

## Children and Young People's Network



Representing the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS)  
Working with Children and Young People in B&NES

## February 2016 e-bulletin

Welcome to the February e-bulletin of the Children and Young People's Network. If you have any relevant information (details of meetings, events, training, consultations, conferences, developments etc.) that you would like included in future bulletins, please contact me. If you have any feedback regarding this bulletin, or would like to let me know what you think should be included, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

I hope you find the e-bulletin useful.

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## Children and Young People's Network News

**Next Network Meeting is Tuesday 23 February 10:00 – 12:00** at Odd Down Community Centre. BA2 2TL. We will be looking at proposals for support for the voluntary and community sector from the Local Authority and hope to have an update on the 14-25 strategy. More info to follow.

- **Early Help Strategy Event 18 January – Reps Report** – including opportunities for involvement and calendar dates. [Read here](#)
- **LSCB Stakeholder Meeting 26 January – Reps Report** – [Read here](#).

**Website Migration** – BAPP is moving their website to a new platform. The New site will not be as pretty but we will have more editorial control so content should be more current. Any links to documents that you have saved will no longer work when the new site goes live so, if there is something that you need, please contact me: [sue@bapp.org.uk](mailto:sue@bapp.org.uk).

## National News and Information

**Improving Gift Aid for Small Charities:** The rules of the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme prevent small charities from benefiting. For those new to the scheme, it enables charities to claim gift aid on small cash donations without collecting declarations from each donor. Despite its potential to help voluntary organisations diversify their fundraising, the scheme was 70% underspent in 2014-15. The government is holding a [call for evidence \(PDF, 170KB\)](#) to see how the scheme rules could be simplified to improve uptake. This is a real opportunity to reform the scheme so that it benefits the real breadth of charities it was originally intended to. NCVO are conducting [a survey to gather charities' views on how the scheme has worked so far](#). The survey will run until 31 January, and feed into the NCVO response to the call for evidence. More information: <http://ow.ly/WSOrL>.

### **Government commits to long-term funding for British Youth Council (BYC)**

The government will continue to fund the British Youth Council (BYC) to support its Youth Voice initiative until 2020, youth minister Rob Wilson has announced. Speaking at an event last week in Westminster, Wilson revealed that he intends to offer a long-term grant to the BYC so it can continue and maintain its work including the UK Youth Parliament and other activities. [Read more here](#)

**Free Business Skills to Charities.** The Cranfield Trust offer HR advice, Management Consultancy, etc. Endorsement from our LSCB Rep Roz Lambert at First Steps Bath: "First Steps have had help from the above on two occasions both have been very positive." Visit <http://www.cranfieldtrust.org/>

**Website aimed at preventing Child Abuse and the normalisation of violence in young people's relations.** This site has case histories and resources and signposted support for young people, parents and professionals: <http://www.dare2care.org.uk/>

**Government advice on the Prevent Duty:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-safeguarding-advice-for-schools-and-childcare-providers>.

**A Package of Measures to Protect Children from Extremism** have been announced by the Education Secretary. These include: a website for parents and teachers offering advice on preventing extremism: an escalation of Ofsted inspections of unregistered, illegal, independent schools; and a consultation on registering children who go missing from school.

**Further information:**

[Educate against hate website](#)

[Consultation: Identifying children who are missing education](#)

**Joining NCVO is Free if your Gross Annual Income is under £30,000** – member benefits include:

- Free and unlimited online training in StudyZone
- 30% off conferences and selected training days

**20% off membership for larger organisations until 15th February** to take advantage of this offer - simply enter promo code NCVO20 at the payment details stage. Visit: <https://www.ncvo.org.uk/about-us/join-ncvo>

**Coram and Creative Therapies – a report.** Coram's art and music therapy helps children from complex and traumatic backgrounds every day. Music and art therapy supports vulnerable children. Some children may have witnessed violence or experienced neglect; and some have physical or psychological conditions that could see them socially isolated. They are often unable to understand or explain their feelings. Watch our four-minute film clip to see our Creative Therapies in action. <http://www.coram.org.uk/how-we-do-it/our-creative-therapies>

