Invitation to Attend

Young People and Alcohol in Northern Ireland:

What do they do?
Why do they do it?
What can we do about it?

A one-day conference
Thursday 16th September 2010
Rathmore Grammar School

To register

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Young People and Alcohol in Northern Ireland

The average age for young people taking their first drink in Northern Ireland is 12 years old with boys (11.7) more likely than girls (12.3) to begin drinking younger (DHSSPS, 2009).

Comparatively high numbers of young people are moving to more serious levels of alcohol consumption by the mid teenage years, with 40% of young people who reported drinking to intoxication doing so each week (Belfast Youth Development study, 2007).

In line with emerging local trends our research suggests that girls are as likely to drink problematically as boys.

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Conference details

Date
Thursday 16\textsuperscript{th} September 2010.

Venue
Rathmore Grammar School
Kingsway, Finaghy, Belfast BT10 0LF.

Time
9.30 am - 2.30 pm.
The conference registration will be open from 9.30 - 10.00 am.

Registration
To register for this conference, please complete the registration form on the back of the leaflet, detach and return no later than Thursday the 2\textsuperscript{nd} of September 2010. It is advisable to return the form ASAP as places are restricted. Registration can also be completed via email.

Cost
THIS CONFERENCE IS FREE OF CHARGE.
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**Programme (Registration 9.30-10.00)**

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Registration Form

Please complete in block capitals

Name___________________________________________
Position_________________________________________
Organisation _____________________________________
Tel_____________________________________________
Email___________________________________________

Special dietary requirements
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Questions or Observations

We would ask that you submit a question or observation on underage drinking—something specific that you would like to know or a view that you have. Speakers will be made aware of these questions or views and will attempt to address them in their presentations.

Question/Observation________________________________
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