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**Special points of interest:**

- Hammered has been entered for the BT Seen and Heard Awards 2007
- CDYC has applied for funding for a mobile skate park from the Youth Opportunities Fund.

## Hammered! A film for young people by young people

Dressed up to the nines in posh frocks and dinner jackets, youth councillors celebrated the launch of their new film "Hammered" – a film produced for teenagers about the dangers of alcohol including tips about drinking safely.

A special film premiere evening was organised for over 70 guests who were offered mocktails (continued on next page...)

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Youth Councillors take centre stage at the Film Premiere of "Hammered!"

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(non-alcoholic cocktails!) and nibbles before viewing the film for the first time at The Venue in Chichester.

**“Camera flashes from the paparazzi” greeted the stars** of the film as they approached the stage for a night of interviews and questions from the audience about how and why they made the film.



Tanya Pye, left and Alex Haffenden, right, offer non-alcoholic “mocktails” to guests at the film premiere.

“This has been a big project for the Youth Council and everyone was very excited about the first screening of the film. We have worked really hard to get the message across to young people about the dangers of alcohol. It’s a film by young people for young people.” said Youth Council Chairman Samantha Sudbury.

**Youth Councillors are currently producing a teachers pack to accompany the DVD before it is distributed to schools in the Chichester District.**

## Safe Drive, Stay Alive!

**Safe Drive , Stay Alive is a “shock tactics” film presentation about driving safely. It is aimed at 15 to 16 year olds who may soon be thinking about learning to drive.**

Getting the message across about safe driving is one thing—but keeping the message fresh in people’s minds is a difficult task—so Steve Whitehead from the Sussex Safer Road Partnership asked the Youth Council for help.

### Shock Tactics

Although it is an emotional and shocking film, Steve felt that after a while the message will be forgotten, so he wanted to produce something that could remind youngsters and keep the message fresh in their minds. Steve wanted our opinions on some of the best ways to do this so we spent about an hour, discussing and voting on different ideas. It was great to be consulted on this and have

some input at this early stage – well done to the Sussex Safer Road Partnership for involving young people at this early stage.

**If you have an issue or topic and need to consult with young people—40 minute consultation sessions are available at each quarterly council meeting. Contact support officer, Jo Losack for more information. (Contact details on back page).**

### Special Award for Rosie



Youth Councillor Rosie Lowther was presented with a special award for her commitment to the youth council. Rosie does a fantastic job as Secretary, taking the minutes at each meeting. John Ridd, Chairman of CDC presented Rosie with £30 in gift vouchers at the last CDYC meeting. **Well done**

## "Youth Councillors go national"

**Yes, Chichester District Youth Councillors are now getting a name for themselves nationally!**

CDYC Chairman, Samantha Sudbury and Vice Chairman, Tanya Pye, got the opportunity to attend the National Youth Council Convention last year. This residential event was held in Southampton and it was a great chance for councillors to swap stories and information and discuss issues at a national level with other youth councils across the UK.

## Biting Back At The Mosquito

**At each Youth Council meeting councillors get the chance to practice and improve their debating skills. At the last meeting the debate was about whether or not the "Mosquito box" was a good idea.**

A mosquito box emits a high pitched noise that can apparently only be heard by young people under 25. It has been used to put outside shops and places where there may be trouble with groups of young people to deter them from congregating in particular places.

The debate was very well argued with good points being made on both sides. Votes for the box—nil. Votes against the box—13—with a couple of people abstaining.

## Sex, body image, and volunteering

**Poor sex education, concerns about body image, and youngsters knowing more about the benefits of volunteering were just some of the concerns raised at a recent youth council meeting.**



Youth Councillors have decided that more young people need to be consulted on what their issues are, so they are putting together an action plan to gather the views of young people across the district.

**Zack Coleman explains more.**

"I am currently working on an on-line questionnaire. We are the representatives of young people in the Chichester District, so it's important that we find out what their views are." said Zack "The information will

be collated automatically and then we can get a clear picture of what the top issues are for young people."

Heated debates are becoming a regular feature of each Youth Council meeting! Previous topics have ranged from the serious "Should prisoners be allowed to vote?" to the more light-hearted "Is wearing odd socks an expression of individuality?!"

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## Chichester District Youth Council

*The voice of young people  
in the Chichester District.*

## Samantha Sudbury, Chairman of Chichester District Youth Council.



Chichester District Youth Council is made up of volunteers from each of the secondary schools in the district. Twenty five teenagers meet regularly to discuss issues that are important to them and decide what they can do about it! Meetings are held quarterly with working groups meeting more regularly to move projects forward.

If you go to school or live in the Chichester District and are interested in joining the Youth Council, please contact our support officer, Jo Losack to find out more.

## “Head to Head” at Youth Cabinet’s Democracy Day

**Two CDYC youth councillors were “head to head” in a recent debate as to whether prisoners should have the same rights as members of the public. The debate took place at a recent Democracy Day organised by the West Sussex Youth Cabinet.**

Youngsters from schools in West Sussex also debated “Is Britain the worst place in Europe to grow up?” - a claim made by a recent report from the NSPCC.

The vote at the end of the debate though sent a clear message that disagreed with this claim.

### Date Rape

Councillor Ellie Moorhouse, who attended the day said “One of the highlights of Democracy Day was viewing an animation film about date rape that one of the councillors on the Youth Cabinet had made. The stars of the film were barbie dolls! A humorous take on a very serious subject—but it definitely got the message across very effectively”.



Youth Councillor and Publicity Officer Ellie Moorhouse, one of six CDYC councillors who attended the democracy day at County Hall.