## Keeping Children safe Online Resources

- **CEOP's Thinkuknow.** Find the latest information on the sites you like to visit, mobiles and new technology. Find out what's good, what's not and what you can do about it. If you look after young people there's an area for you too – with resources you can use in the classroom or at home
- [Child online safety: a practical guide for parents and carers whose children are using social media \(PDF\)](#)
- [Google's Internet Legends tour](#)
- [NSPCC's Keeping children safe online course](#)

## Local and Regional News and Information

**Local Safeguarding Children Board** – New and recent strategies and protocols. Please make sure you are familiar with these documents:

- [Early Help Strategy](#)
- [Parenting Strategy](#)
- [Unborn Baby Protocol](#)
- [Revised Child Sexual Exploitation Protocol](#)
- [LSCB Winter Newsletter 2016](#)

**The LSCB has also requested that this document is sent out** to the CPYN asking members to ensure that they disseminate it to all their staff/management committees. Please confirm that this has been done to Sarah McClusky: [Sarah\\_McCluskey@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Sarah_McCluskey@bathnes.gov.uk).

- [Working together to safeguard children: Young person's guide](#)

**Access to Music Taster Day Saturday 13th February.** This is a great opportunity for young people of Bristol and the surrounding areas to:

- Understand what is involved with studying at Access To Music
- Meet tutors, staff and other potential students
- Learn about performance, vocals, studio recording, music technology, business and media.
- Ask questions and learn more about Access To Music and the courses.
- Or, to just come and have a fun day!

If you have anybody interested in this event, they simply need to fill out this form: [Sign Up Form](#)  
Alternatively, feel free to call Emily Ralston on 01275891847 and she can talk through the form with yourself or the young person. Email: [emily.ralston@accesstomusic.ac.uk](mailto:emily.ralston@accesstomusic.ac.uk)  
[www.facebook.com/accesstomusicbristol](http://www.facebook.com/accesstomusicbristol).

**INVEST Project. The Young Carers Service new programme for 18 – 25 year olds.** The INVEST project is all about supporting young adults, providing a safe space to discuss any issues you might have while caring for someone. We want to help you with:

- budgeting
- cooking
- IT and internet
- job skills
- self-employment
- first aid.

“We are holding a launch in coming weeks which will involve pub food! If you’re interested and you’re 18 — 25 then email, [info@banescarerscentre.org.uk](mailto:info@banescarerscentre.org.uk) and we’ll contact you or visit <https://banescarerscentre.org.uk/youngcarers/for-14-25s/invest>.”

**New Business Connector for B&NES.** Julie Poll has just taken over the role as Business Connector for Bath & North East Somerset from Sally Ainsworth. Julie is seconded from the Civil Service for 12 months to work in the local area for the charity Business in the Community, part of the Prince’s responsible business networks. Julie’s remit is to work with local charities, voluntary and community groups to form partnerships with local businesses to deliver positive change around themes of enterprise, employability, education and social cohesion. **Contact:** Julie Poll, Business Connector, Bath & NE Somerset, Tel: 07876476129 | [julie.poll@bitconnect.org](mailto:julie.poll@bitconnect.org) | [@JuliePConnects](#) |

**Bath City Forum appoints members from across the community.** The Bath City Forum has appointed the 13 community representatives who will work with local councillors to improve the City. These “co-opted” members have been selected from the 34 local people who applied for the roles, and will bring to the Forum a wide range of experience, skills and knowledge of the local area to help address local priorities. Details about the members of the Forum can be found online at the [Member Profiles](#) webpage. Members of the public are welcome to attend all Forum meetings and further information is available [via the Council’s website](#).

