

Eastbourne Youth Radio

Inspector Damen Funnell of the Eastbourne Neighbourhood Policing Team said: "Sussex Police are very proud to be one of the main sponsors for this year's Eastbourne Youth Radio which is broadcasting again in the month of November. This project concentrates on young people in Eastbourne and facilitates a medium by which current youths are able to present their intellectual, creative and innovative ideas through broadcasting on a significant scale through education and access to the media.

"The project is unique as it is youth led and enables youngsters to experience the demands of broadcasting journalism, technical training and general production challenges, in areas such as tackling core social, professional and leadership issues. This project enables young people to make a direct statement to their peers in the community, thereby becoming active participants in the current important issues within the local community and contributing to key decision making processes.

"The Eastbourne Youth Radio event will provide a unique opportunity for members of the community including myself to reply to direct and searching questions from those participating. I believe it is really important to maximise an opportunity like this to reach effectively across the age gap and maintain an intergenerational dialogue.

"Eastbourne Youth Radio is an excellent example of young people becoming involved in social enterprise and sharing their respective skills, knowledge and views with the local community which can only assist in developing community cohesion and communication.

"Young people are sometimes generally perceived as a problem group, causing trouble in society and some people fail to take the time to listen to them, clearly forgetting that they themselves were once young. These young people in Eastbourne form one of many diverse communities and they are growing up in very challenging but exciting times. This project provides them with an opportunity to build their confidence further whilst ensuring that views and opinions are heard by their community."