

Children and Young People's Network



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

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Welcome to the April 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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Your Organisation's Training Needs. There is a meeting of the Children's Workforce Training Strategy Group on Monday 25 April. This meeting has been arranged to review the Children's Workforce training strategy 2015 – 2018. This is to look at training that may be offered through the Local Authority but please enter details of all your training needs that are not currently being met.

Please complete your training needs survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/R8JR8GG>

Reps Report: Emotional Health & Wellbeing Board 17 March – [read here.](#)

New Rep for Emotional Health & Wellbeing Board. We have two candidates for the representative role on this board. I have put in a request to have 2 reps for the board as a back-up in case one person is unavailable. However, if this is not granted we will need to make a choice between:

- Emma Reeves – [Trauma Recovery Centre](#) You can read about Emma under – about us – TRC Therapy Staff.
- Linda Nicklin – [Place2BE](#). Linda is the Wales and South West Service Manager.

Please vote here for your preferred candidate by [making a choice via this link](#). All responses are anonymous.

Make Sure your Organisation is Listed on the BOLD database. This database is being compiled by the Volunteer Centre with funding from St John's Bath. Talking to local funders and

commissioners over the last few weeks it looks like this will shortly become the definitive 'go-to' listing of VCSE organisations for the area. Don't miss out – make sure you are on there and the details of your services are up to date. **To have a look and add your details visit:** <http://www.vol-centre.org.uk/localdirectory> There is also a local venue hire section – make sure you are included.

National News and Information

Charity Commission Guidance on Engaging in the EU Debate . The commission already sets clear boundaries in its general guidance on political activity and campaigning. The supplementary guidance has been issued specifically for the EU referendum to provide further clarity for trustees. It should be considered, alongside the general guidance, by all charities making a decision on whether to engage with the referendum debate. [View the guidance here.](#)

Developing Practice with the Children of Prisoners The Barnardo's 'i-HOP Quality Statements and Toolkit' is a resource for all professionals to assess and develop their practice with the children of prisoners. Informed by research, policy and practice as well as practitioners and young people with a loved one in the Criminal Justice System, the toolkit is structured around eight quality statements for services to aspire to, and a rationale for why each statement is important in improving children's outcomes. It also includes examples of practice and an editable work plan for services to use in developing their work in this area. [Download the resource here.](#)

Response to Children who Display Harmful Sexual Behaviour. Barnardo's is calling on evidence for a cross-party parliamentary inquiry into 'Support and sanctions for children who display harmful sexual behaviour'. This covers a wide range of activities, from teenagers "sexting", to older children sexually abusing younger children. Recent statistics show that a third of all reported sexual offences are committed by children and young people. Significantly, there is also a strong link between children displaying harmful sexual behaviour (HSB) and going on to become a perpetrator or a victim of child sexual exploitation (CSE). The inquiry seeks to examine the response to children who display harmful sexual behaviour and if changes to legislation, policy and practice may be needed. Individuals and organisations working in this field can **submit written evidence to the inquiry by 12th April.** [Find out more and respond here.](#)

Resources Around Self-Harm. Young Minds, the Charlie Waller Memorial Trust and the Royal College of Psychiatrists have created a series of films and digital resource packs on self-harm. The aim of No Harm Done is to reassure those affected by self-harm that things can and do improve - it can be hard work, and it might feel worse before it gets better, but coming out of the other side is so worth it. All three films are from the perspective of someone who has experienced issues surrounding self-harm: young people, parents and professionals. Visit: <http://www.youngminds.org.uk/noharmdone> .

A Guide to Service User Involvement – developed by Clinks for use within the Criminal Justice System, this guide is still a useful toolkit for any organisation as the underlying principles are universal. See: http://www.clinks.org/sites/default/files/clinks_sui-guide_final-web.pdf

Child Protection in Sport Self Assessment Tool. Is your organisation doing everything it could be to keep children and young people safe in sport? This online self-assessment tool will help you find out. The tool will take you through the Standards for safeguarding children in sport developed by the Child Protection in Sport Unit. There are simple questions for each of the nine standards elements which will help you assess what your organisation still needs to do. We have produced

an information pack to guide you through each step in a bit more detail.

