



Are there problems with people's behaviours today? Is it the same old issues dressed up in a different way? Is there a thirst, or indeed a hunger to demonise/criminalise certain ways of behaving and in fact a desire to target specific groups? Are there new problems and risks associated with living in contemporary communities or indeed a preoccupation with behaviour, coupled with an exaggerated sense that certain people are out of control?

This sense of moral panic regarding people and their lifestyles may not be based on nothing; it is not a simple figment of our individual imagination, but may be frequently exaggerated by others to crank up a culture of fear and uncertainty. Within this culture, certain terms and stereotypes associated with anti social behaviour have reared their ugly heads in communities today. What are people doing today that their behaviour comes under the microscope? Why then are peoples life's and their lifestyles becoming ever more scrutinised and what can be done to reverse the perceived negative 'spin'.

Well here at Café K, a voluntary youth work project based within the Jack Kane Community Centre located in the Craigmillar area, the organisation attempts to navigate through the behavioural quagmire whilst working alongside individuals and groups who may be deemed as 'anti social' (that's just the staff). Indeed, the project believes that people are and will continue to make positive contributions to the wider community, becoming and developing as active experiential consultants and partners in taking action.

Utilising these themes as significant bodies in combating social exclusion there is an unstinting commitment to employ learning as an agent of social change.

For some families and young people this social change came through identifying that the legislation surrounding Anti Social Behaviour, ABCs and Parenting Orders was in their opinion confusing and vague. Indeed, the original idea originated from a family in Craigmillar whose young person had been affected by the legislation and they were keen to here what support services were out there.

On attempting to clarify some of the issues that they faced, the legislation became more complex, so in order to illuminate the relevant topics and with the assistance of funding acquired from Portobello and Craigmillar Neighbourhood Partnership, 'A rough guide to end the confusion' booklet was born.

The booklet offers the reader a clear and concise outline of what types of behaviours are deemed as anti social, gives you a low-down on Parenting Orders as well as individual views, ABCs information, backed up with information of where you can receive advice/support and some hot websites to compliment peoples knowledge.

Whilst the booklet concentrates on Anti Social Behaviour and the support services which are on offer in this geographical location, the booklet can easily be adapted for area specific support services located within other areas of the city. The booklet is further complimented with a DVD which enables individuals and groups with differing learning styles to access the information as well.

If you would like to receive a copy or indeed talk more about this issue then please feel free to contact Emma Kyles/Scott Fraser or visit our web site on www.cafek.org



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