Events that are happening throughout the County Council as part of 11 MILLION Takeover Day:

Seaton young people to produce snapshot of their community

A group of teenagers from Seaton began taking 'snaps' of their area on Sunday 17th November, to show what they like and don't like about it as part of activities for 11 Million Takeover Day.

Around 20 teenagers aged between 13 and 16 took part in the photographic project and the results will go towards an action plan aimed at improving life for all the young people of the area. That action plan will be discussed at meetings of the county council's Allerdale Local Committee, Allerdale Borough Council, the Parish Council and Derwent Valley Neighbourhood Forum.

The launch of the project was one of the first in a number of events taking place around the county to help promote national 11 Million Takeover Day on Friday 23 November.

Local county councillor Trevor Fee is supporting the Seaton project. He said:

"All too often we only hear bad things about young people, but the teenagers of Seaton are showing that all that's needed is to give them the means to get involved in what's going on in their local community, and they are really keen to take part.

"It makes perfect sense, really - who knows better than young people what young people like and, just as importantly, what they don't like. We are tasked with making decisions their behalf, but it's an awful lot easier if we know what they want."

Cumbria’s young people launch their own website – wotson4u.com

Cumbria County Council is launching a new website www.wotson4u.com for 13 – 19 year olds (and up to 24 years old if they have learning difficulties) on 11
Million Takeover Day, Friday 23 November 2007 in Carlisle Library from 3.30 pm – 6.00 pm.

The Youth Work in Cumbria Partnership and the Children’s Information Service are responsible for the wotson4u website. Its main aim is to provide one place where teenagers can find out about activities that are available in their local area. The idea of the website originally came about because young people said they weren’t taking part in activities simply because they didn’t know about them!

Information will be available on the website about drama clubs, music lessons, sports activities, youth groups, volunteering and lots more. Soon, there’ll even be advice about the best method of transport to use to get to the activities and how much it will cost!

There’s also film, book and music reviews including a local ‘band of the month’ section. Teenagers can submit reviews, local music and photos of themselves taking part in activities around Cumbria. A professional photo shoot was held at SJ Studios in Wigton where young people were invited from around the county to model so that their images could be used for the website design.

The launch on Friday 23rd November will give teenagers the opportunity to take a look at the site and give their feedback about how it could be made even better. Each completed feedback form will be included in the free prize draw for the opportunity to win lots of cool prizes.

Two local bands are performing on the day ‘Shore’ from St Bees and ‘Test the Tone’ from Carlisle.

Free gifts will be given to all young people who attend such as t-shirts, pens, keyrings all promoting the wotson4u website. There will be also information stands from Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service and Connexions as well as the Carlisle United mascot.

Two performing arts students will be compering the event and a young photographer from West Cumbria will be taking photographs.

The website will also be launched throughout the county on the same day at the following venues:

Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project: Contact - whyp@hotmail.com
Youhtastic: Contact - Hayleym@impacthousing.org.uk
Drop Zone Café: Contact - drop_zone@btconnect.com
Spirit of Youth: Contact - lynwilliams@youngcumbria.org.uk
Eden Rural Foyer: Contact - sarahb@impacthousing.org.uk
Connexions Centres: Contact - Helen.wharton@connexionscumbria.co.uk
Children with Disabilities Team

Following on from the national ‘every disabled child matters’ campaign whose aim is to get rights and justice for every disabled child, the Children with Disabilities Team invited children and their parents to send in an email in response to the question ‘If you were the Prime Minister for the day and could change one thing, what would it be?’

One of the main things that had been emailed in was the opportunity for children with disabilities to have more fun things to do. As a result on 11 Million Takeover Day the team has asked them to email in one fun thing they would like to do at weekends and the team will do their best to try and help them achieve it.

The Children with Disabilities Team have also asked schools to help their disabled pupils to do this on the 23rd November and will be asking parents to join in too.

Specialist Advisory Teaching Service

The Specialist Advisory Teaching Service work with pupils who have special or additional educational needs and their teachers to ensure the needs of their pupils are met within school. On the 23rd November the 60 members of staff from the Specialist Advisory Teaching will be asking every adult, young person or child that they work with - 'What could I have done better for you today?'. The responses will be collated and given serious consideration as to how the Specialist Advisory Teaching Service can be improved.

Once the work has been completed and the recommendations have been implemented the team plan to circulate a flier to colleagues, schools, settings and homes to highlight how they have listened to what their service users and what as a result of their feedback, has changed to their service.

Eden Children in Need and Looked After team

All children with social workers and/or family workers in the Eden Children in Need and Looked After team have been invited to the office to share in activities and give their views about how they can improve their work with them.