<https://thecpsu.org.uk/self-assessment-tool/>

Free Voluntary Sector Leadership Courses from The Open University Business School.

OUBS has announced the launch of its first free online course as part of the newly established Centre for Voluntary Sector Leadership (CVSL). The philanthropically funded centre will become a primary resource for voluntary sector organisations giving access to **leadership development modules and research-led insight.**

The first free module, also known as a Badged Open Course (BOC), is ***Introducing the Voluntary Sector***. It is an eight week course covering the context and features of voluntary and community organisations including the structure and history of the UK voluntary sector; values and beliefs; funding issues; understanding stakeholders and beneficiaries; power and empowerment; and the role of volunteering. The course will be hosted on the OU's free open educational resource website [OpenLearn](#) and is **aimed at learners working (or aspiring to work) as paid members of staff or as volunteers in voluntary or community organisations.** The second course, *Working in the Voluntary Sector*, will be available later this year. [Read more here.](#)

Report on annual survey of local Compacts published

This year's report paints a cautiously optimistic picture for local partnership working. They show that the **Compact continues to be a valuable mechanism for cross-sector engagement**, especially with new commissioning bodies such as the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) and Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs). As commissioning becomes more localised and fragmented, fostering meaningful partnerships with these bodies will become ever more important for voluntary organisations that deliver public services. We do not have a Compact Agreement in B&NES.

Councils face DfE 'clawback' of millions in Sure Start grants. An initial £540m was allocated by Tony Blair's Labour government between 1999 and 2002 to establish a nationwide network of Sure Start children's centres. But under a contractual 'clawback' system, local authorities that “dispose of or change the use of buildings or assets funded wholly or partly through Sure Start capital grants” risk being told to pay back the money. Local authorities are required to notify the DfE of proposals to change services, and must provide details of the level of early years services that will continue. The DfE then decides whether the council is continuing to provide a sufficient level of early years services to meet the original aims of the grant. The clawback clause lasts for 25 years, meaning that councils could be asked to repay money if they mothball buildings or reduce services until 2024 at the very earliest. [Read more here.](#)

Changes to SEN Funding Arrangements May Reduce Support. The government has proposed changes to how it allocates funding to councils for children with SEN through the so-called “high-needs” element of the dedicated schools grant (DSG). Tim Nicholls, policy manager at the National Autistic Society, said he is concerned some children could see a reduction in support as a result of the proposed changes. [Read more here.](#)

Child Sex Offending Reports – 5 an hour across 45 Police Forces. The NSPCC has obtained freedom of information data from 45 police forces in the UK which indicates that there were 45,456 child sex offences reported last year, the equivalent of 124 a day or five an hour. NSPCC's [It's Time campaign](#) is calling on the government to increase funding for support services for children who have suffered abuse. [Read more here.](#)

Safe Network Resources Move Home. From April 2016 Safe Network will close, and the NSPCC will be the new home for safeguarding support for the voluntary, community and faith sectors. Since the creation of Safe Network in 2009 the [NSPCC](#) and [Children England](#) have worked together in partnership, to develop and deliver a range of tailored safeguarding resources and services for the voluntary and community sector. The service was funded by the Department for Education up until March 2015. However, since the contract with the government ended last year, funding for the Safe Network, which now runs on a reduced scale, has come solely from the NSPCC. In a time when providing quality safeguarding support to the voluntary and community sector is as important as ever, the NSPCC has decided to carry on the good work which Safe Network has started. [Safe Network's tools and resources have found a new home](#), integrated with the NSPCC's mainstream services, and will continue to draw on the knowledge and experience of NSPCC experts and external partners across the UK.

