

ESSEX EXPERIENCE 2005

TEACHER EVALUATION

Returns 23% (7/31)

1. Have you noticed any improvements in self-development/attitude of the young people who attended the Essex Experience and Challenge Camp? If so, please state the characteristics you have noticed.
 - Most definitely, more confidence and better team members.
 - Noticed in Margaret – more confident and better self-esteem.
 - Improved self-confidence improved social skills, friendship groups formed and positive attitude & improved independence.
 - John has settled down this year, Malcolm is achieving more and Charles shows patience.
 - Yes, can speak to adults more capably and more social interaction with others.
 - I see these young people only occasionally, but I would say that self-confidence does grow, their ability to mix with other young people and be supportive is enhanced.
 - Young people return full of excitement about what they have done and the new friends they've met. I have found they gain confidence through these new experiences.
2. From discussions with the young people, what elements of the Essex Experience and Challenge Camp excited them?
 - Different environment – activities and being with peers.
 - Camping itself, also canoeing, go-karts and the evening activities. All of them enjoyed the interaction with staff.
 - Activities, sharing tents and challenges presented & achieved.
 - The activities & they also liked the food.
 - Doing things they hadn't done before.
 - Meeting new people & the activities.
 - Sleeping in a tent, being away from home and the food.
3. Do you think projects like the Essex Experience are an effective way to help prevent young people from becoming involved in crime or antisocial behaviour?

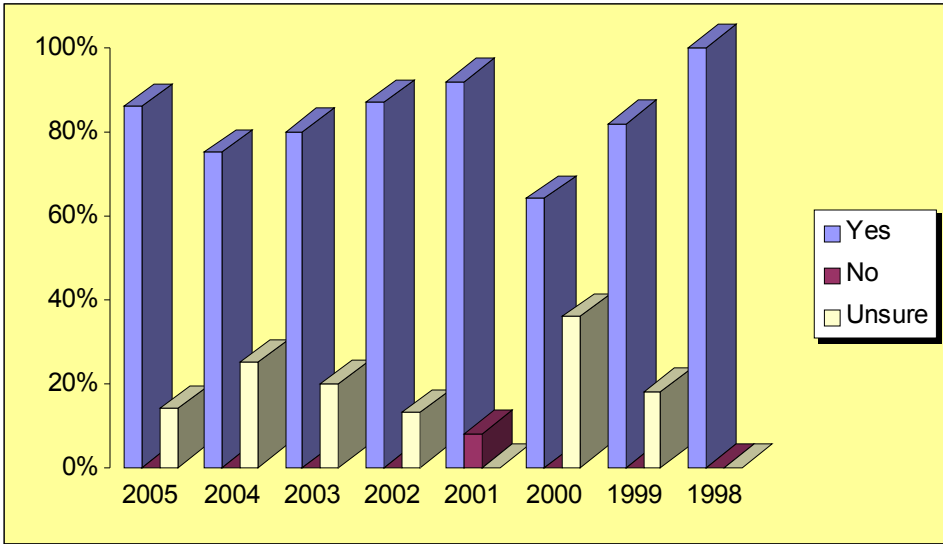
Yes 75%

Unsure 25%

Comparison between 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 & 2005

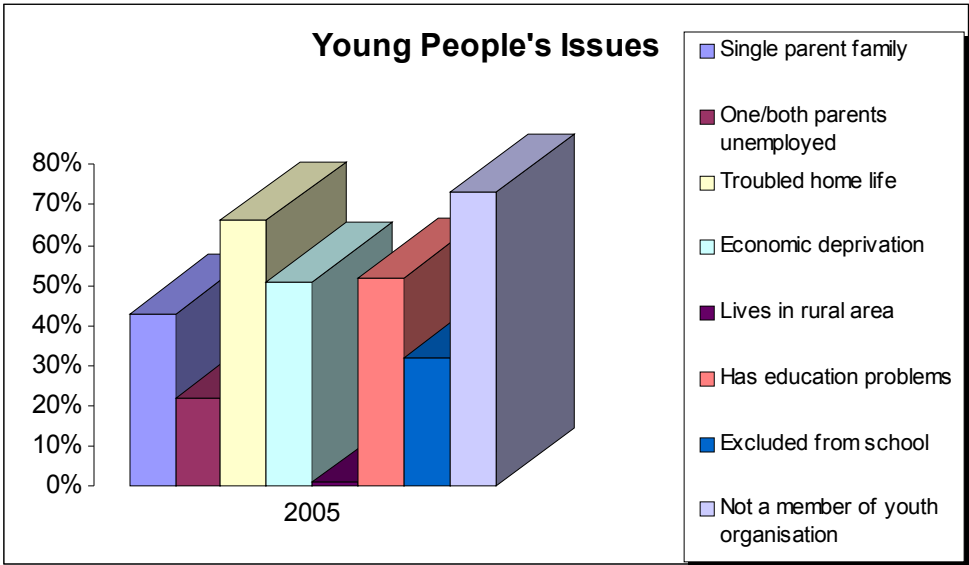
If yes why?

