

Pat and John are the voluntary Project Workers in Wales. They will be sending out a bulletin occasionally to let you know some of the exciting things that have been happening locally, as well as to keep you up-to-date with future events. Please email us if you would prefer not to receive this ☺



There are seven volunteer Drug Educators in South Wales. They undertook 103 drug awareness sessions during the past 12 months. These include:

- sessions with children at Rydyfro School (Neath),
- sessions with children at Saron School (Ammanford),
- sessions with children at Christchurch Primary School (Swansea), and
- sessions with young people at Bryngwyn School
- Two Educators have run Care for the Family's 'Drug Proof Your Kids' six week parenting course in Skewern and Ammanford and
- another has provided the fourth week (drug information) of a course held in Cardiff.

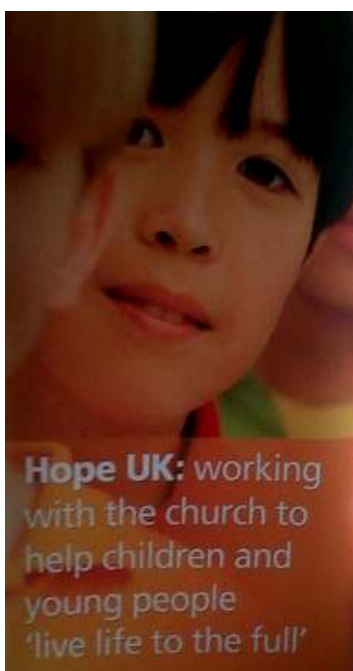
This is what a Head Teacher had to say about the school sessions:

"The course has been designed to enable the children to learn in a fun and interesting way and many of the messages stay with the children because of the way it is presented. It would be a great shame if the funding for this course were to be extinguished." (Mrs G Easton, Headteacher, Ysgol Saron School, Rhydaman, Wales)

**Can you help support the work of our South Wales Drug Educators?**



*'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.*



**Hope UK needs you!** Hope UK has been working in Wales for many years, recruiting and training voluntary Drug Educators in different parts of the country. They have worked with children and young people in many different contexts as well as providing training for parents, youth workers and others with responsibility for children and young people.

With reductions in Government funding, more prevention work is being cut. We believe prevention is better than cure, and expect a huge increase in demand for our work. We want to train at least ten adults as Educators to impact their local communities and help prevent alcohol and drug-related harm in Wales.

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). In return, we ask for your time to complete the 120 hours of training (which includes 3 training weekends and portfolio completion) and your enthusiasm to impact your community.

You don't need to be a teacher/trainer. The Educator training will teach you how to be a good communicator, how to plan interactive and inclusive sessions, how to work with children, young people or adults, as well as learning about alcohol and drugs. You will watch others taking sessions before doing your own. We will support you all the way through your training and afterwards.

We are looking to start the training in 2012. If you are interested, please contact our Head Office for an application form (this can be downloaded at [www.hopeuk.org/church/train-as-an-educator](http://www.hopeuk.org/church/train-as-an-educator)).

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