



Warwickshire Association of Youth Clubs Summary of Annual Report 2005-6



We are an Association of 90 youth groups, working with more than 4,000 young people and 600 youth workers throughout Warwickshire, Solihull and Coventry.

We work to “inspire young people” by:

1. Developing and delivering imaginative, inspirational and quality youth work programmes.
2. Developing and delivering training programmes.
3. Improving the quality of youth service provision to young people
4. Working in quality partnerships with other organisations.

INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE

‘It has been another good year in the life of the Association. Great staff doing excellent work, both in the youth clubs and in the projects we run, supported by enthusiastic volunteers and trustees. This despite the ever changing political environment and an apparent funding vacuum whilst the government established its new direction towards youth work and volunteering.

For us these changes will present both opportunities and threat. Some of our projects may lose funding and we will either have to find that money elsewhere or let some of our cherished programmes cease. However, there will be new openings which could well be available to us. An example is the development for the future of our training arm where, as the statutory sector reduces its role, we will endeavour to fill the void.

It is with this thought in mind that I wish to congratulate the staff and volunteers who have qualified at various levels this year. We have always been an internal training organisation and it is great to see so many develop their skills.

Most of our projects have received excellent assessments and the people involved can be justly proud of their efforts.

During this financial year we have started to improve the Westbury Centre and have as a consequence seen the start of an up-take of its use, which has continued a pace after the financial year-end. This is a fantastic resource for the local community in which we work and I am delighted to see the centre come alive again.

We have balanced our books in spite of the difficulty of finding and sourcing new funding. So thank you to everyone who has contributed to the work we have done this year.

On a personal note I wish to thank Bridget Winstanley, on behalf of the Association, who after twenty years is stepping down from her pivotal role in chairing the Ladies Support Committee. During that time she has helped raise many thousands of pounds for the Association. We are delighted that she will still continue as one of our Vice Presidents.

There are very challenging times ahead, but the organisation is well able to meet those challenges so we continue to be at the forefront of meeting the needs of the young people in our area.’

Graham Wright, Chair

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Promoting Good Practice

Our office and administration staff provide excellent support and back-up to our clubs and the youth work team. They have started to go out to visit new and existing clubs.

50 groups have been supported through telephone advice and support.

70 youth groups have been supported with policy development.

110 people received child protection training.

10 new youth groups have affiliated.

484 Criminal Record Bureau checks were carried out.

Innovative Youth Work

Personal Development Work with young people

This year we ran two Build Up courses, two Personal Development Courses (PDC) and a Freestyle course. The courses are for young people excluded from school or considered at risk, and use different methods to target young people with specific needs. In total we worked intensively with **70** young people to move them on to a positive destination in their lives.



Warwickshire Youth Arts Network (WYAN)

WYAN works strategically to encourage young people to have access to the arts, and to encourage their personal development and self esteem through the use of the arts. This year we ran a new media history project in Blackwell, a web-site project in Leamington (pictured right) and film projects in Campion, Radford and Lillington.



Momentum (First Gear and On Two Wheels)

Momentum is a nationally recognised and OCN accredited (level 1) programme for young people aged 14-17 years. The project aims to challenge young people's attitudes towards driving, owning and maintaining a vehicle. In the past year the Momentum project has worked with **161** young people, mainly funded through Big Lottery or Neighbourhood Support Fund. WAYC won the Prince Michael of Kent UK Youth First Gear Award for being the best First Gear organiser.



Millennium Volunteers

Millennium Volunteers (MV) is a Government Project which WAYC delivers across Mid/South Warwickshire and Solihull. MV seeks to identify, recruit and support young people aged 16 – 24 to gain accreditation in the form of Awards for 100 and 200 hours of volunteers work. We had another successful year, exceeding the targets set by GOWM.

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| Volunteer Plans | 209 | 110 |
| Certificates (100 hours) | 189 | 25 |
| Awards of Excellence (200 hours) | 134 | 13 |



Active Youth Project

This was our first year of running the Active Youth project at the Westbury Centre. In addition to the usual youth club, which runs twice a week, the young people took part in the 100 mile canoe test and the National Five a Side tournament. The Acumen project also took place, working with group of young people who had been involved in Anti Social Behaviour.