- Anything that contributes to a positive / feel good factor about the community and peers will improve individuals and society.
- Opening up their eyes to positive ways to use leisure time; also interaction with adults & young people who are positive role models.
- Encourages pupils to join Scouts/Youth Groups, improved social skills, introduces new activities for pupils and new experiences to engage young people.
- They are given structure and resources to keep them occupied. There is information there for them, but not lectured.
- The weekend revolves around the young people. They are the centre of attention (often a first time for them). It helps to build self-confidence & esteem in a safe & supportive way.
- **Young people who are socially & economically deprived often have quite narrow lives in terms of opportunities and experiences.** The temptation to find excitement and take risks through anti-

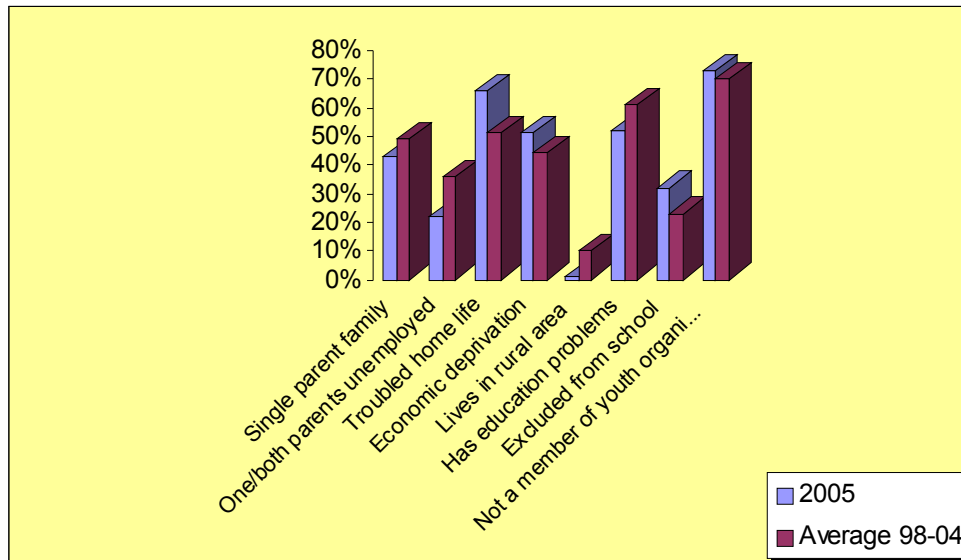


social behaviour and crime is always an option. Projects like the Essex Experience challenge young people and chances to try new activities, meet new people and build confidence.

4. Of the young people who attended the Essex Experience please indicate how many fall into the following categories:



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5. Thinking about the preparation and paperwork required before the event, is there anything I can do to make things easier from your point of view?

Replies for Claire only

6. When contacting you about the Essex Experience and Challenge Camp I normally do so by letter and telephone. To make things easier, when is the best time to contact you during the school week?

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7. Do you have any other comments or suggestions to make about the Essex Experience?

- Please, please, somehow keep it going.
- Excellent experience – all of our young people loved it and want to go back next year.
- The pupils really enjoy it and are already looking forward to next year's event. I do say they have to make progress in their attitude and behaviour in school before they are selected and this has some influence on the way they perform in school.
- It's great – so good to offer young people this free of charge & I love going to see them there.