

Beacon Stand, The Bridges, Sunderland

Inside Justice Week, an annual campaign that aims to open up the Criminal Justice System to the public through a week of co-ordinated events and media activity across England and Wales, took place this year between 18th and 25th October. The aim of the event is to increase and understanding and confidence in the criminal justice system, explaining how the system works and showing the people involved in delivering justice today.

To promote this week the YOS and Northumbria Probation jointly staffed a public information Beacon stand in The Bridges on the 22nd October. The event was an opportunity to inform the public about the work being done under the Safer Sunderland Partnership and by the Children's Trust to address crime and reduce re-offending.



1: Beacon Exhibition Stand: The Bridges, Sunderland

YOS representatives on the stand ran a small prize questionnaire to test out public knowledge of the Youth Offending Service. Of the 62 members of the public who answered the questionnaire 8 had not heard of the YOS before being

given information at the stand. A further 12 had heard of the YOS but previously did not have an understanding of what the YOS did. Of the 62 people completing the questionnaire 45 indicated that they were interested in volunteering.



2: Guy Kirk, YOS Manager explains volunteering opportunities to a member of the public

Positive and prominent coverage of the event was featured in the local press on Monday 27th October 2008.