

Alcohol and Young People (Youth Alcohol Action Plan)

Thursday 10 July 2008

10:00-15:00 (Lunch provided)

Venue: LGiU Offices
22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0TB
(5 minutes from Euston Station)

Rates

CSN subscribers/LGIU Affiliates and voluntary sector:	£110.00 (£129.25 inc. VAT)
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Description

Young people and alcohol seem to be rarely out of the news and, while there has been an overall fall in the proportion of young people drinking, there has been a sharp increase in the alcohol consumption of young people who do drink. The consequences for individuals are well-documented, with wider implications for society in terms of linkages to offending, violence, use of other drugs, absence from school and risky sexual behaviour.

The Government's Youth Alcohol Action Plan, recently published, focuses on five priorities: enforcement activity to address young people drinking in public places; action with industry on young people and alcohol; developing a national consensus on young people and drinking; establishing a new partnership with parents on teenage drinking; and supporting young people to make sensible decisions about alcohol. In particular, its ambition is to effect a 'culture change' regarding alcohol and young people.

In tackling these issues, local authorities and their strategic partners have a clear role to play, which this seminar will explore. It should be relevant not only to those directly concerned with substance misuse issues, but also anyone with an interest in the consequences of alcohol abuse for children and families.

Speakers to include

- Tanya Rawle, Senior Policy Adviser, Substance Misuse Team, Department for Children, Schools and Families
- Gillian Mauger, Scrutiny Lead Officer, East Sussex County Council
- Leon Livermore, Head of Trading Standards, Cambridgeshire County Council
- Don Shenker, Chief Executive, Alcohol Concern

Who should attend

- Lead Members and chairs of scrutiny for children's services, and other Councillors
- Local authority or health authority officers, managers and practitioners working with or concerned about young people and alcohol issues
- Staff in schools and colleges, school governors, and others working in voluntary and community organisations

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PROGRAMME

10:00 **REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS**

10:30 **Welcome and introductions**

Jasmine Ali, Head of Centre for Children's Services, LGiU

Chair: Phil Jones, Policy Analyst, Centre for Children's Services, LGiU

10:40 **Priorities – initial thoughts**

10.50 **The Youth Alcohol Action Plan**

Tanya Rawle, Senior Policy Adviser, Substance Misuse Team, Department for Children, Schools and Families

11.35 **BREAK**

11.45 **Local authority perspectives**

(1) Scrutiny review of young people and alcohol

Gillian Mauger, Scrutiny Lead Officer, East Sussex County Council

(2) Community Alcohol Partnership pilot scheme

Leon Livermore, Head of Trading Standards, Cambridgeshire County Council

12.45 **LUNCH**

13.30 **Changing youth drinking culture for the better**

Don Shenker, Chief Executive, Alcohol Concern

14.15 **Taking the issues forward**

Discussion

15:00 **Close and Refreshments**

Booking form

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For special requirements or specific enquiries about the event please contact Pat Stevens on 020 7554 2811 or pat.stevens@csn.info.
