

Is there ever any conflict of opinion between the Trust members?

Yes, because of all the different people on the Board it would be impossible for there not to be some conflict at times. Most of the difference of opinion occurs from prioritising projects and developments. It's a challenge to work around any tensions that arise at meetings, but ultimately everyone there is working to make things better for children and young people in Buckinghamshire.

Is there a young person or child representative on the Trust?

There is currently no young person or child representative on the Trust. This has been discussed by children, young people and the Trust members who felt that one child or young person could not represent all of the others. There are a lot of ways that children and young people can get involved, however. You can sign up to the Participation Network and receive emails on issues or give your views and ideas. There are local County and District Youth Cabinets which you can join, there are workshops which include activities like art, drama, debating and many other ways which allow you to express your opinions.

Has it made a significant change to the lives of children and young people?

Some of the work the Trust does is long term, so you're not going to see the results for one, two, or maybe even three years. But a lot of things have been done already, like giving over 2000 children and young people the chance to have their say and help make decisions that affect them and the introduction of a travel concession scheme for all 16 and 17 year olds, to make it cheaper for young people to get around Buckinghamshire.

How do they know if targets are being met?

There is a very strict system of measuring targets set by the Government for the Trust to achieve. The Trust gets regular reports on the targets. If targets are being met then that's fine but if they are not then the Board discusses what can be done to change and improve the way they do things to get better results.

What can the Children and Young People's Trust do in the future to improve things for children and young people?

The organisations that provide services need to work even more closely together and the Trust needs more publicity to be known throughout the county and nationally.

Every decision made by the Trust is for the benefit of the children and young people of Buckinghamshire.

How can you get involved?

Join your local Youth Cabinet.
Go to a local workshop in your area.
Sign up to the Participation Network.
If you want to get involved then email:
participation@buckscc.gov.uk

For more information on the Children and Young People's Trust go to:
www.buckscc.gov.uk/childrenstrust

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Buckinghamshire Children and Young People's Trust

A Young Person's Guide to the Children and Young People's Trust



This leaflet is to help explain to young people about the Children and Young People's Trust. It should answer your questions, like 'What is the Trust?' and 'What does it do?' It also contains profiles of some of the people who are on the Children and Young People's Trust Board, saying who they are, and what they do.

Lin Hazell

School/s: Hazlemere Primary School and Wellesbourne Secondary Modern.

Interests: Reading, gardening and walking.

Ideal job: A vet. Then she realised that she might not be able to handle the thought of failing to save an animal's life and that animal dying.

Current occupation: Cabinet Member for Children and Families Social Care.

What does her job mean to her?: It's very important to her because she believes that she can make a difference and feels that she has a chance to help improve vulnerable young people's lives.

So what is the Children and Young People's Trust?

The Children and Young People's Trust was set up in 2006 to co-ordinate all the services that deal with children and young people in Buckinghamshire. Services include Health, Police, Voluntary Organisations, Councils and many other organisations which all come together under the Trust. The main idea is to get services to make sure that they plan and work together better.

Alan Goodrum

Birth place: Selby, West Riding, Yorkshire.

Interests: Dingy sailing.

Current occupation: Chief Executive of Chiltern District Council.

What does his job mean to him: It means a lot because it's an opportunity to do good things for the local community.

Sue Imbriano

Place of birth: Aylesbury.

School/s: Aylesbury High School.

Occupation: Director of Children's Services for the County Council. She advises County Councillors on children and young people's issues in Buckinghamshire.

How long has she been working there?:

Started in January 2006.

What does her job mean to her?: A great deal. It's fascinating, challenging and offers the opportunity to work with people and make a difference.

Why was the Children and Young People's Trust set up?

Because of some high profile cases of child abuse the Government said that every local authority should lead on ensuring that all the partners who provide services for children and young people cooperate with each other and recommended this be done through a Children and Young People's Trust. This then brought all the agencies together so that they could communicate better and improve services for children and young people in Buckinghamshire.

Is there more than one Children and Young People's Trust?

Every local authority around the country has a Children and Young People's Trust, although they are not always called that.

Carol Mason

Birth place: Cheshire.

Ideal job when she was younger: Stage Producer.

Current occupation: University Lecturer.

How long has she been working at her current job: 8 years.

What is the Children and Young People's Plan?

The Children and Young People's Plan is a way of looking at what a local community needs to improve. Children, young people and families all have an input into this plan so the Trust can decide on what needs doing. Some of the current areas that the Trust looks at are problems such as young people not achieving as well as they should at school and keeping them healthy and active. To see a young people's version of the plan go to: www.buckscc.gov.uk/childrenstrust

Donald McPhail

Place of birth: Glasgow.

Ideal job: He had vague ideas but nothing too specific but the decision he made was the one he stuck with.

Current occupation: He was a social worker but he is now working independently and runs the Safeguarding Children Board.

How long has he been in his current job?: He has been working independently for 8 years.

How do Trust members get selected?

Mostly it's the senior members of an organisation that are chosen to be representatives on the Trust Board because they can make decisions on behalf of their organisations.

How do organisations get involved with the Children and Young People's Trust?

The organisations that are on the Trust all work with children and young people. All the members on the Trust represent organisations that were invited to join the Trust. Some being required by the Government to be involved.

How do the Trust members carry out decisions?

The decisions made at meetings are owned by different members of the Trust. They report those decisions back to their individual organisations where they take action.

Pauline Odulinski

Birthplace: Lincolnshire.

School/s: The William Lovell School.

Did she enjoy school?: No because she couldn't see the point in it and found it really boring. She didn't really engage in it, but really loved college and from then on thought learning was great.

Current occupation: Principal and Chief Executive of Aylesbury College.

What does her job mean to her?: It means an awful lot, she really loves her job.