



The Writing on the Wall

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An International one day conference at **The Makeney Hall Hotel**, Derbyshire, England to summarise innovative research into anti social and social behaviour in and around the school environment in England and Sweden.

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Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service (DFRS), Derbyshire Police, The University of Derby and Karlstad Kommun, (Sweden), are working together on an innovative and exciting research project that aims to explore factors that influence and promote positive behaviour in the school environment.

The British Council and the Swedish National Agency have provided funding for the project under the Comenius Regio programme. The research centres on the use of secondary school pupils as researchers. They have been selected from The Pingle School, Derbyshire and Rudsskolan in Karlstad, Sweden.

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By using pupils as researchers, the project aims to provide unique insights into the structural and emotional factors that can influence positive behaviour in and around the school environment. The research is being professionally filmed and the end result will be a DVD and teachers' pack to be used in schools in Derbyshire, Karlstad and elsewhere.

The project, which began in 2009, concludes at a conference on 4th May 2011 in Derbyshire which will allow the pupils to showcase their research. Invitations are being extended to international colleagues.

Ultimately, the findings and outcomes of the project will help to reduce anti social behaviour, criminal damage and arson in schools in two European countries. It is envisaged that this research will be continued in the future and we would welcome approaches from other international partners to continue this ground-breaking project.

