

Children and Young People's Network



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

December 2015 e-bulletin

Welcome to the December 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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Early Help Board Meeting 5 November. Please find [brief notes of this meeting here](#)
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Key Points from Common Assessment Framework Quality Meeting:

- **CAF numbers.**

Completion rates of common assessments have fallen considerably, following a very strong overall performance in 2014-2015 (501). This is a cause for concern.

There are a number of hypotheses for this including some highly valid reasons such as not completing a CAF where there is an on-going social care single assessment or an Education, Health & Care (EHC) plan. These are being tested and will be reported through the Early Help Board and the LSCB.

- **Overall Quality**

The multi-agency quality assurance group has noted a simultaneous decline in the quality of common assessments, suggesting that managers do not take oversight of assessments or sign them off and that there are little or no internal quality assurance processes within services/schools. There is also confusion around the role of the lead professional, highlighted by the annual mail-out to seek family feedback.

Please Respond to the consultation on the draft Multi-Agency Early Help Strategy for Bath and North East Somerset. If you work with children and/or young people in B&NES, your response to this short questionnaire will inform the final strategy and how Early Help is delivered locally. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/early_help. **Please respond by 30th November 2015.**

- If you have any queries about the strategy or the consultation, please email EHS_Consultation@bathnes.gov.uk.

National News and Information

Sector Responses to Autumn Budget. Follow this on NCVO twitter feed:

<https://twitter.com/NCVO>

New youth work funding method to be trialled. The [National Youth Agency](#), working in partnership with law firm Bates Wells Braithwaite (BWB) Impact and Sheffield City Council, has been awarded a total of £90,000 to pilot a social impact bond to provide neighbourhood outreach youth work for young people. The initiative will support 11- to 14-year-olds to fulfil their potential and avoid behaviour that could put them at risk. **Social impact bonds are a payment-by-results system** whereby initial investors are paid returns if certain social outcomes, such as reducing reoffending or gaining employment, are achieved. The funding has been awarded through the Big Lottery Fund's [Commissioning Better Outcomes](#) development fund. [Read more here.](#)

The number of homeless children and young people in the UK has risen by 15,000 over the past year. This figure has emerged from Homelessness charity [Shelter](#) analysing latest figures on the use of temporary accommodation by families across England, Wales and Scotland. Shelter's director of services, Alison Mohammed, said: "The sad fact is, almost every day, we hear from families who've fallen on hard times and found themselves living in a single cramped room of a B&B or hostel, unable to give their children the environment they need to grow and thrive in. [Read more here.](#)

Support for the VCS – the Future of Infrastructure. At a recent conference, NCVO's Sir Stuart Etherington formally recognised [BIG Assist Beacons for Change](#), a group of infrastructure organisations working in new and exciting ways who are committed both to sharing their own stories and learning from others. Read the [full text of Stuart's speech.](#)

The NSPCC has called for greater awareness of neglect in teenagers, claiming the issue is likely to be significantly under-reported. Peter Wanless, chief executive of the NSPCC, said that where a young child is being neglected, in many cases this will carry on into their teenage years unless there is some form of intervention.

"In fact, in many cases the issue can become worse as children learn to fend for themselves out of necessity, give up on anything changing, often disguising the abuse they are suffering and are reluctant to approach services for help." Wanless said that a large rise in calls to Childline from young people where there is a concern for their mental wellbeing, including low self-esteem and unhappiness, could indicate the scale of the issue.

"We must be asking ourselves if some of these young people are presenting the longer-term signs of neglect, the impact of which can be catastrophic," he said. [Read more here.](#)

Youth offending team inspections suspended. Inspections of local authority youth offending teams (YOTs) will be suspended for a period as part of efforts to help them cope with £9m of in-year cuts that have been rubber-stamped by the Youth Justice Board.

Three "short quality screening" inspections that had been scheduled to be carried out before January, are being removed as part of a range of measures designed to help YOTs adjust to the sudden drop in funding. In addition, reporting requirements on YOTs will be relaxed for the rest of the financial year.

