

**The Dexter Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking** is a group of individuals, schools, prevention & treatment experts, law enforcement, businesses, youth and adults with a common goal: to reduce underage drinking by creating a healthy community environment with policies, practices, and attitudes that support the alcohol-free development of all youth.

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## Dexter Youth Photovoice



The bottle in the water shows the significance of alcohol in people's everyday life. The running stream represents the constant struggle of peer pressure to drink. Alcohol is at the center of many young people's life and the pressure it entails.

*Patrick Ledwidge, Senior*

*Photovoice* provides a way for youth in the community to explore and communicate their perceptions and experiences related to underage drinking.

This project is brought to you by the Dexter Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking, whose goal is to keep our youth safe and reduce alcohol-related traffic crash deaths.

### ***Goals of Youth Photovoice:***

- To empower youth to become actively involved with community change efforts around underage drinking in Dexter.
- To create a dialogue on underage drinking in Dexter.

### ***What is Youth Photovoice?***

- Eight youth from Dexter High School worked on the project.
- The youth took pictures on aspects of community life that they feel influence youth drinking and related traffic crashes. Then discussed why they took the pictures, ultimately selecting 3-4 to be displayed with narratives at an exhibit at Dexter High School on December 4, 2008.
- To continue the dialogue on underage drinking the photos will be featured at local businesses and establishments around Dexter and on-line. A collection of the photos are also available for meetings or events upon request.

### ***Request the Photos:***

- **Businesses and Establishments**  
If you would like to host one or more of the photos please contact Amanda Naugle at 734-544-2973 or [nauglea@ewashtenaw.org](mailto:nauglea@ewashtenaw.org).
- **Groups and Organizations**  
If you would like to feature a collection of the youth photos at your next meeting or event please complete the exhibit request form on-line at [www.ewashtenaw.org/stopunderagedrinking](http://www.ewashtenaw.org/stopunderagedrinking).

### ***See the Photos:***

- **Coming Soon!** The photos will be available on-line at [www.ewashtenaw.org/stopunderagedrinking](http://www.ewashtenaw.org/stopunderagedrinking).
- Businesses and establishments that are hosting photos will also be listed on-line.

Teens are faced with an abundance of pressures on a daily basis, resulting in getting off track. Staying above the influence can only help staying on the right track. The picture literally shows turning off the road, but the right road (center arrow) is always an option.



*Katie Korinek, Senior*