

Moving ahead *No Messin'!* residential



Towards the end of 2009, we invited all youth groups affiliated with Youth England, Youth Scotland and Youth Cymru, to bid for £250 to help them deliver a community safety project in their local area.

We received bids from across England, Scotland and Wales for a wide variety of projects, where young people want to be actively involved in working with us to improve community safety and reduce crime in their areas.

In April 2010, we chose 12 youth groups who each won £250 and an invitation to a three-day residential course in the New Forest. Here the young people learnt more about railway safety, how to run a project, how to work as a team, and how to present their ideas. During this time, they were able to build up enough evidence to each achieve a Dynamic Youth Award.

We delivered a really fun and informative experience for the 80 young people who attended. A highlight of the course was the guest speaker, a young man whose girlfriend was killed in a railway accident four years ago. Listening to him, the young people really understood the devastating impact of messing around on the railway.

We will be keeping in touch with all the youth groups who took part in the residential course to keep up to date with their project in their local community.

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