International Work

Our international work has expanded this year, with exchanges to Belarus and Sweden involving **16** young people. We also were involved in a Contact Making Seminar in Sweden and hosted a Training Seminar here on 'How to engage NEET's into a Youth Exchange Programme'.



Summer Scheme

Two summer schemes were run this year. The Active Youth project was run specifically for young people aged 9 to 13 years in the Brunswick area. Activities included, Art, Team Building, Kayaking, Archery, Sport, Orienteering and trips to local environmental and nature reserves. The Inspire 4 Summer Scheme was run for 11 to 16 year olds throughout the county, and activities included Rubbish Art, Music Making, and a trip to Drayton Manor. Over **70** young people took part in total.



Detached Work and Club based Youth Workers

Over the last year we have supported detached youth projects in Shipston, Ilmington, and Bedworth Heath. We have also supplied youth workers to Hampton Lucy, Radford Semele and Bramcote.

Local Network Fund (LNF)

LNF is administered by the Heart of England Community Foundation, who give grants of between £250 and £7,000 to make a difference to the lives of children and young people aged 0-19 years of age, particularly those facing disadvantage. The Association supports the Fund by promoting it, helping groups with the application process and ensuring the correct policies are in place such as child protection and a constitution. In the last year over 100 groups have been visited to give support completing an application form and over 450 groups have been contacted with information given out or advice over the phone.

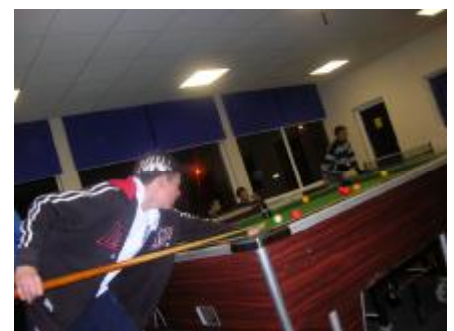


ICT Hub

This was our first year of hosting the ICT hub as part of the Coventry and Warwickshire Infrastructure Consortium, which aims to develop ICT in the voluntary sector.

Westbury Centre

We took over the running of the Westbury Centre in April 2005. In the financial year, we raised £32,936 towards the renovations of the centre which have now been completed (see right). The centre was running at a major loss when we took it over, but we plan that it will be paying for itself by the end of the next financial year.



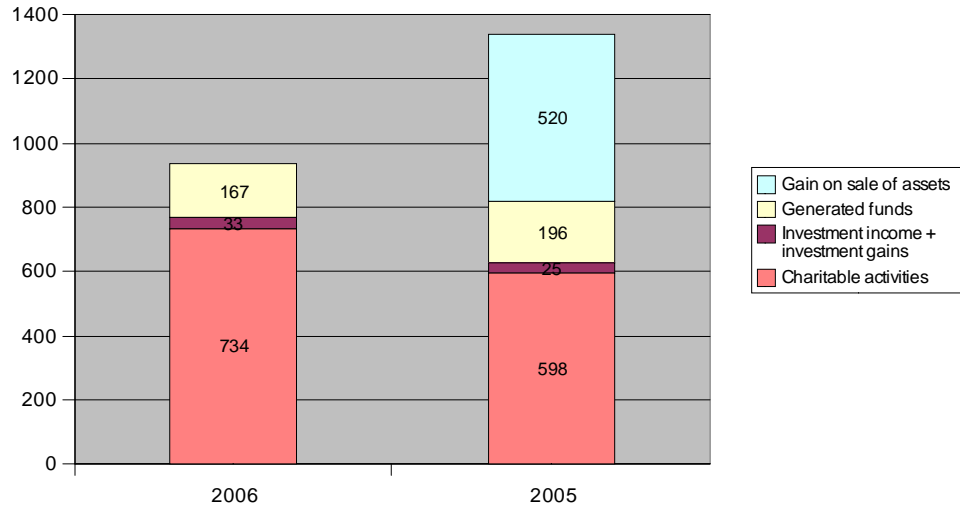
Fundraising

None of this work could take place without the efforts of our fund raising department who continue to bring in grants and donations from many varied sources. The Ladies Support Committee raised £19,129 for the Association through their tennis and golf tournaments and their annual Leap Frog Ball. This money will go towards supporting new youth groups. Our thanks go to Bridget Winstanley for her tireless support in co-ordinating this dedicated group.