Children’s Centres and Extended Services Team

Young people have been invited to shadow a range of roles within the Children’s Centres and Extended Services team from Children’s Services throughout November. It is hoped that the young people will be carrying out a variety of activities as part of their day’s job shadowing as well as gaining a greater understanding of children’s centres and extended services. Young people will be shadowing Margaret Watson, Extended Services and Children’s Centre County Manager, Lynda Hassall Sure Start Carlisle South Children’s Centre Manager

Linda Johns, Extended Services Cluster Coordinator from Carlisle North has organised a consultation day with a cluster school and has asked the young people who attend the school to support her for the day and organise the agenda. The day will begin with an informal musical dance warm up to get creative ideas flowing!

Pauline Grabek Team Leader for Children’s Centres and Extended Services in the South and her administrative assistant Mike Rudd have asked young people to support the next south area meeting on the 27th November at Ghyllside School for all Children’s Centre Managers and Extended Services Coordinators in the South. It is hoped that it will give the young people the opportunity to find out more about extended services as the clusters share their updates with one another and they are also hoping the young people may be able to give their advice and opinions on a number of challenges the clusters are facing.

All young people taking part in these activities will be presented with a certificate for their record of achievement.
Connexions Cumbria supporting 11 Million Take over day

Takeover Day
Friday 23rd November 2007

Connexions Cumbria Programme for the day

09.00  Arrive at Connexions Centre, Penrith

09.15 – 09.45  Meeting with Siân Rees Chief Executive
To provide an overview of the role of Chief Executive and a briefing on the day ahead.

09.45 – 10.15  Press Invite, although Press are welcome to attend any part of the day.
Opportunity for press to meet with Young Chief Executive and Chief Executive. All local media invited.

10.15 – 10.30  Travel to Hackthorpe

10.30 – 12.15  Connexions Cumbria Directors Meeting
Fully involved in discussions and any decision-making.

12.15 – 12.45  Lunch
With Youth & Community Development Manager and Involving Young People Lead. Discussion / share ideas about the ongoing involvement of young people in Connexions Cumbria.
12.45 – 13.30  **Eden Skills Centre Briefing: Ideas for Further Involvement of Young People in Development of Skills Centre**
With Sharon Davies, Area Manager Connexions North Area & Mick Farley, Chair of the Board of Connexions Cumbria. Outline proposed model to consult with young people and parents on future development of Eden Skills Centre.

13.30 – 14.15  **Travel to Kendal**

14.15 – 14.45  **Meet with Youth & Community Development Manager / Involving Young People Lead at Kendal Connexions Centre**
Briefing on afternoon meeting with design agency.

15.00 – 16.00  **Meeting at The Creative Branch Design company, Kendal**
Creative Branch to pitch for £30,000 contract to develop ‘SpeakUp’ young people’s participation website. Young people supported by Connexions have received a grant from the Youth opportunity Fund for their proposal to set up a ‘social networking’ style website in Cumbria. The website will provide a means for young people to communicate with their peers and with decision makers through this popular medium styled on ‘facebook’, ‘myspace’ and ‘bebo’ type sites. This is one of 3 ‘tender’ meetings taking place to select a provider.

16.00 – 16.45  **Return to Hackthorpe**
An opportunity to review the meeting and make recommendations on Creative Branch proposals en route.

16.45 – 17.00  **Debrief with Siân Rees**
Chance for both Chief Executives to discuss the day; receive feedback and a certificate and gift presentation to be made to the Young Chief Executive.

17.00  **Depart**
Cumbria Constabulary supporting 11 MILLION Takeover Day
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Events that are happening throughout Cumbria Constabulary as part of 11 MILLION Takeover Day:

**Police Headquarters**
A group of young people who have expressed an interest will get the opportunity to present to their peers a manifesto of what they would do if they were the Chief Constable of Cumbria Constabulary.

The person chosen will then spend some time informing Chief Constable Craig Mackey about their ideas; giving an insight into the young people’s views of Cumbria.

**North Area Police**
Carlisle City Centre Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) will be attending the wotson4u website launch at Carlisle Library from 3.30-6.00pm on Friday 23rd November.

A large number of young people are expected to attend and PCSOs are hoping to use the event to engage with the young people of Carlisle and break down the barriers between them. The PCSOs will also be asking young people to help manage the crowds at the event.

**South Area Police**
Police in the south of the county are planning to ask a group of 16-year-olds to chair local police tasking meetings in Barrow and Kendal – they will get to decide where to prioritise police activity for the day based on information given to them from the previous 24 hours. They will then be asked to shadow a police inspector on their shift.

**West Area Police**
Police in the West of the county are hoping to involve young people in a test purchase operation in order to tackle the problem of alcohol being sold to those under 18. They will then be involved in feeding back to licensees and helping to resolve the problem.