Plans to turn all schools into academies come under fire. Government plans to force all schools to become academies have come in for criticism from local authorities and teaching unions. [Read more here.](#)

Support for professionals who are worried about children in the workplace. The Whistleblowing Advice Line offers free advice and support to professionals with concerns about how child protection issues are being handled in their own or another organisation. If you think an organisation is putting children at risk, even if you're not certain, call us today to talk through your concerns. [More information here.](#)

The role of youth groups in working with young people with complex needs a major study commissioned by UK Youth. The report found that, despite funding cuts, youth groups provide valuable support to the most vulnerable young people in society. Read more here: [Local Youth Groups Today \(PDF\)](#).

Gulf in understanding between parents and young people over self-harm. This [press release](#) advises that two new surveys commissioned by a consortium of leading UK youth charities for Self-Harm Awareness Day 2016 suggest that there is a gulf in understanding about self-harm and where young people should go for support. For example, 40 per cent of parents believe that one of the reasons young people usually self-harm is "attention seeking". In a separate survey, young people themselves said that the main reasons were low self-esteem, bullying and depression.

Central YMCA – A world of good: the challenge of being young in modern Britain

This YMCA [report](#) of the biggest challenges facing young people today presents the findings of a survey asking 1600 young people, and those working with them on a daily basis, to assess the nature of the challenges they face. It reveals that the biggest causes of harm to young people in Britain today are failing to succeed within the education system, a lack of employment opportunities, and issues related to body image.

£520m 'sugar tax' set to fund child health initiatives. The money raised from the levy will be used to double the primary school PE and sport premium from £160m a year to £320m a year from September 2017 to "help schools support healthier, more active lifestyles". Meanwhile 25 per cent of secondary schools will be able to opt in to a longer school day from September 2017 so that they can offer a wider range of activities for pupils. The government will provide up to £285m a year to pay for this. "[Longer school hours] will be voluntary for schools. Compulsory for the pupils," Osborne said. - [See more here.](#)

Local and Regional News and Information

Transgender awareness: working with the Trans community. This half-day course, provided by The Diversity Trust, will be very useful to those working in the health sector (particularly mental health), children and young people's services, and to a wide range of voluntary and community sector organisations.

The overall aim of the course is to help organisations improve the services they deliver to transgender people, including:

- What is Trans? – trans people from a social, biological, medical and historical viewpoint
- Legal overview – including the Gender Recognition Act 2004, Equality Act 2010 and the Equality Duty
- Best practice guidance to help your organisation improve service delivery to transgender people
- Practical ideas on other issues, including how to support transgender staff, and when and how to monitor gender identity

There are two courses taking place in B&NES.

- **Wednesday 11 May**, 9.30am - 12.30pm: Keynsham Community Space, Civic Centre, Market Walk, Keynsham, Bristol, BS31 1FS. T: 0117 965 4444 W: <http://bit.ly/1S2Wyku>
- **Wednesday 22 June**, 2 - 5pm: South Down Methodist Church, The Hollow, Bath, BA2 1NJ. T: 0117 965 4444 W: <http://bit.ly/1OwqGOf>. See here for [Flyer](#).

Practical guide to engaging with Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs)

This guide for voluntary organisations provides practical steps to follow to develop relationships with Local enterprise partnerships (LEPs). Produced in partnership with NCVO this briefing gives an overview of how LEPs work and sets out some practical tips to help you engage with these increasingly important partners for accessing European funding. [Practical guide to engaging with Local Enterprise Partnerships \(LEPs\)](#)

Other Guides for Engaging with Local Commissioners – Clinical commissioners, Police and Crime Commissioners etc. can be found here:

<http://www.compactvoice.org.uk/resources/briefings-and-guidance>

CONFIDENCE BOOSTING SESSIONS for children and young people who have been bullied.

A newly formatted course based on the ZAP day is being trialled this spring 2016. The course, run over two half days rather than the previous single day, aims to boost the self-confidence of **children and young people in years 5-9** who are being bullied, have been bullied in the past or may become targets for bullying.