YJB chief executive Lin Hinnigan said proceeding with the cuts had been an "exceedingly difficult" decision. "We also recognise that these budget reductions falling as they do in-year are going to be particularly difficult for the YOTs locally to manage and will ultimately impact on outcomes for some of the most vulnerable children in our society. In addition to reducing the youth justice grant, the YJB will delay introduction of a new restraint minimisation system in Parc Young Offender Institution by two months until April 2016. [Read more here.](#)

Coram Creative Therapies as Communication Aid Video. Coram meets children from complex and traumatic backgrounds every day. Some may have witnessed violence; some are victims of neglect; and some have physical or psychological conditions that could see them socially isolated. Find out how Coram use creative therapy to help vulnerable children to communicate.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70iC3AciitA>

Grow Wild UK – Free Seed Kits: Transforming communities with wild flowers. Grow Wild UK is led by the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew and is a Big Lottery Funded project being delivered over the next 4 years to bring people together from around the UK to sow native wild flowers with [Grow Wild's free wild flower seed kits](#).

False Claims from Troubled Families Programme. A study by the [Centre for Crime and Justice Studies](#) claims that government is wasting money and its assertions that the programme has a 99 per cent success rate are “unbelievable”. The report claims many local authorities have achieved this turnaround not through family intervention work but through “data matching exercises”. Here is a link to the full paper for those interested: [The Troubled Families Programme: the perfect social policy? \(PDF\)](#). Will McMahon, deputy director at the Centre for Crime and Justice Studies, said: “There is a crying need for this programme to be subjected to proper scrutiny.” [Read more here](#).

Neglect is the most common reason for taking child protection action. Neglect happens when parents or carers can't or won't meet a child's needs. Sometimes this is because they don't have the skills or support needed, and sometimes it's due to other problems such as mental health issues, drug and alcohol problems or poverty.

Although you may be worried about a child, it's not always easy to identify neglect. There's often no single sign that a child or family need help. NSPCC have a range of really accessible resources to help with this – and other issues: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/neglect/>. **See also** the [Action on Neglect Resource Pack](#) from the Early Help Board.

Runaway Helpline - Please raise awareness, Missing People want to make sure youth professionals are aware of the runaway helpline, which is free, confidential and 24/7 and by phone, text and email. “Runaway Helpline provides information, help, support and options if you're thinking of running away or if you're already away.” The charity also hopes that professionals will be willing to promote the service and the website to young people they are working with. <http://www.runawayhelpline.org.uk/>

New report suggests charities often overstate governance costs A [report published earlier this month](#) by the Charity Commission suggests that many charities may be incorrectly overstating their governance costs in their public annual returns or their accounts. The most common mistake was to equate governance costs with general management and administration costs. **Michelle Russell, Director of Investigations, Monitoring and Enforcement at the commission, said:** We continue to be concerned that a large number of charities are not meeting the accounting requirements as set out in the Statements of Recommended Practice (SORP) and are making basic errors in their annual reporting. The incorrect reporting of financial information causes confusion, **has a real impact on public trust and confidence in charities and it is also likely to impact on how they are perceived by donors and potential supporters.** The SORPs and guidance to help charities comply with them are available on the [SORP microsite](#).

NCVO Membership Now Free for Gross income of Lower than £30,000. Some of the member benefits include:

- discounted or free services and products
- exclusive information and signposting through member only helpdesk
- up to 90% off computer software
- free consultation with HR experts
- healthcare, childcare, pension discounts

Find out more: <https://www.ncvo.org.uk/about-us/join-ncvo>

Partnership Working Guides from Clinks. Developed with reference to Transforming Rehabilitation in the Criminal Justice System, these guides still have relevance for any organisation considering collaboration:

- **Making partnerships work for you**

[This guide](#) highlights some of the issues that could arise in developing partnerships, particularly in the context of subcontracting relationships, and some of the benefits you should be looking to

secure from your partners. Written by ACEVO and Candour Collaborations in partnership with Clinks, it includes important principles that will apply in Transforming Rehabilitation arrangements and other contracting opportunities, and in other areas of your work. It offers advice on how to consider the partnerships you are entering into, or the ones you would like to develop.

- **Legal Structures and Collaborative Arrangements**

Understand some of the [legal implications of different collaborative arrangements](#) with this module, part of Clinks' guide to the [Industry Standard Partnering Agreement \(ISPA\)](#) developed for use in Transforming Rehabilitation supply chains. **The guide includes useful information for any organisation thinking about partnership work.**

Childcare problems to leave families with disabled children worse off, charities warn.

