



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A quick guide for Police Officers

- **What is it?**
A National competition of young people 11-18 years, undertaking social action projects in their community. Entry is free, Projects run for any duration between 1st May and 1st September 2017. Groups submit a 4 minute video explaining their project. The Group that is judged to have made the greatest impact in the community is the winning Group. Various other awards and prizes are on offer. Final 21/10 Manchester.
- **Who is running it?** National Charity ROC (Redeeming Our Communities); Urban Saints and the Christian Police Association.
- **What's the police involvement?** Chief Constable Olivia Pinkney, the National Police Chiefs' Council Lead for Children and Young People has endorsed Go Make a Difference. Many police forces are actively encouraging participation (and supporting financially) Chief Constables and PCC's of the finalist teams will be invited to the Awards Afternoon.
- **Community Policing and Go Make a Difference.**
Each Group Leader is encouraged to make contact with their local police (or where appropriate, other community professional) to see what you feel are the key issues in

the local community which a team of young people could have an impact on.

We've pointed out that :

- ✓ There is often a tension between young people and the police. Getting to know the person in the uniform helps build trust and friendship.
- ✓ Just about every community project the Group could undertake will be of some interest to those responsible for policing the community.
- ✓ The police are very well connected and can help your Group achieve what you couldn't manage on your own.
- ✓ The police have considerable expertise in planning and generally have a very 'can do' attitude. Who wouldn't want that sort of support?
- ✓ If your community project tackles something that is a big issue for the police (or other community professional), you're likely to get more practical support than if it doesn't directly help them to do their job.

- **What do I need to do?**

Ideally – every 'Go' Group will have a police officer attached to it who can advise and encourage the Group as they work in the local community and engage in positive social action.

Minimum – at the end of the Group project, we'd like you to confirm that they have made a positive impact to the local community and 'how' – preferably with some evidence to back up the claim. (We need your help to ensure claims of impact in the community are realistic and largely down to the Group)

Realistically – in times of budget constraints and increased demands (we work with the police all over the UK), somewhere between 'ideal' and 'minimum' is perhaps 'realistic' and we'd be grateful for whatever support you can give your local 'Go' Group.

- **Finally** – you might be surprised by what these young people can do to reduce problems in the community you have police responsibility for.

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