Cumbria’s 11 MILLION Takeover Day Events

Please note that all of the events detailed below will be taking place on 11MILLION Takeover Day, Friday 7 November, unless otherwise stated.

County Wide

- **Connexions Cumbria** has invited Emma Haddon, a Year 10 pupil from The Queen Katherine School in Kendal, to shadow Sian Rees, the Chief Executive of Connexions Cumbria, for the day. She will begin the day at Connexions Cumbria Partnership Office at Hackthorpe, and then spent time at one of our local centers in Kendal.

  Following an application process, linked to the school curriculum a selection panel who met on 21st October comprised six year 10 students from The Queen Katherine School, Dallam School and Settlebeck High School. They came together at Kendal Connexions Centre for a training session and held the interviews to choose from three candidates (one from each of the three schools). On takeover day, the successful candidate, Emma will be chairing a meeting and learning how the service is planned at a strategic level. Emma will also be involved in considering service provision from a young person’s perspective.

- **Cumbria Constabulary** is offering young people the opportunity to take part in police dog training at Penrith Police Headquarters. Afterwards, there will be a debate from which their views will be fed into the police planning process currently underway which decide the police priorities for Cumbria in 2009/10.

  A young person from Underley Hall School in Kirby Lonsdale will be shadowing PC Simone Cookson on a tour of duty. The day will include a selection of meetings and will emphasise how Cumbria Constabulary work in partnership in South Lakeland with other partner agencies that have an impact on young people in the area.

  Inspectors, Community Support Officers and members of the Senior Management Team in Cockermouth, Cleator Moor and Millom will also be shadowed during the day by young people who showed an interest in a career in the Police and have been recruited by Connexions Cumbria.

  Cumbria Constabulary is also running locality events for young people to discuss what issues there are between police and young people and the best way for the police to interact with young people. One young person will then be chosen to spend the day with the Chief Constable to attend meetings with him and talk through the issues and suggestions made by the groups.

  Cumbria Constabulary South Area Police will also be projecting a large slide on Barrow Town Hall advertising 11 MILLION Takeover Day with a supportive message for all of those taking part.

- **Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service** is inviting a young person to be their Deputy Chief Fire Officer (DCFO) for the day. Megan from Southfield School in Workington will shadow the DCFO John Moorcroft on Takeover Day. Megan will gain an understanding of the DCFO’s role and discuss some of the decision making processes. Megan will also visit the Carlisle fire station
where she and John will talk to some of the young people on one of the fire service programmes.

- **HM Court Services** has offered two job shadow opportunities in the Carlisle Rickergate and Workington Magistrates’ Court sites to two young people from Trinity School and Cockermouth School. The job shadow opportunities will focus on the Legal Advisor role, observing court proceedings and the various processes involved; meeting the various staff who facilitate the courts’ work and having a tour of the buildings, as and when appropriate. The event hopes to encourage the two young people who have expressed an interest in pursuing a career in the criminal justice system.

- **Children’s Services Children with Disabilities and Special Educational Needs Team**: The team is currently recruiting volunteers from across the council who wish to be shadowed for all or part of the day by a young person with disability or learning disability.

**Carlisle**

- **action4** members will be shadowing Helen Smith, Children’s Services Head of Service - Child and Family Care, for the day and will meet with councillors.

- **Cumbria County Council Children’s Services Admissions and Student Support Team**: The team are looking to involve children and young people in the development of their information packs for parents which are distributed across the county parents choose a primary or secondary school for their child/ren. They hope to include a section on a child’s perspective of school.

- **Cumbria County Council Children’s Services Communication Team**: Young people have been invited to edit and produce the November edition of the monthly staff e-newsletter Ch@Room.

- **Cumbria County Council Children’s Services Children with Disabilities Team**: The team have organised a ‘drop-in’ event at James Rennie School to enable children to get to know the team and ask any questions they have about the service. It is hoped that the event will assist the children’s understanding of the team and how they can help them in their everyday lives.

- **Cumbria County Council’s Children and Young People Support Services (CYSS) and Community Support Team**: Carlisle’s Locality and Neighbourhood Development Officers are launching a long-term programme on 11 MILLION Takeover Day to explore how young people can become more involved in the democratic process within their local community’s through participation in Neighbourhood Forums.

Although Neighbourhood Forums are intended as a place to raise concerns over local issues within communities, they are generally not attended by young people. The aim is to design and re-shape neighbourhood forums to make them more accessible to young people through a rolling programme across Carlisle and district.