Government plans to offset benefit cuts with the expansion of free early education could leave many disabled families worse off because of the problems they face accessing childcare, a group of charities has warned. Research by Mencap, Contact a Family, the Family and Childcare Trust and the Council for Disabled Children, found disabled children are 10-times less likely to access 15 hours a week of free childcare than their non-disabled peers. The charities warn this will mean that many parents with disabled children will struggle to find extra work to offset the loss in benefits as a result of changes to the tax credit system the government wants to introduce over the next two years. [Read more.](#)

NSPCC Campaign Needs Information. To inform an upcoming campaign, the NSPCC is surveying a range of professionals about **the provision and accessibility of mental health support for children who have experienced abuse or neglect**. It is well documented that CAMHS services are stretched, but less is known about the range of therapeutic support for children who have been abused. [Please fill out this 5 - 10 minute survey](#) to help the campaign to ensure that every child who has been abused has the support they need.

Report on Young People's Mental Health. The Youth Select Committee has published its report into young people's mental health. It covers funding and the state of services; the role of educators; and awareness raising, tackling stigma and the opportunities and challenges of the digital age. [Read the report here.](#)

Local and Regional News and Information

New pre-apprenticeship programme for people with autism Bath College is running a new pre-apprenticeship programme aimed at young autistic people living in B&NES. The six month, full-time course is aimed at people aged 16-24 years of age who have the potential to achieve at least a full level two qualification, but who lack the interpersonal and employability skills to be accepted onto an apprenticeship scheme. <https://www.bathcollege.ac.uk/product/pre-apprenticeship-programme> **For more information** contact: Kim-Marie Edgell, Pre-Apprenticeship Programme Tutor, Bath College, Somer Valley Campus: kim-marie.edgell@bathcollege.ac.uk 07966980575 / 01761 433161 Ext: 350

Greggs the Bakers Product Supply Scheme. Any local organisations keen on a partnership with Greggs the bakers? They have a scheme to supply baked goods to groups at the end of each day. It can be every day, a couple times a week, or irregular. Pick up time for the goods is between 6 and 6:30pm on a weekday. Greggs are unable to keep the goods overnight due to them being 'day old' the next morning. If interested contact: Sally Ainsworth Business Connector, Bath & North East Somerset Tel: +44 (0)7552 286 382 | sally.ainsworth@bitconnect.org. Business in the Community

Your care your way Provider Briefings in January. Phase Three of the your care your way review will be to identify the providers that will deliver community health and care services in Bath and North East Somerset from April 2017. A series of market briefing events will be held throughout January where the Clinical Commissioning Group will explain in more detail how Phase 3 will be implemented. Further details will follow.

NEET Opportunity with Princes Trust. There is just one week left to refer to the '**Get Started with Rocket Cars**' programme in partnerships with the **Bloodhound Project**. The Prince's Trust are now offering Development Awards of up to **£175** for '**Get Started with Rocket Cars**' course completers. These cash awards can be used to overcome barriers into work or education, including:

- CSCS safety card & test
- Photo ID such as a Driving Licence or Passport
- Level 1 – 3 course fees such as football coaching, lifeguard training, counselling, hair & beauty
- SIA Security License (you may need to arrange other funding for the test or license)
- Safety gear & clothing for construction industry
- Hair and beauty course kits
- Interview clothing or smart work wear
- Laptops – refurbished equipment can be supplied or a contribution to cost of new items
- Travel costs to courses or work placements
- Books, materials or tools required for courses or work placements - within 12 weeks of starting

This is a one-off opportunity to not only be involved with the **high-technology project designing and building the car that will break the 1,000mph barrier and set a new world land speed record** but a fantastic opportunity to receive support to help your young person get into education, employment or training in an area of their choice. **Contact Rhian Evans for details and referrals:** enquiries.bristol@princes-trust.org.uk or call 07436 582 249 for details.

HITZ Drop In Day Wednesday 2nd December between 9.30 - 4.00pm. Bath Rugby Foundation HITZ project is holding a drop in day at the One Stop Shop in Bath If you are working with **young people aged 16-19 that are NEET** and think they would benefit from a social inclusion sports programme such as HITZ then please encourage them to come along. All young people that visit the drop in will get a free HITZ T-shirt just for enquiring. Please find a web link below to the HITZ video which explains the programme in more detail. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Vs-Orb4u9g>. **Contact Stephen Barber** by Tel: 01225 325 200, Mobile: 07563 190 102 or Email: Stephen.barber@bathrugby.com.