**Collaboration between Local Charities.** Mike Plows, at the Volunteer Centre, is looking for examples of collaboration between local charities. If you have any experiences to share please contact him on: [mike.plows@vol-centre.org.uk](mailto:mike.plows@vol-centre.org.uk)

## Meetings, Conferences and Events

**The National Sensory Impairment Partnership Workshop for Parents on EHC plans.** The National Sensory Impairment Partnership (NatSIP) are running a free workshop for parents of children with a sensory impairment on 6 February in London. The workshop will cover what a good EHC needs assessment involves and go through the different sections of the EHC plan in detail. If consortium members know of any parents who might benefit from attending this workshop, please do let them know. A flyer and booking form can be downloaded from: <https://www.natsip.org.uk/index.php/776-preparing-for-the-plan-free-workshop-for-parents>

**Multi-sector networking event on Wednesday 3 February 2016 at the Assembly Rooms in Bath.** B&NES are hosting this event in response to suggestions and requests from the B&NES business community to facilitate such an event where small, medium and large businesses together with social enterprises and VCS organisations can meet and discuss and share issues of mutual interest. Also in attendance will be representatives from various business-facing Bath and North East Somerset Council teams. This relaxed event will be a mix of facilitated networking (think speed-dating but with a business twist) and informal networking over drinks and canapes. The choice in how you want to participate is yours. **The event is free** but you will need to register at <http://3feb16.eventbrite.co.uk>. **The event will run from 4.30pm-7.30pm** but you might not want to stay for the entire time. There will be a short opening talk at 5pm which will be repeated at 6pm for those attendees who would like to arrive a little later.

**Bath Educational Trust Conference 22 February.** The focus of the conference is on the character traits, skills and behaviours that young people need to thrive in education and employment. The afternoon part of the programme is for teachers only, but they are opening up the morning sessions which are being held at The Forum. You are welcome to join for the opening speeches, up until the break at 10.30, or stay until 12.30. [See the programme here.](#) The event managers, from Bath College and students from Bath Studio School, have put together the packages for exhibitors. There are some great opportunities to inform and influence hundreds of teachers from our schools and the college! Please contact the students, operating under the name of bladud business enterprise, if you'd like to exhibit. If you'd like to attend the event, please reply to Gary Forrest by the 1 February. Gary Forrest, BET Project Manager, 07908 8002622, Twitter: @BathEducTrust, [www.batheducationtrust.com](http://www.batheducationtrust.com)

**The potential for social investment in the youth sector Thursday 25 February, 10.30 am – 2.30 pm,** Bishops Hull House, Bishops Hull, Taunton. The seminar is aimed at youth sector organisations and professionals who might be considering social investment as a way of developing their offer to young people. It will include an introduction to possible uses of social investment and inputs from those with experience of using it to support work with young people. We will discuss ways to use social investment in the youth sector in the South West and beyond as well as considering the risks and challenges for organisations contemplating social investment options. **Free to B&NES groups,** lunch and refreshments will be provided. Email: [jane\\_shipton@learning-southwest.org.uk](mailto:jane_shipton@learning-southwest.org.uk) Tel: 01823 365441 Fax: 01823 323388

**Young Carers and Health “Making it Real for Young Carers”** Thursday 31 March, 10:00am – 3:45pm at the Coin Street Neighbourhood Centre, 108 Stamford Street, South Bank, London SE1 9NH. **Aim of the event: A major free networking event** organised in association with NHS England, the Children's Society and Carers Trust and their “Making a Step Change” programme. This will look in depth at the developing Young Carers and Health agenda. Email: [Training@actionforcarers.org.uk](mailto:Training@actionforcarers.org.uk) for more information and booking form.

**Book launch & FREE workshop: using comics to explore life issues with teens.** Learn new techniques and find out more about these skills, and how they could benefit your relationships with the young people you support:

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016 3:00pm – 4.30pm - Keynsham Community Space
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016 5:00pm – 6:30pm - Bath Central Library

Workshop attendees will receive refreshments, a cartooning starter kit to develop their new skills and a 10% discount code for Jenny's book.

