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Dear Colleague

**Re: Executive Youth Board and Youth Opportunity Fund/Youth Capital Fund Grant
Panel 2008/2009**

I am writing to inform you that we are now recruiting for the 2008/2009 Executive Youth Board (EYB) and Youth Opportunity Fund /Youth Capital Fund (YOF/YCF) Grant Panel. This letter is being sent to you because you have previously expressed an interest in taking part in either the EYB or the YOF/YCF Grant Panel.

Executive Youth Board

The intention is for the EYB to act as Wirral's overarching young people's group for consulting and engaging young people in strategic decision making. As the Board develops young people will shadow elected members who make up Wirral's Cabinet and ultimately become a shadow Cabinet. Young people who become members of the EYB will be responsible for ensuring that they brief and consult children and young people on any proposed initiatives and policy development that may affect children and young people. The EYB will be involved in a range of discussions for example:

Shadow Wirral Cabinet Members and advise on matters affecting young people, work with council officers to develop the Youth Offer and activities for children and young people.

YOF/ YCF Grant Panel

The YOF/YCF is a pot of money from Central Government, which has been given to Wirral young people aged 13-19 to bid into for places to go and things to do. This funding is now in it's third year and Wirral has spent over £740,000 since 2006, in excess of £490,000 available in 2008/2009.

The Grant Panel is a group of young people aged 13 to 19 who look at the application forms and make decisions as to where this money is spent across the borough. It is an exciting opportunity, but will mean you attending training and meetings on a regular basis over the next twelve months.

What should you do if you are interested in becoming a member of the EYB or YOF/YCF Grant Panel?

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Executive Youth Board or the YOF/YCF Grant Panel you will have to send a letter of application to Maureen McDaid, Head of Wirral Youth & Play Service, 235 Solar Campus, Leasowe Road, Wirral, CH45 8RE. If you prefer you can e-mail the letter to Debbie McCabe at debbiemccabe@wirral.gov.uk. The letter should address the following points:

- Your experience of volunteering – what you have done so far, if anything
- Why you want to be a member of the EYB or the YOF/YCF Grant Panel
- How you could contribute to the EYB or the YOF/YCF Grant Panel
- What would you like to see as a result of your involvement in the EYB or the YOF/YCF Grant Panel

The closing date for letters is 5.00pm Monday 19 May 2008. You will be invited to be interviewed by other young people who have been involved in participation activities such as Youth Forums and the YOF/YCF Grant Panel on Saturday 7 June 08. If you are selected you will be expected to attend training on Saturday 14 June and Saturday 5 July. You may apply for both the EYB and YOF/YCF Grant panel but you will only be selected for one, this is to ensure as many young people possible can take part in this exciting opportunity.

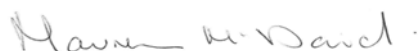
As a decision maker, you will also need to attend your local Area Youth Forum meetings 3 times a year to report back to other young people about the work of the Grant Panel and the EYB. These will be taking place in May/June 2008, September/October 2008 and January/February 2009.

As you can see, being a member of either group will mean committing to a lot of meetings and giving up much of your time. In return for this, we will be able to offer you accreditation for your work (e.g. Duke of Edinburgh's Award Service, Youth Achievement Award) and some fun along the way!

*Places on the Grant Panel and EYB are limited to just 22 young people for each group, so if you are interested, you **MUST** be able to attend all of the dates above.*

I look forward to hearing from you

Yours faithfully



Maureen McDaid
Head of Youth & Play Service

