

## **Whitmore Reans Neighbourhood Management Whitmore Reans in Partnership – Children and Young People’s Plan**



In summer 2004, Whitmore Reans in Partnership (WRiP), in Dunstall and Whitmore Reans, Wolverhampton carried out a Planning for Real<sup>®</sup> exercise in order to get a clear indication of local needs and priorities in the community. WRiP also used the Planning for Real<sup>®</sup> process in the development of their Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan under the remit of Neighbourhood Management for the Dunstall and Whitmore Reans area.

The consultation was a huge success and, as a result, WRiP / Neighbourhood Management gained national recognition through both DCLG (then ODPM) and The Housing Corporation for their innovative approach to community consultation. At the same time of developing the Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan, the Neighbourhood Management Team put forward its Children and Young People Plan (CYP), after undertaking community consultation with young people, agencies and service providers. This in turn fitted in with Wolverhampton City Council’s Children and Young People’s Plan.

In July 2006 Whitmore Reans Neighbourhood Management decided to review their existing Children and Young Peoples Plan by further consulting with young people throughout the Whitmore Reans area. Due to the success of the original consultation process, Neighbourhood Management decided to again carry out the consultation through the process of Planning for Real<sup>®</sup>.

NIF worked in partnership with Neighbourhood Management to provided training and mentoring support for young people from the area, to enable young people to deliver the consultation process. Through the DCLG programme, NIF were

able to train up approximately 20 young people to undertake consultation at a summer event.

The process was a huge success with over 60 young people between the ages of 11 to 20 putting forward over 200 suggestions and ideas for changes to the local Dunstall and Whitmore Reans area. The Youth Service has also taken this information on board to incorporate ideas and suggestion into their delivery plan.

### **Public Service Agreement Target**

- Provide appropriate provision for children and young people, and tackle inequalities