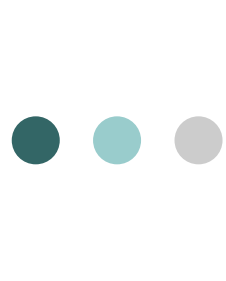


Using Drama

Lisa Ball – C Card Co-ordinator
Teenage Pregnancy Team
Wigan Council

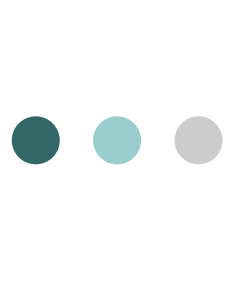
“An excellent way for students to be made aware without embarrassment”



Background

- Identified need in 2004
- High TP and STI rates
- TIE first delivered in 2005
- Healthy Colleges
- Format developed further in 2006 and 2007
- RUReady (16+) & Say The Word (<16)

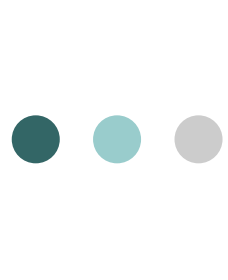
“Good performance - got the message across well”



Target Groups

- Wigan & Leigh College
 - Sports
 - Public Services
 - Hair & Beauty
- Training Providers
- Supported Housing
- Youth Service
- Youth Offending Team
- Young Mum's Unit

“Students seemed to feel that the play was informative”



Why Drama?

- Accessible to young people of all abilities
- Engaging and enjoyable
- Tailored to be directly relevant
- Spark discussion and debate
- Impact on decision making

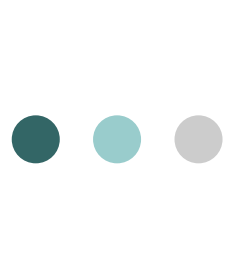
*“Provided lots of discussion in a positive manner.
Good informative play with thought provoking issues.”*



Involving Young People

- Young people integral to planning stage
- Focus groups looked at issues and concerns relevant to young people
- Young people provided realistic and identifiable scenarios, language etc
- Final script approved by young people

“Aimed at right level with the use of language”



Partnership Working

- Wigan Pier Theatre Company
- ALWPCT
- Teenage Pregnancy (Wigan CYPS)
- Brook
- Youth Service (Wigan CYPS)
- Wigan & Leigh College

“Professional and effective”



Structure of Session

- 15 minute drama piece ‘RUReady?’
- Themes covered:
 - Risk-taking behaviour
 - Alcohol
 - Unprotected sex
 - Condoms
 - Chlamydia

“I think all the students will have benefited from the message put across”



Structure of Session

- Small group size
 - 15 to 20 young people per group
- 30 – 45 minute workshop
 - Hot-seating
- Importance of support staff presence
 - Health Development Service
 - Student Liaison Officers
 - College Nurse
 - C Card Co-ordinator
 - Brook Outreach

“Residents felt at ease in asking questions and participating”

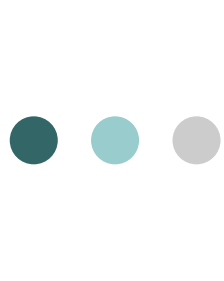


Structure of Session

- Useful Local Services Leaflet
- RUClear? Information
- Condoms
- Opportunity for Chlamydia testing
- Opportunity to talk to a friendly face!

- Supporting resources for group leader

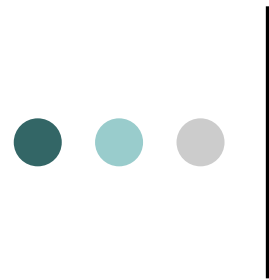
“Will continue with Q&A in tutorial session”



Cost

- £10,000
- Approximately £20 per person
- Contributors
 - Wigan & Leigh College
 - ALWPCT
 - Youth Service
 - Teenage Pregnancy

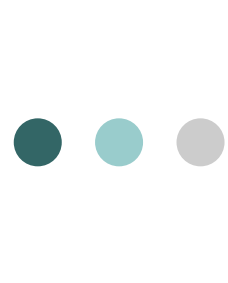
“Would gladly recommend and arrange for next term”



Young People's Feedback

- 92% thought that the play was good
- 85% thought the workshop was good
- 65% felt they had learned more about alcohol and sex
- 74% said it had helped them to see things differently
- 58% felt they had been shown how to get help
- Positives: Humour, messages delivered, way that young people were portrayed, usefulness of play
- Negatives: Actors playing multiple roles, too many issues covered, patronising.

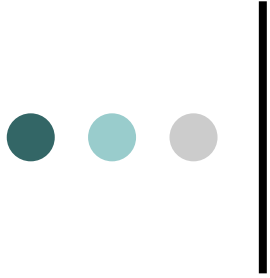
“Excellent session!”



Impact and Successes

- Very positive feedback from young people and professionals
- Opportunistic screening of those who may not otherwise have accessed
- Greater understanding of consequences of risk-taking behaviour
- Opportunity to break down barriers to professionals involved in sexual health

“The group seem to have related to the characters”



Thank You

“Students did not want it to end!”