Warwickshire Association of Youth Clubs- Financial Highlights 2005-6

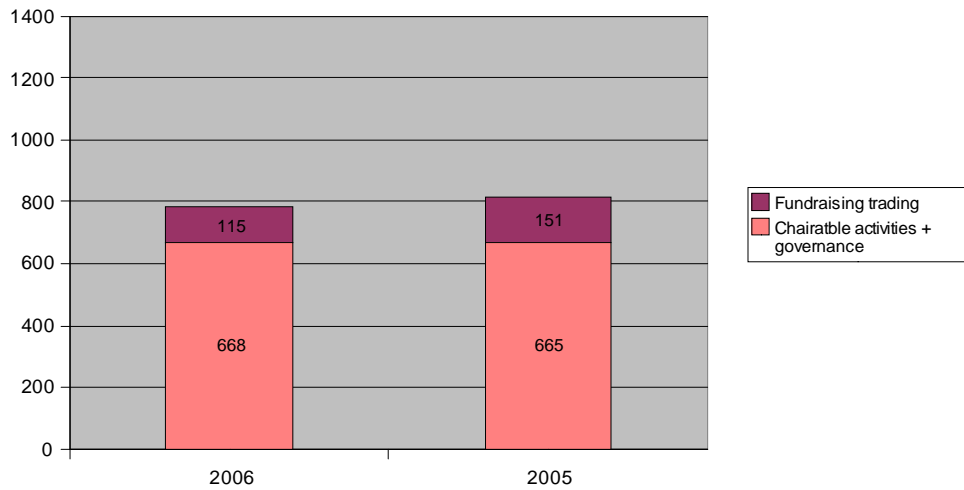
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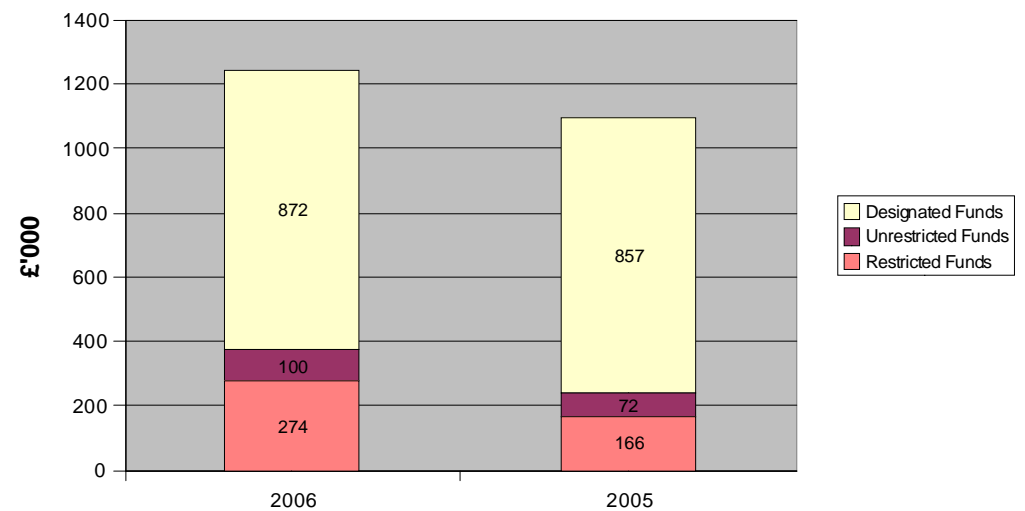
Assets - March 2006



Resources Expended 2005-6



WAYC Funds - March 2006



A copy of the audited Report and Financial Statements has been submitted to the Charity Commission. Copies of these can be obtained from the Chief Executive, W.A.Y.C, Jubilee House, Westlea Road, Leamington Spa, CV31 3JE. Tel: 01926 450156.