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My name is Chrissy and I'm the voluntary Project Worker for Kingston.

I'll be sending out this bulletin occasionally to let you know some of the exciting things that are going on locally, as well as to keep you up-to-date with what's coming up. Please email me if you would prefer not to receive this ☺

UPDATE

The Kingston team continue to work alongside Kingston Council's Integrated Youth Services by providing drug and alcohol education from a youth bus that regularly engages with young people in Kingston town centre. The team does detached drug education with 30-40 young people and a few adults over the 2-hour period. The main focus is alcohol. Using beer goggles, bread in surgical spirit, and unit calculators, the Educators are able to have some great and challenging conversations with groups and individuals. It really demonstrates how effective detached drug education can be. The youth workers are also very encouraging and positive about the partnership with Hope UK and are very supportive of the team.

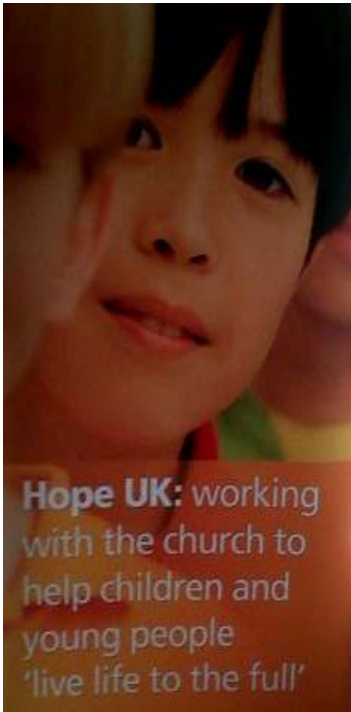
Hope UK Drug Educators also provided drug education for a Junior Citizens event held in February at Chessington World of Adventures for Year 6 pupils in Kingston. This involved 16 sessions per day for a week, working with ten different young people at a time.

In March, one of our Educators spent a half day at a Pupil Referral Unit providing drug education for the students there. Drug awareness sessions were provided for St Joseph's Primary School, Tolworth Junior School and young people at Holy Cross Church in New Malden.

Hope UK Educators manned a drug awareness stand at Kingston College Freshers' Fair last September and did so again this year.

Sessions have been booked by Marshgate Primary School (for years 5 & 6) for October this year.

If you think a group you know would benefit from an alcohol or drug awareness session, please get in touch.



Hope UK: working with the church to help children and young people 'live life to the full'

'Beer goggles', which mimic the visual effects of drunkenness, are a great tool for getting people thinking and talking about alcohol. Used in conjunction with Hope UK's 'Take the Test' leaflet, they enable adults and youngsters to self-audit their drinking levels and hopefully make adjustments. The goggles are used with the Kingston bus (pictured) as an 'ice-breaker' to stimulate conversations about alcohol.



Hope UK needs your support! -

With reductions in Government funding, more prevention work is being cut. Because of this we expect a huge increase in demand for our work. Prevention, after all, is better than cure!

Hope UK's training is accredited by the Open College Network and is **provided free of charge** (the real cost of the training is currently around £860 per person, for which we fundraise).

Once Drug Educators complete their training, Hope UK continues to support them with regular updates and a yearly conference as well as reimbursing the expenses incurred in the course of their work for us. We estimate that this costs about £385 per person per year.

If you would like to support the team in Kingston, financially or with prayer, please contact me.

If you are interested in becoming a voluntary Drug Educator, or just finding out more about the programme, ring 020 7928 0848 and ask for an information pack.

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