Free cultural awareness training for staff - Gypsies, Travellers and Boaters. Julian House, run a health care based service for Gypsy, Traveller & Boater communities in the B&NES area. They are offering free cultural awareness training to all B&NES services, and can tailor this training to your service's particular context and how you relate to people from travelling communities. The training will help staff to identify the specific cultural needs of each genre of Travellers and help them to be aware of health and welfare issues common to people from these communities. In doing so communications, relations and trust will be improved and built upon so that Gypsies, Travellers and Boaters can feel confidence in engaging with their local authority, accessing the services they are entitled to and be more empowered in general. They can deliver sessions at your workplace and at your convenience, the sessions lasting no more than one hour. Please use the contact details below to discuss further or arrange to book a session.

- **Sam Worrall. Julian House** – Gypsy, Traveller and Boater Outreach and Engagement Officer. **Email:** SamW@julianhouse.org.uk. **Tel:** 07790 0977719
- **Connie Ramsay. Julian House** – Gypsy, Traveller and Boater Outreach and Engagement Officer. **Email:** connier@julianhouse.org.uk. **Tel:** 07790 0977728

The Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases (The 'Min') is relocating services over the next 3 years and there are 2 engagement events in early December as follows:

- Tues, 2nd December 5.30-8.30pm **Specialist Paediatric CFS/ME**
- Monday, 14th December, 5.30 – 8.30pm **Paediatric and Adolescent Rheumatology**

Both events will be informal events held in the Children's Unit Outpatients department, on the RUH Combe Park site, where patients will have the opportunity to see the potential new service location, provide feedback and raise any additional questions. The CFS/ME event will also double as a celebration/thank you to those patients who have taken part in CFS/ME research projects in

recent years. Information is also available on the Trust website http://www.ruh.nhs.uk/about/service_relocations/index.asp?menu_id=9. Consultation surveys are available online with a completion deadline of 6 January at:

- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PaedCFSME>
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PAEDSRH>

Meetings, Conferences and Events

B&NES 14 – 25 Strategy Stakeholder Workshop 10 December, 9 am – 12 noon in Keynsham. To bring partners together to consider the draft 14-25 strategy, to ensure a shared vision for 14-25 year olds in the local area and a clear idea of the contribution of all partners to achieving it. [More detail on Flyer](#). To secure a place at the workshop, please contact Jean Williams by emailing jean_williams@bathnes.gov.uk Before Friday 4 December 2015.

Employment is Everyone's Business Workshop (SEND) – Monday 14th December, 10:00am – 3:30pm (Fry's Club, Keynsham). The project's overall aim is to improve employment outcomes for young people with special educational needs and disabilities. This workshop will look at how we can develop and improve employment pathways for young people with SEND in Bath and North East Somerset. [More info on flyer here](#). If you would like to book a place, please contact: Rebecca Claridge ISEND Reform Project Administrator, Bath and North East Somerset Council. Tel: 01225 477980 ext. 7980. Email: Rebecca_Claridge@bathnes.gov.uk

Bid Writing Workshop in Bristol. By the end of the workshop you will know the common pitfalls in making funding applications and the top tips to overcome them. Wed 16 December, 1.30pm - 4.30pm. Cost £100. [Further info and booking](#).

LSCB Stakeholders Event Tuesday 26th January from 09.30 – 16.30. Child Sexual Exploitation, a Year On. At The Guildhall Bath. Visit <http://bathnes.learningpool.com> to see further details about this event and for booking. If you are having trouble with logging in or registration contact B&NES Learning Pool Admin on 01225 394210

Lunchtime Webinar Series: Charities and Public Procurement. Stone King invite you to participate in a lunchtime webinar for charities to consider Public Procurement. Both webinars will provide a summary of the public procurement regime generally and in particular provide an update on the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 which came into force in February 2015.

- **Wednesday 9 December**. Particularly aimed at charities which are themselves (or could potentially be) contracting authorities under the Regulations, most likely because they are wholly or mainly funded from the public purse. It will include looking at the tests to determine whether the Regulations do apply. [Book here](#)
- **Tuesday 12 January**. Particularly aimed at service providing charities which commonly encounter the public procurement regime when tendering for services. [Book here](#).

Each webinar will run from 12:30pm - 1:30pm. Stone King welcome any specific questions in advance that you might want the webinar to cover but alternatively, there will be the option to ask questions throughout.