- **Cumbria County Council Corporate Communications Team**: Jennie, a 17 year old girl who has lived at Hawthwaite Lane Residential Home for over two years was asked to take part in judging the nominations for the Cumbria
County Council’s Excellence Awards. The judging took place in Carlisle on Thursday 23 October with ten judges from all council directorates.

Jennie shadowed Suzanne Crossman from Children’s Services who is a Residential Support Worker at the home. Last year, Jennie entered an excellence award nomination but unfortunately it was not shortlisted. As a result, Jennie expressed an interest in becoming a judge this year so that she could gain an insight into how professionals work and how the nominations are selected.

Jennie read all of this year’s nominations and helped to shortlist three from each category. The overall winner will be announced on the final award’s night in January.

- **Cumbria County Council Children’s Services Extended Services Coordinator, Linda McGlasson**: Linda is going to be shadowed by a number of Trinity School Students. Linda is also planning to do some consultation work with Kingmoor Infants on Thursday 6 November and will be accompanied by a few Post 16 Students from James Rennie School. The consultation will be carried out again with Stanwix on the morning of the 7 November.

- **Cumbria County Council Children’s Services Organisational Learning and Development Team**: Two young people have been invited to attend and chair the workforce development partnership of the Children’s Trust Board meeting on the 6 November between 2–4pm.

- **Cumbria County Council Children’s Services Specialist Advisory Teaching Service**: The team will be working with school pupils with English as an additional language in Carlisle. They hope to design a poster that will illustrate what children feel they need when they first arrive in Britain and what information they would’ve liked when they first came to school.

**East**

- **High Hesket CE School**: Four Year 6 pupils who take part in the Young Sports Leaders Award will be taking the role of teacher for the day. This will involve planning and delivering the lessons in all classes of the school on Friday 11 November.

- **Warcop Church of England Primary School**: Year 5 and 6 pupils at the school will plan and teach a writing session. The pupils will also be involved in assessing the work produced and evaluating their lessons.

**Furness**

- **Children’s Services Furness Children Looked After Team**: A group of looked after young people aged between 7 and 11 will be working with Therese Johnston from Boomdang, a local youth drumming group and the Furness Children Looked After Team over the next four weeks which will result in an end performance. The group will meet once a week to make lots of noise and have some fun! As well as Children Looked After the team will also be working alongside young people from the Children’s Services Furness Learning Difficulties and Disabilities Team. The aim is to work with young people and observe their views of the world via the medium of creative arts. It
is an opportunity for all of the team to join in and have a go which may also challenge the young people’s view of social workers too.

- **Political and agency speed dating event:**
  On Thursday 30 November young people from Walney Island got the opportunity to meet and influence decision makers at a special speed dating event. County and District Councillors and officers, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service and Cumbria Constabulary were all challenged on local issues that young people of Barrow feel strongly about.

  The event took place as part of 11 MILLION Takeover Day, Youth Work Week and also links to the council’s ‘Together We Can agenda’ and was arranged by Children’s Services Cumbria Youth Support Services and Cumbria County Council’s community unit alongside their key partners. The event was arranged for Vickerstown on Walney Island as it was identified through a recent Quality of Life survey that the local community felt they had the least ability to influence local decision making and it is hoped that this event will mark the change in this perception.

**West Cumbria**

- **Cumbria County Council Children’s Services Allerdale Look After Children Team:** A group of looked after young people have been asked to help and develop a contact card for other young people who are looked after. The card will be used by social workers and given to young people and their carers to help them keep in touch. Stephen Mason, Head of Local Services for the West, will be joining the young people for lunch and may also be shadowed by one young person on the day.

- **Cumbria Outdoors** are offering a group of young people the opportunity to attend a ‘behind the scenes day’.

- **Grasmere CE VA Primary School:** The junior school children will be running the school. Different groups will have different responsibilities: collective and worship, answering the phone, running playtime activities, setting up and running activities for the infants. These activities will combine objectives in maths and literacy.

- **Northside Primary School:** Junior school council members will be job shadowing the class teachers to gain an insight into responsibilities and duties of a teacher. They will be responsible for taking the register, leading a class aerobic work out as well as setting and marking school work. They will feed back their experience to the rest of the school council in the afternoon.

- **Seaton Junior School:** Year 6 pupils will take over the school for the day! Pupils will be taking lessons, manning the office, supervising break and lunch periods and writing and editing the school’s weekly newsletter.