items out of recycled goods
- Organise a recycling competition between schools
- Provide more bins for collection and recycling
- Recycle printer cartridges and mobile phones to raise funds for school
- Arrange bring and buy/nearly new sales at school – uniform and sports goods etc
- Recycle all school food waste
- Provide bins which separate waste – paper/plastic/normal waste
- Raise awareness of recycling in schools - display posters in school
- Provide bottle and can banks in school
- Keep school environment tidy
- We do lots of learning but not enough doing
- Should have detentions for litter dropping
- Provide water butts to collect rain water
- Lots of litter outside Castleford School as there are no litter bins on the route from school to town - provide litter bins outside school and on routes to and from school
- Introduce new anti-litter slogan
- Introduce points scheme to reward students for picking up litter – reward with vouchers for Xscape etc
- Use energy saving light bulbs in school
- Possible use of solar panels and wind turbines
- Provide pen recycle bins
- Provide recycle zones in school – each class to have a recycle zone for a particular material for example plastic, paper, wood, metal
- Use recycled materials in IT classes
- Perform drama piece about litter in schools
- Design a poster competition for all schools across the district
- Operate a pledges system – 10 pledges = theatre ticket etc
- Punishment for dropping litter – in addition to litter collection should also collect leaves and grit paths in bad weather
- Introduce recycling competitions in schools
- Promote and encourage membership of school eco groups and committees
- Students bring all recyclable goods into school from home if they do not have recycling facilities at home
- Provide more education about carbon footprint etc
- Schools should have action plan re improving recycling and environmental issues
- Schools should aim to achieve Green Flag award
- Should always print double sided and re-use other side of paper
- Have compost bin in school

## **Key findings**

- Provide more facilities for recycling plastics, cans, bottles, mobile phones and cartridges in schools – this could also raise money for school funds
- Competitions to make items out of recycled goods and use of recycled goods in Design Technology lessons
- Inter-schools recycling competitions
- Recycle all food and other waste from school kitchens
  
- More litter bins outside schools and on routes to and from schools
- Introduce points schemes to reward students for collecting litter
- Recycle bins in all classrooms
- More patrollers around parks and schools at lunch time to stop people littering