Email [bath\\_library@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:bath_library@bathnes.gov.uk) or call 01225 39 40 41 to book your place.

You can see samples of Jenny's work at [www.jennydrewsomething.com](http://www.jennydrewsomething.com)

## Business and Funding

**B&NES Funding Journal for January 2016.** If you didn't already know that B&NES are now providing a funding information bulletin/service, here is the link to the latest issue:

[http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/funding\\_journal\\_jan\\_2016.pdf](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/funding_journal_jan_2016.pdf) . To receive this e-bulletin contact: [Sara Dixon@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Sara_Dixon@bathnes.gov.uk)

**Sport Relief Community Cash grants of £500 - £1,000** are available to small organisations that are doing great work to help local people living tough lives. **It doesn't have to be sports related! The deadline for applications is the 18 February.**

To be considered for funding you will need to:

- Be working in a disadvantaged or deprived area
- Be a small local group with an income of less than £100,000 run by local people
- Have limited access to other sources of income
- Aiming to deliver social outcomes

Groups can apply by completing an online application form and sending to Quartet Community Foundation. Further information and the guidelines: <http://quartetcf.org.uk/grant-programmes/sport-relief-community-cash>

**SW Foundation – Small Grants for Community Groups.** The foundation has built a reputation for being a quick and efficient small grants provider.

In partnership with the [Esmée Fairbairn Foundation](#), it will be allocating small grants up to £1,000 to small charitable Voluntary Organisations for the next five years. The vast majority of awards are expected to be between £200 and £600. To be eligible, applicants must have an annual income of less than £20,000 and be operating in rural areas, market or coastal towns. The funds are aimed at assisting those groups working with people most in need in communities. For further information visit the Foundation's [website](#) or contact the Foundation on 01761 471104 or by email at [info@southwestfoundation.org.uk](mailto:info@southwestfoundation.org.uk)

**Reimagine India** is a cultural exchange programme designed to develop creative collaborations between arts and cultural organisations in England and in India. Its purpose is to create new work and to build sustainable networks and partnerships between artists and cultural leaders in both countries, as well as to develop an intercultural dialogue and strengthened cultural relations based on this exchange of ideas, knowledge, work and artistic practice.

The work will build skills and leave a legacy in contributing to the resilience of the organisations involved and the development of new markets and business models. It will also benefit audiences in England.

**In this second round, applicants are able to apply for project funding, from £30,000 up to £100,000, to deliver activity in England or in India before 1 April 2018.** Match funding of at least 10% in cash of total project budget from other sources is required. This can include income from funders overseas. **Expressions of Interest by 16 Feb 2016 from which you may be invited to make a full application.** A list of organisations successful in round 1 is available plus more info here: <http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/apply-funding/apply-for-funding/reimagine-india/>

**The Grants for the Arts Libraries Fund** is to inspire innovative partnerships between local authority public libraries and arts organisations, and encourage library users and those living locally to take part in artistic and cultural activities.

Applications can be for between £1,000 and £100,000 and may cover activities lasting up to three years. In special circumstances the scheme will accept applications for grants over £100,000 for larger projects.

Applications should support arts activities, i.e. time-limited arts projects with their own artistic aims and outcomes. This includes a wide range of arts activities that support, enhance and enrich public libraries' core work, and develop libraries' role as a cultural provider in their communities.

The lead applicant for applications to the Libraries Fund must be a public library, public library authority, network of public library authorities, or organisation managing a public library authority as defined under the [Public Libraries & Museums Act 1964](#). **Applications may be made at any time until Saturday 31 March 2018.** Find out more at the [Grants for the Arts Libraries Fund](#)

## Training

**Keeping Children Safe Online – 3 hour e-learning course.** Working at your own pace, this introductory training course will help you gain the skills to act appropriately and confidently to protect the children you work with. £20 per person. Visit: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/get-expert-training/keeping-children-safe-online-course/>

