



Celebrating difference, building community

**Federation for Detached Youth Work:
Annual conference and AGM**

Prestatyn, North Wales

**3pm Friday, 9th November
(registration 2pm, opening speaker 3pm)
to 2pm Sunday, 11th November, 2012**

**For practitioners, managers, supporters and all those with
an interest in detached and street-based youth work.**

Whether new to this way of working, or an old hand, a unique opportunity to come together with colleagues from across the UK to share experiences, learn from differing perspectives, network, and build a community of practice that celebrates the value of street work.

Led by members and other contributors from across the home nations, the Federation for Detached Youth Work aims to re-affirm its status as an inclusive and representative organisation. Proudly hosted by Wales, we will adopt a 'compare & contrast' theme in pursuit of inter-cultural learning and the objective of building solidarity amongst all committed to detached youth work. Can we become more than the sum of our parts? You are invited to participate in a weekend of presentations, round tables, reflective workshops and Welsh-themed social and cultural events. We will explore a variety of questions, thereby drawing out a range of policy, practice and values-based dynamics:

- Do politics matter; what of the differences in youth social policy under the devolved Welsh Assembly Government and Scottish Parliament - have these translated into benefits for young people and those that work with them?
- Do differing organisational and funding strategies make a difference; how about partnership working, can we learn from different approaches?
- Are attitudes to young people different? What of their experience of public space? Perceptions of anti-social behaviour and 'Troubled Families' also seem different - how have these affected practice?
- Meeting expectations (of managers, funders, the community) and national administrations. How can we best evaluate and evidence impact and outcomes?
- What of new media, might they bring us closer together and help both young people and workers learn from each other?



Venue: Pontins, Prestatyn (walking distance from Prestatyn railway station).

Cost: £350 (price held from last year). Day rates also available for Saturday.

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