

the Paper

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PROJECT SUMMARY

The Paper is a 36-page tabloid Newspaper written and edited by young people between the ages of 10 – 19 with the support of local newspapers, journalists, photographers and corporate supporters.

The Paper is published by The Cambridgeshire Education Business Link Organisation (CEBLO), Cavell Court, 9-11 Lincoln Road, Peterborough, PE1 2RJ (part of the Connexions Service).

All young people will be able to contribute as Reporters, submitting copy and images to the Editorial Team. This Team will consist of 25 selected young people who will put together each edition. The Editorial Team and Reporters will interact through the website and all copy will have to be submitted in electronic format. Photographs and images can be submitted electronically or as hard copy, by post, to CEBLO. Submissions **MUST** be received by the deadline for each edition.

The website allows anyone to look at information about The Paper, view back issues and stories and find out how to become involved. Reporters are able to respond to story ideas requested by the Editorial Teams.

The Paper is then downloaded, pasted up, printed and distributed throughout Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Initial distribution is to all secondary schools, youth groups and primaries who are bureaux with deliveries where possible and by request after that. The print run is at least 50,000, each edition a copy is inserted in to a weekly paper in an area of Cambridgeshire. Additional copies are available at supporting newspaper offices and at Connexions offices. Copies will be mailed to Foreign Correspondents (anyone outside the Cambridgeshire border!).

The production process will provide schools and other learning centres with a flexible resource bearing on many curriculum subjects and activities. The Paper will also provide a printed resource to encourage and support the literacy strategy and reading recovery.

The Paper has the following broad objectives:

1. To provide young people (10-19) with a voice and a real outlet for their comments, views, ideas, work and creativity.
2. To encourage those young people particularly interested in writing, photography, graphics and careers in journalism and the media.
3. To provide teachers, schools and youth clubs with a flexible resource supporting Citizenship, PSHE, English, Media, Enterprise and ICT, gifted and talented and enterprise together with many other curriculum subjects and activities.

4. To encourage team work between young people in Cambridgeshire from all different backgrounds and abilities; to link with those in other counties, Europe and around the world through Foreign Correspondents.
5. To provide a manageable, beneficial and enjoyable opportunity for local media professionals and commercial supporters to engage with young people in a positive learning experience for all.
6. To develop the funding for a self-sustainable project under the principles of social enterprise.
7. To support the active involvement of teachers, through funded placements, in developing materials and teaching resources using 'the Paper'.

The project is currently supported by the Cambridgeshire Learning and Skills Council, Cambridgeshire Education Business Link Organisation, Cambridge Newspapers, Mid Anglia Newspapers (Archant Ltd), Connexions Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, The Cambridgeshire Advisory Service, The Cambridgeshire Association of Youth Clubs, Peterborough Regional College, Black Pig Design Ltd and NOKIA.

Young people can take part in two ways:

1. All young people will be able to act as **Reporters**. They will be able to log on to the website and, using a Registration Number assigned to Schools and Learning Centres who are registered Bureaux, submit copy to the **Editorial Team** via various newsrooms. CEBLO will also act as a Bureau.
2. The **Editorial Team**, of 25 young people, is *selected* from across the target age range and from schools, colleges and other learning centres across the County. These young people are Mentored by media professionals and offered four training days to support the production of their edition. Training days are held on Saturdays.

Copy and images must be submitted for consideration by the Editorial Team through a registered **Bureau**. There must be a person responsible for submissions at each Bureau.

The seven Newsrooms or sections to The Paper are:

Current Affairs, Culture, Lifestyle, Sports, Learning, Work & Careers and Features. There is also an IDEAS section.

In addition, we require photographs, artwork, graphics and cartoons. We would like to develop some science pages and a business section.

The Editorial Team for each edition will post story requests on the website and Reporters will be free to submit against these commissions or to write about issues of interest to them and submit those against an Ideas vacancy.

Information on how to get involved and downloads about the project are available from the website at www.the-paper.org

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