**Children in Care Champions - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016** 1.30pm to 4.30pm (Tea/coffee available from 1.00pm). At Somerdale Pavilion, Fry's Conference and Centre, Keynsham (<http://www.fryclubconference.co.uk/#/contact-us/4544718608>). This session is aimed principally at Designated Teachers for Children in Care and other staff who work with looked after children in schools, but is **open to anyone who would find this session useful**. We'll be covering:

- Latest research on the education of children in care, from the Rees Centre at Oxford University and the National Institute for Clinical Excellence and the implications for schools
- Attachment Aware Schools – what we've learned from the school that have done the course
- Updates on:
  - Personal Education Plans and ePEP
  - Pupil Premium Plus
  - Ofsted and looked after children

There is no charge to any school or academy from any local authority for this event.

To sign up, just email [virtual\\_school@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:virtual_school@bathnes.gov.uk)

**The next Children in Care Champions training session is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at the Somerdale Pavilion, Fry's, Keynsham.**

**Understanding the needs of children & families affected by parental offending** 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016 from 10.00 – 12.00. Supporting all professionals to work with offenders' children and their families at Keynsham Community Space (above One Stop Shop), Keynsham

\*There are a limited number of places available, to confirm your place, please book via [Eventbrite](#) (link on attached flyer) or visit the i-HOP website [www.i-hop.org.uk](http://www.i-hop.org.uk)

### **B&NES Children's Workforce Training:**

To book your place on these courses or to find out more information, please visit <http://bathnes.learningpool.com>.

- **Supporting Parents and Carers to Talk to their Children about Sex and Relationships.** Monday 1st February 2016
- **Fabricated and Induced Illness**, Monday 1st February, 09.30-13:30, Keynsham
- **Initiating and recording difficult conversations**, 10th February 2016 from 10.00-12.00
- **Working with Young People around Sexual Health.** Tuesday 9th February 2016
- **Working with Hostile and Aggressive Behaviours**, 11th & 12th February, 09.30 – 16.30, Keynsham
- **Working with Parents and CSE**, Fri 4th March, 09.30 – 16.30, Keynsham
- **Neglect** - Friday 11th March, 09.30 – 16.30, Midsomer
- **CSE – Advanced**, Fri 18th March, 09.30 – 16.30, Midsomer Norton
- **Domestic Abuse** - Tuesday 29th March, 09.30 – 16.30, Midsomer Norton.
- **Basic Attitudes and Values in Sexual Health.** Wednesday 30th March 2016
- **CSE Awareness Raising**, Mon 23rd May, 09.30 – 12.30, Midsomer Norton
- **Early Help/Common Assessment Framework (CAF): A Manager's briefing**, Weds 22nd June, 09.00 – 13.00, Keynsham.
- **Working with CSE: Skills for Practice**, Tues 12th July, 09.30 – 16.30, Midsomer Norton.

**All Course Bookings for Children's Workforce Training** should be made through the new online booking system. Bookings must be made through <http://bathnes.learningpool.com/> where you can book onto courses under the following headings:

- [Early Help & Integrated Working](#)
- [Physical & Emotional Wellbeing](#)

- [Safeguarding & Child Protection](#)

Further information available from Children's Workforce Training: 01225 394210 or [childrensworkforce\\_training@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:childrensworkforce_training@bathnes.gov.uk)

**Remember there is free Child Sexual Exploitation training available from B&NES** - look for it on [the B&NES Learning pool site](#):

- Half day introductory course
- Full day course available please check the Learning Pool for dates.

If a multi-agency group gets together and wants training – Rachel will come and do the training free.

### **What is Child Sexual Exploitation?**

Child sexual exploitation is when children and young people receive something (such as food, accommodation, drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, affection, gifts, or money) as a result of performing, and/or others performing on them, sexual activities. Child sexual exploitation can occur through the use of the internet or on mobile phones. In all cases, those exploiting the child or young person have power over them because of their age, gender, intellect, physical strength and/or resources.

**Read more in the Network Meeting notes (attached with this email).**

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