

Worcestershire Parents' Voice Newsletter



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Committee Changes

Sadly Clair stepped down as our Chair a few months ago. We would like to say a big Thank You to Clair for all the time and energy she devoted to Parents' Voice during her time both as a committee member and as Chair.

The Annual General Meeting took place in April and the remaining committee were all re-elected. Congratulations to Hazel who was elected Chair for 2013 and she will be supported by the rest of the committee – Sue, Marcus and Tracy.

Since the committee is so small we really hope that other members will help us – please see the article on page 2.



Bullying Survey – Help needed!

Thank you to everyone who has already taken part in our survey for parents and carers. If your child has been affected by bullying in any way, please complete the questionnaire; it's short and you don't even have to give your name or email address. However, we do need help in telling other parents about this survey.

What you can do –

Tell other parents about the survey (there is a shortened link - bit.ly/10I9AFO or just go to the Parents' Voice site and click on "Have Your Say").

Print one of our posters and ask to display it in your local community centre, shop, supermarket, library or anywhere else that is used by parents and carers (no fly posting, please!).



If you are a member of a parents' forum or group, tell other members about the survey and ask the leader to display the poster and/or distribute details.

Share details of the link with friends on Facebook or by email.

If you're on Twitter, do tweet about the survey (we use the hashtags #bullying, #survey and #worcsbullsurvey).

How we will use the information

There are various ways we will use the information we gain from the survey, here are just a few:

First, we will compile a report which we will then send to members of Parents' Voice and people who have given us their email addresses when completing the survey.

We will then give our report to organisations in Worcestershire, including the Children's Trust, the Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Board, Early Help Hub and Parent Partnership



Welcome New Members

We are delighted to gain some new members and welcome them to our group, but we would really like lots more – so please tell your friends about us and ask them to join.

We've got lots of plans for future activities, but since the committee is so small we really hope that other members will become more involved. We would really welcome help with ideas for future events, and help planning and running them.

Parents' Voice was set up to represent parents across Worcestershire. Part of what we do is ask for feedback about things that are important to parents. We then use this in a variety of ways; for example, supporting the work of Parents' Voice when we attend Children's Trust meetings with Worcestershire County Council. Therefore, it is crucial that we know what is important to you so that we can give a voice to as many parents as possible! And more members means we have a wider picture of all the issues you are concerned with.

Thank you all for your on-going support. Keep up to date with what's happening on our [website](http://www.parentsvoice.co.uk).

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Congratulations!

The lucky prize winners of our Wordsearch competition at the end of 2012, who each received shopping vouchers, are:

Amanda P, Hayley A and Yvette W.

Well done to you all!

Keep in touch.....



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