

Youth Engagement

Dudley Local Policing Unit has recently recognised the value in investing in the Borough's young people and to this end has recruited a Young Persons Officer to oversee this work. PC Paul Davies has 23 years service and has spent the majority of this time working in Neighbourhood Policing, specifically around Castle and Priory Ward.

Paul's focus will be to improve engagement with young people, ensuring that Dudley Police understand the needs and concerns of young people. In turn he hopes to dispel some of the myths in relation to how the Police deal with young people and open dialogue around contentious issues such as Stop and Search Powers. Paul is currently working in several of the Borough's primary and secondary schools, including delivering a Prince's Trust xl Course in High Arcal School, Sedgley. This course seeks to encourage confidence in the abilities of pupils who may be in danger of exclusion with a view to achieving improved GCSE results.

Dudley LPU remains committed to the Prince's Trust scheme and would encourage referrals to the police-led teams, currently based at Sedgley and Halesowen Police Stations. This ten week programme is aimed at 16-25 year olds who are not in employment or in further education and assists in developing individuals in order for them to reach their full potential through work placements, assistance with CVs and applications and community work.

Visit www.princes-trust.org.uk for more details.

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