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COMMUNITY SAFETY CHRISTMAS CARDS FEEDBACK

In December 2007 a group of young people whom Oot N About work with designed and made Christmas Cards for other young people about keeping safe over the festive period. The young people came up with two main themes which they feel are important to them and their peers, these themes were: Motor vehicles and Binge Drinking. Strong images were chosen and taken by the young people for the front of the cards, with workers supporting and exploring their thoughts and choices around this, and each card contained 3 safety tips for young people. Below gives an example of this:

ALCOHOL CARD



MOTOR VEHICLE CARD



FEEDBACK:

Young people were keen to find out what others thought about their cards and therefore requested feedback from a variety of organisations. The Christmas Cards, in particular around alcohol caused a range of debates and discussion about the images used. However, the young people felt that this was beneficial as it had proven that there cards had been successful in getting people to really discussed the topics in place. Other comments included:

'The card was very well done and most gratefully received. Interesting themes! Please keep up the good work that your project is doing within the community.' (Mike Bridgeman, SNP Councillor).

'I liked the picture on the front. It was bold and caught my attention. I was not sure what CBT(Is it a bike test?) stood for but liked the christmas safety message and the format of the message. It stood out because it was different form the red print of Merry Christmas. It certainly appealed to me hope it did to young people as well.' (Linda Wright, Bristo Church).

'Thanks for the card. Nice to receive a card that was designed and made by a group rather than the standard packet or bulk commercial buy. Look forward to this years.' (Denise Sinclair, Community Safety).

'It is very obvious you put a lot of hard work into these cards both in regards to your own time and time spent in the group. I suppose the only shame is that there was only one picture per card and maybe using a couple of pictures may have given those getting the card a chance to see more of your pictures and ideas. I thought the way the messages were done was a great idea and using these in a future project might be a good idea? I think doing these cards has given you the opportunity to let others see the work that you do and I don't see any reason why you can do more good stuff like this in the future.' (Susan Law, CEC Youth Inclusion Worker)