Two courses are being piloted in April/May and June 2016, the first for secondary aged pupils and the second for those at primary school. Pupils attend on both dates allocated to a course.

- **Course 1 For secondary pupils in years 7-9**

Session 1 Saturday 23rd April'16 9.30-12.30

Session 2 Saturday 14th May'16 9.30-12.30

- **Course 2 For primary school pupils in years 5-6**

Session 1 Saturday 4th June '16 9.30-12.30

Session 2 Saturday 18th June'16 9.30- 12.30

Please be aware that funding from schools needs to be negotiated and cannot be guaranteed. For more information and referral forms contact, Christine Tanner:

chrismary.tanner@gmail.com , Telephone 01761-451225.

Devolution deal proposed to boost the West of England economy. A devolution deal offering to boost the West of England economy with over £1 billion worth of investment and bring new opportunities for businesses and residents was announced by Chancellor, George Osborne in his recent budget speech. Leaders of the West of England councils, the Mayor of Bristol and the Government have negotiated the proposed agreement seeking to devolve significant powers, funding and responsibilities to the region. Negotiations have also been supported by the West of

England Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). This agreement will go to all four councils for consideration, who will then make a decision on how to proceed. The move would represent a major change, bringing decisions on transport, investment, funding, skills training, business support, housing and strategic planning to the West of England and away from central government [Find out more here.](#)

Meetings, Conferences and Events

Interagency Meeting dates 2016:

- **Wednesday 20th April, 12pm - 2pm**
Council Chamber, The Hollies, Midsomer Norton
- **Wednesday 18th May, 12pm - 2pm**
Community at 67, Queens Road, Keynsham
- **Tuesday 14th June, 12.30pm - 2pm**
Southdown Methodist Church, Bath
- **Wednesday 20th July, 12pm - 2pm**
Council Chamber, The Hollies, Midsomer Norton
- **Tuesday 18th October, 12pm - 2pm**
Chew Magna Baptist Church, Tunbridge Road, Chew Magna
- **Wednesday 16th November, 12pm - 2pm**
Community at 67, Queens Road, Keynsham

View online here: <http://tinyurl.com/zenhyme> .

University of Gloucester Youth Workshops (free) – despite saying these are just for organisations working in the area, I have checked with the contact provided and been told they are open, and free, to groups from all areas.

- **To book a place on the European funding workshop**, Thursday 7th April 2016, Time: 5.15-6.15pm, follow this link

http://store.glos.ac.uk/browse/extra_info.asp?compid=1&modid=1&deptid=4&catid=86&prodid=2446

- **To book a place on the Youth Resources workshop** 13 April 2016, Time: 6-7.30pm, follow this link:

http://store.glos.ac.uk/browse/extra_info.asp?compid=1&modid=1&deptid=4&catid=86&prodid=2447

Sexting, pornography and other shared sexual images: helping young people address the risks. A learning day for frontline professionals and managers working with young people **22 June 2016, Birmingham.** Sexting' – sending sexually explicit pictures or messages - among children and young people has become so common that many regard it as normal. Linked to the widespread accessing and sharing of on-line pornography, peer pressure is forcing young people to engage in activities which carry big risks Many children combine a high level of skill in using social media, which far exceeds that of their parents or teachers, with a worrying lack of concern about sharing explicit images of themselves. Cost £130 per delegate. [Find out more here.](#)

Reconstruct Regional Briefing: The Child's Voice - Bristol 27th June. This 3 hour session will consider the findings from recent **Serious Case Reviews that the child's voice is not being heard** and that children often seem invisible. Participants will then hear directly from one of Reconstruct's trainers who is a care-leaver about her own **lived experience of being a child involved with social services.** Finally participants will be offered the opportunity to learn and **practice new techniques for effectively engaging and communicating with children and young people.** The briefing is designed to link to the [knowledge and skills statements](#) and will ensure that participants leave with the skills needed to keep the child's voice central to their practice. Places cost £55 per person with a reduced rate available for group bookings. Participants can choose from one of the following three hour sessions: 9.30am - 12.30pm / 1.30pm - 4.30pm / 5.00pm - 8.00pm. Book early to ensure you get the time slot of your choice by calling us on 01895 549910 or emailing admin@reconstruct.co.uk

