

## THE STAN KENYON SCHOOL CHALLENGE

The Stan Kenyon School Challenge is the longest running Leeds City Council corporate social responsibility project, running for over fifteen years. Over 100 different schools have completed the challenge and over 3,000 school children and staff have visited the Civic Hall to receive their awards in this time.

The awards were inspired by a former director of planning, Stan Kenyon, who retired in 1995 but is still active in encouraging young people to get to grips with local environmental issues and to come up with ways of making Leeds a better place for all its citizens.

### **Healthy Communities 2010-2011 challenge winners**

The 2010-2011 challenge Healthy Communities overall winner was Ashfield Primary School. The school challenged pupils to think about what people would want in an ideal community and they interviewed local people of all ages and pupils took questionnaires home to discuss with their families. The children worked in teams to design their ideal community and used recycled materials for much of the construction.

The best high school project was won by the Broomfield SILC where pupils considered what could be done to improve the quality of life for people living in the area around the school and they talked to local people to gather their views.

The best primary school award went to Corpus Christi Primary School who linked to the challenge into their geography classes, looking at what makes a sustainable community and how to promote an environmentally friendly place with a strong focus on recycling.

### **The Challenge for 2011 - 2012 - The School Run**

School pupils are asked to look at the way they travel to school and consider what alternatives there are. What are the obstacles to walking or cycling to school; is there a cycle route nearby that could be used? This is a very wide and topical subject that schools already do some work on, but the Stan Kenyon Challenge is asking pupils to consider the fitness and safety issues for themselves.

Timetable: schools sign up to the Challenge in summer each year and most work is carried out in the Autumn term. Where appropriate, and funds permit, a schools workshop will be set up in January to support the schools in their work, and provide additional "expert" support. Completed Challenges are delivered to the Civic Hall in March for judging week. Every school that completes the Challenge is invited to the Prize Presentation in the Civic Hall and pictures from this event are published on the Council Stan Kenyon web page.

The full schools brief is also available on the council web site.

### **Sponsorship opportunities**

If your company or organisation would like to reach schools direct and be featured in our publicity and promotional material going out to all schools in Leeds, all Leeds councillors and senior Council managers then please contact Ann Briggs by email from this page, or call direct on 0113 395 51488.