

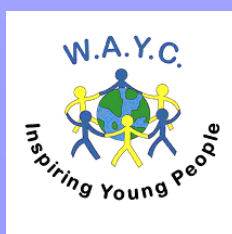
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FIRST GEAR

WAYC'S AWARD WINNING ROAD USER EDUCATION PROGRAMME IS AVAILABLE NOW FOR YOUR YOUTH GROUP, ORGANISATION, SCHOOL OR COLLEGE.



We have been running this hugely successful programme throughout Coventry, Warwickshire and Solihull since 1998. During this time we have worked with both Voluntary and Statutory Youth Groups and continually developed activities and experiences within the broad framework of the original UK Youth programme.



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What is it?

First Gear is the UK Youth's Road User Education Programme, comprised of a series of workshops around driving for young people.

What does it do?

First Gear encourages young people's positive attitudes to vehicle ownership, to encourage them to respect and use cars as a means of transport. Young people will have their expectations and attitudes challenged by a programme that explores responsible ownership, law, running costs, road safety, car maintenance and professional tuition.



How?

First Gear is flexible, participative and involves a hands on, 'learning through doing' approach. Young people will be involved in discussions, workshops, creative activity, IT technology and full professional driving instruction.

Who?

First Gear is aimed at young people aged 14+. This course is developed around working with an existing group of young people who may be at risk.



Accreditation

First Gear is accredited with Open College Network and can be used towards other Awards such as Youth Achievement Award Challenges and ASDAN.

How much does it cost?

The cost of First Gear is flexible dependant on the needs of your group and your budget. You can select either a basic course covering the essential elements or request additional options based on the needs of your group. The project is fully mobile and can be costed in negotiation with our project staff, using our dedicated cost calculator to be delivered at your facility at a time convenient to you.

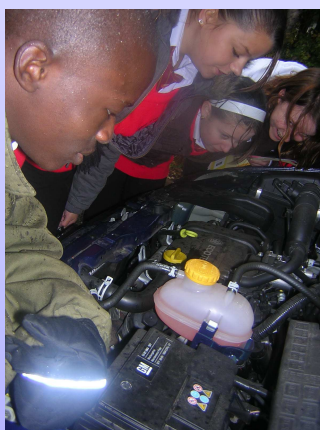


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Benefits

First Gear is based on Youth Work and Informal Education principles. We use the car as a 'vehicle' from which to challenge young people. Our staff use this project as an opportunity to explore young peoples attitude and identity to encourage them to think more responsibly in all areas of their lives.

Young people completing First Gear benefit from an increase in confidence, self-esteem and a range of personal and practical skills, not only around road user education but also with personal and social development. First Gear will highlights the benefit of positive attitudes to vehicle use. We also offer the option for young people aged 17+ to apply for their provisional licence.



On Request, all participants will receive a First Gear Award pack which includes

- First Gear certificate and badge
- Theory / Hazard Perception CD Rom
- Latest edition of the Highway Code
- Tyre pressure gauge
- Road safety leaflets and posters

Quality Youth Work

Our vision as an organisation is to '**Inspire Young People**', which underpins our commitment to quality Youth Work principles in the delivery of all our projects. First Gear was developed by UK Youth, and WAYC has held the licence to deliver the programme in Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull since 1998. Each First Gear is delivered by highly experienced staff and is fully risked assessed due to the nature of young people working with and driving motor vehicles. Our driving instructors are ADI approved, child protection trained and CRB checked to ensure quality. We use a variety of methods throughout the course, to engage, educate, inform and challenge young people based on their needs and experience.



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THE CORE FIRST GEAR SESSIONS

Team Building, Registration and Group Deal

Get to know each other and group work
Agree ground rules and expectations

Attitude Session

Drink/drug driving, speeding, car crime,
road rage
Consequences
Stereotypes
Attitudes and responsibilities

Fire Service presentation (Attitude)

DVD presentation
Consequences

Law Session

Understanding the Law
Driver and Vehicle Documentation
Consequences

Behind the Wheel Sessions

Cockpit drill and starting up
Pulling away and controlled braking
Steering
Gears

Under the Bonnet Session

Checks and vehicle care
Working safely
Personal safety
Break downs and emergencies

Bling (Costs Session)

Cost of running a motor vehicle
Importance of insurance

Hazard Perception / Theory Session

Understanding Hazards
Road Safety
Hazard and Theory Test CD Rom

Celebration Session

Recognising and celebrating success
Celebration event e.g. karting, bowling



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about First Gear please contact:



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