



# Does your club need extra support?

Apply to be adopted for a year through the Kent Youth and Lions Clubs 'Adopt a Youth Club' scheme to receive extra services



**Lions Club South East and Kent Youth have come together for a new pilot scheme 'Adopt a Youth Club' to benefit local affiliated youth clubs.**

Who are Lions Clubs International? Around the world, if Lions Clubs see a need, they fill that need. In 45,000 communities in more than 200 countries, Lions implement targeted, creative projects to meet the specific needs of local children – whether they're at risk of hearing or vision loss or can't afford to have their bikes repaired. There are 45,000 Lions clubs and 1.3 million members making them the world's largest service club organisation.

Lions Clubs South East and Kent Youth both want to see young people thrive in their local communities. They recognise that youth clubs are one of the best ways to support young people and that they offer unique opportunities for young people to take part in.

The scheme offers clubs affiliated to Kent Youth the opportunity to be adopted by the local lions club for a year. In addition to helping to build links with the local community, the club can receive extra services in several areas including fundraising and access to resources

As this is the pilot phase, all we ask is that clubs signing up give feedback to us, so that we can ensure the success of the scheme in the future.

Places are limited to 15 youth clubs in this first phase, and for this reason we ask that you complete the simple application form on the back of this leaflet. Please send or email it to Kent Youth by the 18th September 2009 for your club to be considered for the scheme. Successful adoptions will start from October 2009. For more information please call the office on 01634 281841 or email: [clubadoption@kentyouth.org](mailto:clubadoption@kentyouth.org).



# Each Adopted Club will receive the following extra services

1. Kent Youth understands how difficult it can be for some of its affiliated groups to raise funds. Lions Clubs South East are very experienced in running local fundraising events. As part of the package the local Lions club will support and work with your club for at least one **fundraising event** in the year. This could take any kind of format and could lead to more!
2. Lions Clubs South East have a strong and broad membership. Each Lions club will provide a support/liaison officer - this person's role will be to liaise between the youth club and the Lions club. They are also willing to sit as an **observer on the youth club committee** for the duration of the year's adoption. Kent Youth understands that many clubs struggle to get willing volunteers to support committees, so we hope this offer will mean extra support and input of ideas.
3. Lions Clubs work in partnership with Tacade. Tacade has a range of educational training manuals, games and resources including manuals on icebreakers and team games. Each adopted club will receive a minimum of **one free educational publication** of their choosing.
4. Kent Youth believes in offering a wide range of opportunities to young people. Lions Clubs South East have a number of **national and international youth programmes**. They can provide you with further information and support on their Peace Poster campaign, 'Young Musician' and 'Young Ambassador' scheme.
5. Kent Youth are working closely with Lions Clubs South East to ensure all Kent Youth clubs are kept up to date with **Kent Youth programmes** including Step by Step training, activities, activeyouth, me2 and me2you. The liaison/support officer will be able to give you up to date information on Kent Youth's programmes, and be able to feedback requests.
6. The liaison/support officer will support your club to achieve **positive local press coverage** of your Youth Club and the 'Adopt a Youth Club' scheme.

To apply to be considered for the scheme please complete the following and return to the Kent Youth office by the 18th September 2009.

Name of youth club:

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Name of person making application and contact details  
(including email and tel no):

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How would you describe your club?

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What part of the 'Adopt a Youth Club' Scheme most appeals to your club?

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Has your group worked with or been supported by Lions Club South East before?

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Is your club willing to give regular feedback on the scheme and be involved in press releases?

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Other information you would like us to have:

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Please return to:  
Adopt a Youth Club Scheme  
Kent Youth, Youth House  
Marlborough Road  
Gillingham, Kent ME7 5HR  
or email [clubadoption@kentyouth.org](mailto:clubadoption@kentyouth.org)



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