



To all: Middle, First & Middle, Secondary & Special Schools, Youth & Community Groups

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Dear Colleague

Norfolk PACT – “WHAM” Project

Please find enclosed promotional material (posters and leaflets) for this years WHAM Project.

The aim of the project is to encourage young people aged between 11-16 years to become actively involved in their local community by forming a team of up to six and undertaking a project of their choosing. Projects can be environmental, tidying up an area previously neglected, starting a recycling scheme, helping out in the local community by re-decorating the community centre or village hall or assisting the elderly. They could tackle issues of concern to young people, involve peer education or crime prevention. The options are endless and the opportunity is there for young people to use their imagination and creative energies to the full.

The WHAM Project is an ideal platform for young people to show they can and do make a valuable contribution to their local community. The community benefits and so do the young people involved as they make contact with members of the community where previously there had been none, plan and manage their project, develop their vocational and social skills, including self esteem, self confidence, leadership and team work.

There will be incentives in the form of individual prizes, to encourage teams of youngsters to take part and they will also have the opportunity to earn cash awards for their School, Youth and Community Group or Charity of their choice. The first prize for the winning team will be *“The Holiday of Their Dreams”* Second prize winners will win a trip to Hilltops Outdoor Adventure Centre at Sheringham and the remaining five finalists will win a day trip to London and visit a West End Show. There are also prizes in each of the seven District Council areas.

I would be very grateful if you could make your school aware of the WHAM Project by distributing the poster and leaflets and above all, encouraging young people to enter a team.

If you would like a short presentation on the WHAM Project then please do not hesitate to contact me on 01953 424722. Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

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