Developing a B&NES Mental Health and Wellbeing Charter. The charter is on the [agenda for the B&NES Health and Wellbeing Network](#) on Thursday 26 November from 9.30 - 11.30 at Manvers Street Baptist Church, Bath. It is not too late to book, if you haven't already. **Invite the Care Forum to run a focus group with your service users at your own premises**. Your service users can receive a £5 voucher and help shape the Mental Health and Wellbeing Charter! The Mental Health and Wellbeing Charter aims to:

- **Provide a clear set of statements to guide people, who require mental health support, on their wellbeing journey. The charter will promote a shared approach for you, your family, friends, professionals and organisations when supporting your mental health.**

Contact Caroline to arrange or for more information - T: 07885 586311. Please encourage everyone you work with to complete the online survey at : <http://bit.ly/1kmwm6l> before January 30th 2016. For more information please visit www.newhopebanes.org

Business and Funding

The Theatres Protection Fund is currently accepting applications from charities and not-for-profit groups in the UK that require funding to make capital improvements to their theatres. The UK Small Grants Scheme aims to target theatres that can clearly demonstrate the value capital improvements to their theatres would make to their work in local communities. Grants of up to £5,000 are available for small capital building projects that:

- Address urgent building repairs;
- Improve operational viability;
- Introduce environmental improvements; and
- Enhance physical accessibility.

Applications for technical equipment and refurbishment of soft furnishings are a low priority. When making decisions Trustees prioritise applications towards specific and recognisable items within capital projects under £250,000. To be eligible, applicants must satisfy the following criteria:

- Own or manage theatres with titles or signed leases of more than five years on buildings in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland.
- Show that they run a regular theatre programme of professional, community and/or amateur work presenting no less than 30 performances a year.
- Have a bona fide UK charitable or not-for-profit legal structure and be able to provide certified or audited accounts for at least two years.

No match funding is required. **The next deadline for applications is 12 noon on Wednesday 3 February 2016.** Full details can be found on the [Theatres Protection Fund website](http://www.theatresprotectionfund.org).

The Morrisons' Foundation – offer funding to registered charities delivering specific projects in the UK. They will also match fund any fundraising done by employees. There are no deadlines: <https://www.morrisonsfoundation.com/funding.html>

Paul Hamlyn Foundation reopens to applications. Grants for the Arts, Education and Learning, and Young People and Positive Change The **Paul Hamlyn Foundation**, which closed to applications in October 2014, has reopened with a new strategy focusing on 6 new priorities relating to the changes it wishes to see in the UK. The strategy will run from 2015 to 2021. The Foundation's UK work will focus on achieving the following strategic priorities:

1. Supporting imaginative people to nurture exciting ideas.
2. Widening access and participation in the arts.
3. Improving people's education and learning through the arts.
4. Showing that the arts make a difference to people's lives.
5. Supporting the development and growth of organisations investing in young people and positive change.
6. Improving support for young people who migrate, and strengthen integration so that communities can live well together.

Full details can be found on the [Paul Hamlyn Foundation's new website](http://www.paulhamlynfoundation.org).

Persimmon Community Champions aims to fund good causes across the UK. In the next 12 months they plan to give away up to £750,000 to fund local community initiatives. All you need to do is complete the online form, explaining why your group or charity deserves the donation. Included in your application they need to know how much you've already raised and how much you want them to donate. [Persimmon Community Champions](http://www.persimmoncommunitychampions.org)

The Hilden Charitable Fund will provide grants with an average value of £5,000 to small organisations working at community level (maximum turnover £200,000) to address disadvantages, notably by supporting causes which are less likely to raise funds from public subscriptions. The fund's grant making priorities are homelessness, penal affairs, asylum seekers and **refugees**, and community based initiatives for disadvantaged young people aged 16 to 25. **The next application deadline is 16th December 2015.** [Find out more and apply here](#)

Are Community Shares Right for You? Hundreds of community enterprises, from football clubs to heritage buildings, have already raised millions of pounds of investment from [community shares](#). Community shares can raise significant funds to get community projects off the ground by offering your community a chance to own shares in your organisation. But community shares are about more than financial investment. Each person who buys shares gets a vote in how your organisation is run. Community ownership means you gain dedicated investors and advocates who want the project to succeed. Crowdfunder UK have teamed up with the Community Shares Company to combine their expertise and provide a new way for community groups to create and manage their community share offer. [Find out if community shares are right for your project](#)

The Warburtons Trust provides two types of grant scheme with the overall aim of supporting projects, activities and organisations that will be of real benefit to families and have a direct and tangible social impact on people's lives:

