

# Volunteers Matter!

*'I make a positive contribution!'*

**Derwentside District Council and Partners  
present  
FREE Conference for young people aged 13-19 and  
Professionals**

**Wednesday 18th February 2009  
10:00am-4:00pm  
Radisson SAS Hotel, Durham City**

Come along to our **FREE** volunteering conference where you can take part in fun, interactive workshops led by young people showcasing their experiences of volunteering, have your say, share experiences and shape the way in which young people are involved in volunteering in the future!- please note that organisations can bring a maximum of 6 young people

**Volunteering Workshops from...**

**County Durham Youth Opportunity Fund  
Regional Youth Work Unit  
County Durham Education in the Community  
Volunteering 4 All Project- engaging disabled young people  
V-Involved  
And others to be confirmed**

**Entertainment...**

**Magician  
Dance  
Music  
Drama  
And more to be confirmed**



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## Background to Conference

In 2006 Derwentside District Council achieved Beacon Status for Positive Youth Engagement, for the SPICE project's work with young people through youth forums and other engagement mechanisms such as it's award winning youth bus. Between 2007 and 2009 the Authority received peer support funding from to work with two authorities to improve structures for youth engagement. Derwentside District Council, Sedgefield Borough Council and Stockton Borough Council have been working together for 2 years with groups of young people from a variety of backgrounds, such as BME young people and disabled young people to identify and tackle barriers to volunteering and engagement opportunities. Findings will be detailed in a report to Cabinet Office to inform future policy developments.

This conference is the grand finale to this 2 year project– an opportunity to showcase examples of young people's work from the region (both within and outside of the 3 authorities) and a final opportunity for young people and professionals to have their say around volunteering and engagement and influence future involvement.



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## HOW TO REGISTER

Complete the booking form for each adult/professional attending (photocopies are acceptable) and send to:

Nicola Robinson,  
SPICE Office,  
Derwentside District Council,  
Civic Centre,  
Medomsley Road,  
Consett,  
County Durham,  
DH8 5JA  
Telephone (01207) 218 240  
Email: [nicola.robinson@derwentside.gov.uk](mailto:nicola.robinson@derwentside.gov.uk)

## SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Please make sure you let us know if you have any special requirements, including access needs or special dietary requirements. We will do our best to meet them.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

All delegates will receive a conference pack at the event

## VIDEOS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographs and video footage will be taken on the day, please ensure that you have gained consent from parents– you will be asked to confirm that this has been done. If any child/parent has any objection to photographs/video footage been taken please inform us.

## CHANGES TO THE PROGRAMME

It may be necessary, for reasons beyond the control of the organisers, to change the content of the programme, speakers or timing.

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

Reservation is a contract, although this conference is a free event a £50 charge will incur for any registered adults failing to attend (there will be no charge for young people failing to attend when this is beyond the control of the organisation– however please ensure that numbers are as firm as possible when booking places.)



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## Booking form

Name of Organisation		
Name of contact person		
<i>Delegates information</i>		
Adults names and job titles	Young people's names	Ages of young people
Contact Address:	Contact Telephone number:	
Postcode:	Contacts Email address:	
Special requirements: (e.g. accessibility, dietary etc)		
I will gain consent for young people attending to be photographed and videoed during the event	YES/NO	
I would be happy to receive relevant information by post/email/telephone	YES/NO	

PLEASE RETURN TO NICOLA ROBINSON: SPICE OFFICE, DERWENTSIDE DISTRICT COUNCIL, CIVIC CENTRE, CONSETT, COUNTY DURHAM, DH8 5JA. OR EMAIL : [nicola.robinson@derwentside.gov.uk](mailto:nicola.robinson@derwentside.gov.uk) OR Fax 01207 218200

Places are allocated on a first come first served basis– please note there is a maximum of 6 young people per organisation

**\*PLEASE NOTE THAT A £50 CHARGE WILL BE INCURRED FOR FAILURE OF ANY REGISTERED ADULT TO ATTEND**



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