Business and Funding

B&NES Funding Bulletin – have you signed up? [View latest bulletin & info here.](#)

The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust is inviting applications on the theme of Children and Youth. Grants of between £1,000 and £3,000 are available to UK registered charities for projects taking place within the UK. Priority will be given to projects focussing on homelessness, domestic abuse, prisoners/offenders, training and education, counselling and support, and activities for those with limited access or opportunities. The next deadline for applications is 1st June. [Find out more and apply here](#)

The Southwest Foundation's Make a Difference fund is offering grants of up to £1,000 to voluntary and community groups in **Bath and North East Somerset**, Bristol, North Somerset, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Cotswold, South Gloucestershire, Swindon, Wiltshire, Exeter, North Devon, East Devon, Mid-Devon, South Hams, Torbay and Plymouth, **where Sovereign's homes exist. (Including Holcombe Green, Sulis Meadow, The Hollow, Culvers, Chew Stoke, Paulton and Peasdown).** They are keen to fund activities that help people who are not currently in employment along the path toward employment, that bring about improvement to the lives of people such as older people, disabled people, people on low incomes, young people and children, and people with mental health issues; and that will help to improve the living environment. Applications can be submitted at any time. Smaller organisations will be given priority and a decision is aimed to be given within 14 days. [Find out more and apply here](#)

Changes Announced to Santander Foundation's UK Grant Programmes. From March 2016, the Santander Foundation will be known as the Discovery Foundation. Santander UK's new flagship community programme *The Discovery Project* aims to help disadvantaged people gain the confidence needed to make the most of their future. The pre-existing grant programmes – Community Plus, Money Skills and Learn and Grow – have all now been streamlined into one singular grant scheme, the Discovery Grant. These grants, of up to £5,000, will support projects addressing knowledge, skills and innovation to give disadvantaged people the confidence to discover and create a new world of opportunities. The application process has been simplified, and Community Interest Companies and Credit Unions are now also able to apply alongside registered UK charities. [Read more here.](#)

Development Fund Open to Organisations Working with Unpaid Carers, or the rehabilitation of offenders or ex-offenders within the UK. Grants are available for up to £80,000 over three years with a maximum of £35,000 in year one. The emphasis of the Development Grant is to support the development of a solid foundation for the future. The grant could, for example, be used to enable an organisation to make a step change such as diversifying its income streams or setting up a social enterprise to help it become more sustainable in the long term. **N.B. The sole purpose of applicants' constitution must be to support unpaid carers or the rehabilitation of offenders or ex-offenders.** The deadline for applications is **28 April 2016 (12 noon).** <http://www.triangletrust.org.uk/what-we-fund>

Pitch Improvement Programme Launches across England. The FA has launched an £8 million commitment to improve grass football pitches across the country between now and 2019. The Pitch Improvement Programme (PIP) will also be offering a range of measures to help develop the skills and knowledge of the volunteers and groundsmen. **Grassroots football clubs in England who own their own site and/or are responsible for maintenance of the grass pitches are eligible to apply for support.** No minimum or maximum amounts of funding support have been specified. However, clubs will be required to pay a small fee to set

up the initial IOG meeting, assessment and report but clubs that hold the FA Charter Standard Club award may be eligible for a discount on this fee from their local County FA. The PIP is being administered by local County FAs throughout the country. Applicants should contact the relevant local office to enquire about the Expression of Interest procedure. Find yours here: <http://www.thefa.com/about-football-association/county-fas>

Access to Drinking Water Grants Now Available from The Children's Health Fund.

