



## **\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\***

### **Youth Radio Charts More Success**

Young people aged 5-19 from across Eastbourne and Hailsham delivered three days of fantastic programmes on Eastbourne Youth Radio last week. These included a wide range of music, interviews, drama and competitions. Live performances included several college bands, soloists and a stunning musical showcase by the girls from Moira House School.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November marked 'Answer Back with a panel led by Nigel Waterson MP together with other political, business and voluntary sector representatives. This was followed on Thursday with 'Meet the Media' that enabled students to quiz the professionals about their work.

Readers will be aware of the business and community links that are central to EYRs ethos and continued success. Each year the project is delighted to welcome new partners and in 2009 these have included Jones Bootmaker, OBC The Accountants, East Sussex Stop Smoking Service, Charles Stanley & Co. Ltd, GAK Education and The Prince's Trust.

Creating Futures Ltd delivers the 'Team Programme' on behalf of The Prince's Trust for young people aged 16-25 who have multiple barriers. Team participants work towards City & Guilds Level 1 Certificate in Personal Development & Contributing to Your Community during the 12-week course.

They learn the importance of team work, spend a week at a residential activity centre, undertake a project based in the local community, complete a work placement, participate in a team challenge and stage a presentation in which they recount their experiences. For more information call 01273 821 789 (ext 222).

Statistics tell us that 69% of smokers say they would like to quit if it was easier to do so. Last year, the East Sussex Stop Smoking Service helped over 3400 people to kick the habit.

The Stop Smoking Service run clinics all over East Sussex from Mon-Sat at various times of the day. Their friendly team of specialist advisors will listen and offer practical expert advice tailored to individual needs. This includes information about medications to help with withdrawal symptoms. They will also help with motivation and plan effective coping strategies for the times when an urge might hit.

If you quit using their services they will give you a gift in the form of a £30 voucher (incentive expires 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009). There may never be a better time to quit.

GAK Education was another new partner this year who are keen to work with local schools. With a stock of over £6 million they can supply everything from guitars to amplifiers and keyboards to the simple triangle. Watch out for more involvement from GAK in 2010.

As always, the organisers, Eastbourne Education Business Partnership, are truly grateful to everyone that helped to make EYR happen for the ninth successive year. In particular, to the lead sponsors The British Wireless for the Blind Fund

([www.blind.org.uk](http://www.blind.org.uk) ) and The Weather Shop ([www.weatherfront.biz](http://www.weatherfront.biz)), to the schools and colleges for over 55 hours of programmes and finally to Sussex Downs College for giving up their studio space for the 3-days once again.

Further information about EYR, together with the sponsor links and a photo gallery, may be viewed at [www.eyr.org.uk](http://www.eyr.org.uk) or, please telephone Tim Sorensen on 07890 388624 who is now seeking sponsors for next year.

Let the countdown to the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010 begin!

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Note: For further information please contact Tim Sorensen at Soren Learning Solutions on 07890 388624 or email [tim@sorenlearningsolutions.co.uk](mailto:tim@sorenlearningsolutions.co.uk)

Photos:

1. Hailsham & EVoc students in EYR Studio
2. Moira House solo violin
3. Polegate Pirates
4. Polgate in EYR Studio
5. Ratton in EYR Studio – with fairy!