



## Solihull Parents' Forum – Achievements

### **2015-16**

- May 2015- Attended Solihull Partnership Assembly event
- June 2015- We hosted a general meeting with guests SMBC lead for Universal Credit, Alison McGrory and Andy Giles from SMBC. Parents attended and were able to ask questions, having watched a short presentation about the new benefit system. At the same meeting Andy Giles, SMBC, introduced the concept of Early Help.
- September 2015 - Attended event about Early Help run by SMBC. Spoke to partner organisations about how Early Help is important in all settings in the borough.
- December 2015 – Young Solihull AGM. This event was a celebration of young people in the borough and all the things they get up to on their own, or with partner organisations. They were all very enthusiastic.
- January 2016- Attended Parenting Rapid Strategy event
- February 2016- Early Help Roadshow. Established network with Health Exchange and met Nurseries, Voice of Youth, Licensing, practitioners working in safeguarding/Child Sexual Exploitation.
- Marked 1000 followers on Twitter
- March 2016- Met parent group running MAD House in North Solihull
- March 2016 – Spoke to Urban Heard, a youth-led community interest company that works with young people to:
  - build resilience
  - implement prevention and
  - provide an effective solution to risky behaviours and attitudes of young people in today's world
- March 2016- visited parent group in Coppice Junior school to raise awareness
- Denise Milnes became our point of contact at SMBC
- May 2016 – Gained a seat on the Troubled Families and Early Help Board, which has arisen out of the re-organisation of family support within the borough and their associated Boards.

### **2014-15**

- Met Families First, (Ian Wyatt) to find out about their work and to share ours too
- November 2014- Organised a meeting with the Registrar in Public Health, responsible for running the research project that will shape the future of the School Nurse Service. A group of parents had the opportunity to speak to Ankush Mittal and for him to find out what we know, and what we don't. It was a productive meeting and he took away lots of points to work with.

- March 2015 – Chris Harrison and Divya Shah attended Early Intervention Champions Event, House of Commons, London. We met EI Champions from around UK- youth centre leaders, community workers and EIF team.
- February 2015 – Early Help launch event. We attended the SMBC launch of Early Help and met many of the partner organisations working with SMBC to make Early Help a success. Throughout the year we will be attending the Early Help Board to make sure that parents have a voice.
- Visited the World Gratitude Day event on 21 September in Chamberlin Square, Birmingham

## **2013-14**

- Wrote a flyer for local school Parent Councils to be distributed via Deb Wilson and Strategic Accountability Board
- Divya Shah and Chris Harrison attended Early Intervention Masterclass in Birmingham 27 February run by Early Intervention Foundation (EIF)
- Signed up to EIF pledge
- Attended the launch of SMBCs Early Help Strategy 2014-16 at the Solihull Partnership Annual Assembly, at Solihull College. Met other stakeholders
- Attended Shirley Volunteering Fair and met other voluntary organisations from the borough
- Divya Shah and Pat Wright went to Portcullis House, Westminster for EIF first anniversary reception 25 June
- Went to Solihull CCG annual general meeting 2 July
- Visited Mill Lodge Children's Centre to learn about their work in the local community and with other service providers
- Met neighbourhood policing team and neighbourhood watch co-ordinators to find out how residents and police can work together
- Andy Giles started attending meetings to maintain our partnership with SMBC

## **2012-13**

- Continue to have seat on CYPTB
- Meetings with Sustain to discuss SPFs future structure
- Twitter account started @solihullparents
- Hosted School Admissions event at Solihull Arts Complex with Lois ? from Schools Admissions office at SMBC
- Met Mo Bham, Educational Psychologist at SMBC, to discuss his work around bullying
- New logo finalised
- Website started by Divya Shah [www.solihullparentsforum.org.uk](http://www.solihullparentsforum.org.uk)
- Business cards
- Carol Andrew moves to new role in SMBC, Ben Lewing forms liaison with group

- Wrote mission statement, benefits of becoming a member and objectives documents
- Gained two seats on newly established Early Help Board in SMBC

## **2011**

- 11 regular members
- Contribution to Parenting strategy
- Presentation on Scrutiny Board and attendance at Board meetings
- Members of Family and Parenting Strategy Board

## **2010**

- Approximately 10 regular members
- Developed new web area for Forum
- Visit from Worcestershire Parents Forum
- Input from Ben Lewing on the CYPT
- Ask Parents distribution and analysis
- Identifying CYPP priorities from parents
- Involvement in developing overall CYPP priorities
- Contribution to development of parents version of CYPP
- Presentation to Trust Board by Pat Wright on the role of the Forum
- Developed Forum Facebook page
- Sept 2010 gained 2 seats on Trust Board
- Developed links with Solihull CAN
- Contribution to Parental Engagement Strategy
- Forum members attending Parental Engagement steering group
- Ask Parents 2011 survey design
- Development of induction pack for new members
- Feedback to CYPT on how to engage parents on outcome groups
- Presentation by Pat Wright at CYPT Assembly in October 2010
- Contribution to Parents' Network newsletter
- Consultation feedback on Public Health White Paper and contribution to vitamins and flu campaigns

## **2009**

- Approximately 5 members
- Developed members knowledge about CYPT and Children and Young People's Plan
- Commented on Healthy Lifestyles Strategy – visit from Ian Mather from Care Trust
- Developed ideas for encouraging more members, developed leaflet, agreed venue for meetings
- Developed Terms of Reference
- Contribution to design and piloting of Ask Parents 2010 questionnaire
- Developed action plan