

Announcements

Calling on everyone to tackle bullying

We all know that bullying isn't limited to the school playground and as a result it is not solely the job of schools to sort out the problem: everyone has a part to play.

That's why the East Sussex Anti-Bullying Team have invited schools, colleges, the youth service and the police to take part in a whole range of events and activities as part of the forthcoming national Anti-Bullying Week, starting November 19 2007.

During Anti-Bullying Week, the Anti-Bullying Team will also be conducting one of the largest ever anti-bullying surveys with children and young people across East Sussex.



Meanwhile, the national [Anti-Bullying Alliance](#) will send a resource pack to every East Sussex school in September to help promote the Week.

[Click here](#) to find out more about what's being done to tackle bullying in East Sussex.

If you would like support, or just want to tell the Anti-Bullying Team about any activities or events your organisation or school might be thinking of during Anti-Bullying Week, they would like to hear from you. Contact them on 01323 747081 or email

AntiBullying@eastsussex.gov.uk.

Take your group away!



St Bartz is a residential retreat and conference centre for children and young people in the heart of the East Sussex countryside. Formerly a 19th century church, located in Barcombe near Lewes, it has been sympathetically converted for use as a self-catering centre.

The accommodation comprises 3 dormitories sleeping 24 plus 2 single leaders' rooms and 1 double leader's room. There is a large meeting area, formally the nave of the church, with comfortable settees, TV, DVD , screens, etc, a modern well equipped kitchen, 3 toilets and 2 showers including disabled facilities.

St Bartz is run by the **YES Team**, which works to support, encourage and equip those working with children and young people in East and West Sussex. The team are part of "Support for Parishes" in the Diocese of Chichester and work primarily, though not exclusively, with the Anglican Church.

For more on booking and availability contact Pat Fung-On at Church House, Hove on 01273 425684 or email yes@diochi.org.uk.

Check out the team at www.yesonthenet.org.uk.

Male (role) models required....

Could you be a positive male role model to pre-school boys and girls?

Andy Knight, Early Years Manager at Alfriston pre-school says "To any men who are thinking about working in childcare, I can only say, go for it! I can't think of a more satisfying job - I wish I'd done it years ago."



For Andy, training to work in childcare was a natural progression from looking after his own children when his wife returned to work after maternity leave.

East Sussex County Council early years workforce wants to give children the best start in life, by recruiting an early years childcare team from a wide range of backgrounds. Childcare roles have traditionally been seen as jobs for women, but more men like Andy are needed to provide positive male role models for boys and girls.

Andy said: "At the moment I am in the minority, and though at first it was daunting being the only man in meetings, I've had really positive feedback from parents and colleagues. "

To find out more about careers in childcare, please call the Early Years and Childcare Service's Recruitment helpline on 01323 747493 or visit www.eastsussex.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies/childcare