Organisations in the UK are now invited to apply for funding to promote or provide access to drinking water in public spaces where children and young people gather to learn, play or congregate. In August 2015, Jamie Oliver - in collaboration with Sustain - established the Children's Health Fund. The aim of the Fund is to encourage restaurants to put a 10 pence levy on non-alcoholic soft drinks with added sugar. Money raised from this levy will be paid into the **Children's Health Fund to support programmes and schemes designed to improve children's health and food education.** The first grants from this new fund are now available for organisations to establish projects which promote or provide children and young people with access to drinking water. Visit: <http://www.childrenshealthfund.org.uk/grants/>

Small Charities Fundraising Training Programme now open. Charities can sign up for a range of free or low cost training opportunities through the Cabinet Office's small charities fundraising training programme. The programme, worth over £100,000, will provide expert training to small charities from February to June 2016. It will help charities with an annual income of up to £1 million to generate more income to support their vital work. Read more here: <http://www.voscur.org/news/87919>

Training

Paediatric First Aid. Do you need to do a Paediatric First Aid Course this year? Bath Area Play Project will be running training over the summer. For enquiries contact: bookings@bathareaplayproject.co.uk.

Improve Your Success at Online Fundraising. Book your place today for an upcoming workshop on the secrets of Crowdfunding.

- **Swindon:** 6th April 2016 [Book tickets](#)
- **Plymouth:** 7th April 2016 [Book tickets](#)

More dates available elsewhere. The Cabinet Office are underwriting most of the costs. This enables us to offer places valued at £175, for **only £25 per person** for smaller charities – those with an income under £1 million – and £95 per person for larger charities. Prices exclusive of booking fee but inclusive of refreshments and lunch! **There are also taster webinars.** Read More here: <http://www.globalgiving.co.uk/crowdfunding-training/>

Trauma Recovery Centre Training a range of training is on offer including: Key Skills for those supporting traumatised people (25th May); and a newly added taster day of creative therapies which will be perfect for those who are interested in the profession - to gain insight into what creative therapists do, how they do it and how it facilitates recovery (27th May). [Find out more here.](#)

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>.

- **Workshop Raising Awareness of PREVENT** , Community Space, One Stop Shop, Keynsham
 - Thurs 31st March 2016 - 09.30 – 10.30
 - Thurs 31st March 2016 - 11.30 – 12.30

- Thurs 31st March 2016 - 13.30 – 14.30

WRAP explains how people are manipulated by extremist ideologies and what 'vulnerability' looks like in this context, to prevent young people being drawn into terrorism or extremism. The ONE hour workshop aims to help practitioners understand the risks and vulnerabilities and is particularly valuable for anyone working with families and young people, but it is designed to suit all front-line workers.

- **Hearing the Voice of the Child Workshop** Weds 13th April, 10.00 – 12.00, Keynsham
- **Mental Health First Response**, Mon 9th & Tues 10th May, 09.30 – 16.30. Keynsham. This **2 day course** teaches people how to identify, understand and help a person who may be developing a mental health problem, this training will be facilitated by CAMHS
- **CSE Awareness Raising**, Mon 23rd May, 09.30 – 12.30, Midsomer Norton
- **Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)**, Thurs 26th May & Fri 27th May, 09.30 – 16.30. Keynsham. A **two day**, skills building workshop that prepares caregivers to provide suicide first aid interventions. This course is led by PAPYRUS – the national charity dedicated to the prevention of young suicide. **Also available on 20 – 21 June. 9:00 – 5:00.**
- **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.

Child Sexual Exploitation Training:

- **Working with Child Sexual Exploitation: Legal Processes.** Keynsham. Mon 25th April, 09.30 – 12.30
- **Child Sexual Exploitation - Awareness Raising**, Keynsham. Mon 23rd May, 09.30 – 12.30
- **Child Sexual Exploitation – Advanced Training**, Keynsham, Mon 13th June, 09.30 – 16.30
- **Working with CSE: Skills for Practice**, Midsomer Norton, Tues 12th July, 09.30 – 16.30

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