1. **Community grants of up to and including £250** for organisations in England, Scotland and Wales. This scheme operates an open application process. Community grants can be used for something specific that will benefit the cause the organisation supports, such as buying equipment or supporting a community day.
2. **Project grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 for projects that will take place within 15 miles of a Warburtons bakery or depot site.** A 15 mile radius from the Bristol site includes Bath. The radius around any location can be measured using [Free Map Tools](#). Project grants are for a clear, identifiable project or to enable the organisation to extend what they currently undertake. **This scheme operates a closed application process** (this means that the Trust will contact appropriate organisations and invite an application). **So an application to the Community Grants will get you on their radar.**

Funding is available for projects that focus on supporting families that need the most help and in line with the following social themes:

Challenges:

- **Health** - help families lead healthier lifestyles.
- **Financial stability** - help families manage their finances.
- **Worklessness** - help families recognise the economic and social benefits of employment.

Opportunities:

- **Health education** - help educate families about healthy lifestyles (not for Project Grants).
- **Aspiration** - help raise career aspirations to improve prospects for them and their families.
- **Employability and skills** - help raise employment prospects for family members seeking employment.

For further information visit the [Warburtons Trust website](#).

Wallace and Gromit Children's Foundation. Grants of between **£100 and £10,000** are available to enrich and improve the quality of life of sick children in hospitals or hospices in any part of the UK. During the financial year ending 31 March 2014 the Foundation's charitable expenditure was around £3 million. Only UK registered charities are eligible to apply for a grant. **Preference is given to projects conceived by and in childrens' hospitals and hospices.** Examples of projects the Foundation is looking to support are:

- Arts, music, play and leisure programmes.
- Facilities to support families of children treated in hospitals or hospices.
- Welcoming and accessible environments.
- Care and facilities in hospices.
- Promoting education and information programmes.
- Supporting children with physical and emotional difficulties.

- Medical equipment (when it can be shown that funding is not available from statutory sources).

The deadline for applications is Friday 11 December 2015. For further information visit [Wallace and Gromit Children's Foundation](#).

The St. James's Foundation Helping Young People with Special Needs. The Foundation will support projects that provide directly for young people (under the age of 25 years) within the UK who suffer from physical or mental health difficulties or conditions, or a life threatening or degenerative illness, or are disadvantaged. This will include young people under the age of 25 caring for others. Where organisations include other groups, 75% of beneficiaries must fit the above parameters. Funding is from the **Small Grants Programme** - The amount applied for should be up to a maximum of **£10,000** in any two-year rolling period. **Applications may be submitted at any time.** Further information and an application form can be downloaded from the [Foundation's website](#).

Santander Community Plus Grants Now Open. Community Plus grants of up to £5,000 are available for local charities or local projects of national charities with funding available to cover salaries, equipment or materials. Grants must directly help disadvantaged people in your local area. Santander want to fund an entire element rather than make a contribution to a larger budget. The scheme is designed to be quick and simple to use and nominations can be made by charities as well as Santander customers and staff. There are no closing dates and entries will be considered by a panel of staff drawn from across the region every month. The only criteria for the Community Plus grants are:

- must be a UK registered charity (or in Northern Ireland on the Deemed List)
- must be a local charity or local project of a larger charity
- the grant must benefit local disadvantaged people

More information: <http://www.santanderfoundation.org.uk/community-plus.aspx>.

V-Inspired Cashpoint Who can apply? You can apply if:

- The project is run by a 14-25 year old volunteer in the UK
- The project has a clear community benefit
- The main aim of the project is not to fundraise
- The project is either completely new or something you've done before but would like to do differently
- At least two 14-25 year old volunteers can help you out
- The project costs £500 or less and vInspired cashpoint is the only funder

Find out more: <https://vinspired.com/cashpoint>

Training

Free Resources on a Range of Subjects. If the subject you want is not covered – you can also request it: <http://knowhownonprofit.org/how-to>.

Free courses on NCVO Study Zone include:

- [Writing a winning funding bid!](#)
- [Influencing decision makers and commissioners](#)
- [Effective writing for everyone](#)
- [Risk assessment toolkit](#)

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>.

- **Solution Focused Training**, Tues 15th Dec 2015 from 09.30 – 16.30. Keynsham
- **Report Writing**, Mon 11th Jan 2016 from 09.30 – 16.30. Midsomer Norton
- **Initiating and recording difficult conversations**, 10th February 2016 from 10.00-12.00

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

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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