

# Area 41



- Formed in 2002, Area41 is a partnership between the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Youth Service, Vibe Experience and Vale of Glamorgan Youth Forum;
- European Objective 2 funding was utilised to redevelop a vacant and derelict property in the heart of Barry's Town Centre. The Youth Facility opened in 2003, with three

floors offering a range of innovation services and progressive activities for young people;

- The Area41 Partnership ensures a robust programme of activities and initiatives for young people in the locality and the wider community such as Communities First, European Regional Development Wards, rural communities and other areas in the Vale;



- The Youth Forum is concerned with empowerment and citizenship of young people in the Vale. It provides young people with opportunities and training to speak on issues that affect them, and provides information on current and future youth initiatives such as Crime Prevention, Community Development, Music & Performance Workshops, Community Event Stewarding/Health & Safety and Youth Consultation Surveys;



## Examples of events undertaken include:

- International Women's Week - 140 young people attended
- World Aids Day - 800 young people attended
- Sexual Health Week - 1400 young people attended
- Halloween Youth Inclusion Event- 500 young people attended the event, and statistics from the police showed a 30% reduction in youth crime than the previous year.