

Children and Young People's Network



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

May 2016 e-bulletin

Welcome to the May 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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Next Network Meeting Tuesday 7 June 10:00 – 12:30 at Odd Down Community Centre, BA2

2TL. Topics:

- The final draft of the 14-25 Strategy
- An introduction to [Kooth](#) – online counselling for 11 – 18 year olds in B&NES (Commissioned service)
- Local Giving will be outlining the support programme they will be offering to groups in B&NES. **N.B This opportunity is primarily targeted at smaller groups who have not yet got to grips with online fundraising.** Please see more about this type of support: <https://localgiving.org/what-we-do/programmes/regional-development> . If there is sufficient interest there will be an opportunity for short 1 to 1 sessions to discuss the needs of individual organisations.

Contact sue@bapp.org.uk for bookings.

Representative Opportunity – Healthy Weight Strategy Group. We are looking for someone to represent the Network on this new strategy group. Dates for this year are:

4th May

3rd August

2nd November

All meetings are in the **Boardroom, Kempthorne House, St Martin's from 2 - 4.30pm.** Please

see this document on the [Role of the CYPN Rep.](#) If you are interested please contact

sue@bapp.org.uk. If you would just like an informal chat of what this role entails call Sue on 01225 832479.

Representative Opportunity – SEND Strategy Group. This newly reformed strategy group will meet for the first time on 24th May 9.30-12noon at Threeways School. Please see this document on the [Role of the CYPN Rep.](#) If you are interested please contact sue@bapp.org.uk. If you would just like an informal chat of what this role entails call Sue on 01225 832479.

New Representative on the Emotional Health & Wellbeing Board. Emma Reeves of the Trauma Recovery Centre has been elected as our representative on this board with 2/3 of the member votes. Emma can be contacted on emma.reeves@trc-uk.org. Next EHWPB Board is 16 June and one of the forward Agenda items is the impact of parental imprisonment. Please contact Emma if you have any comments.

Save the Date – Tuesday 20 September 2016. This will be the date of our 3rd Network Meeting of the year and one which is held in conjunction with the Volunteer Centre and our Business in the Community local Business Connector Julie Poll. Julie has found a consultant who will deliver a

free session on “setting a vision for our organisation”. The session will run from 10:00am – 4:00pm and will be open to any VCS group in B&NES. More information will be available shortly.

National News and Information

Safeguarding Children in Religious or Faith Settings: The NSPCC has created 6 short films showing how to safeguard children within religious or faith settings.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/fighting-for-childhood/news-opinion/safeguarding-children-young-people-faith-settings/>

Effects of Child Poverty Reports:

- The Joseph Rowntree Foundation has published a report on the effects of poverty on **children’s friendships and family life**. Key findings include: children living in poverty are four times more likely to bully other children and twice as likely to be bullied; children living in poverty are less likely to talk to family members about their concerns. [Read report here.](#)
- The Children’s Society has published a report on the **links between child poverty and mental health issues**. Recommendations include: the direct and indirect impacts of income poverty on children’s mental health should be considered when making national and local mental health policy. [Read report here.](#)

Become an Impact Champion. NCVO Charities Evaluation Services is a lead partner in [Inspiring Impact](#), a 10-year programme that aims to change the way the voluntary sector thinks about impact. They want to support you to improve your impact practice, that is; the way you plan, evidence, communicate and learn from the difference that your work makes. They are currently looking for charities, funders, membership bodies and social enterprises to be Impact Champions and play a vital role in raising awareness about the value of measuring impact.

Organisations that volunteer to be an Impact Champion will have opportunities to share their good work as part of a UK-wide programme promoting impact measurement practices. They will also have access to a network of like-minded organisations and experts to share ideas, thinking and approaches about measuring impact. Learn more about [Impact Champions](#) or [email Lynn Simmonds](#).

Open consultation: Converting to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

In 2013, the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was introduced as a new legal structure to meet the needs of small charities in England and Wales. Since then it has proved popular with over 6,500 new CIOs registered. Some charities that have been established with the company structure may wish to convert to the CIO structure, and some community interest companies may also wish to become charities and adopt the CIO structure. These draft regulations would provide a simple process for them to do so.

It also sets out a provisional timetable for phased implementation, to assist the Charity Commission in managing anticipated demand for conversions.

The consultation invites feedback on the proposed conversion process, and associated consequential changes. [Read more here:](#)

DfE refuses to release controversial study on outsourcing children’s services. The Department for Education (DfE) has refused to release the findings of a controversial study examining how children’s services can be delivered outside of local authority control following a five-month Freedom of Information (FOI) battle. [Read More](#)

Abused: The Untold Story, first broadcast on 11 April on BBC One, is now available on iPlayer. [Find link here.](#)

Support Share New Philanthropy Capital and NSPCC are piloting a new information-sharing platform for organisations **supporting children to rebuild their lives after abuse or neglect**. SupportShare.org enables organisations to share ideas, evidence, and best practice. By

exchanging information on what works, they hope this will help organisations learn from each other, improve services, and build a community. <http://www.supportshare.org/about/>

Volunteers Week 1 – 12 June 2016 [Download your digital resource pack \(pdf\)](#) - it has everything you need to help plan your Volunteers' Week celebrations, including bunting, the logo and press release templates.

Legal Requirement: "People with Significant Control" register launched April 6th. All companies, **including charities and social enterprises**, (with the exception of some companies limited by shares), will be impacted by a change in the law which comes into effect from 6th April 2016. Companies will be required to maintain a register of people with significant control, a 'PSC Register'. For further information and guidance visit:

- <http://www.footanstey.com/bulletins/3189-attention-companies-are-you-rea...>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-the-people-with-s...>

The Children & Young People Now Awards 2016 - Now Open. Now in their eleventh year, these awards provide a great source of pride and recognition for professionals who strive to improve the lives of others. They offer an opportunity to raise the profile of projects and initiatives to funders and the general public. And they present a tremendous showcase of learning and best practice from across the country that can be an inspiration to all. **Entry Deadline 1 July.** Find out more here: <http://www.cypnawards.com/>

Local and Regional News and Information

Teaching Resources for Mental Health – there are new PSHE teaching resources for secondary schools and colleges following consultation and co-produced with young people. These have been trialled in some schools and will be available shortly on <http://www.directorofpublichealthaward.org.uk/content/resources> Hard copies are being sent to schools and colleges. VCS agencies that work with children/young people and families and need to get a copy should email: kate_murphy@bathnes.gov.uk . Primary packs are being reprinted now. Please let me know if you would be interested in a training event on using these resources as we could set one up via the Network. Email me at sue@bapp.org.uk
The next Primary Parliament is being organised on the subject of Mental Health.

Launch of Online Counselling Service KOOTH.com in B&NES. KOOTH.com is an online counselling and support service, with over 12 years' experience of delivering emotional and mental health services to children and young people. They are currently operational in over 30 other Local Authority and CCG areas.

"We promote and integrate our service in lots of different ways to make sure young people can find out about us. They simply need to sign up at KOOTH.com to access the service, and can access professional support up to 10pm 365 days per year.

It is available to all young people in Bath aged 11-18. We have sent out letters to 5 schools initially, with the offer of promotional materials, and twilight awareness raising sessions for staff, so they can help signpost young people to the service, and can be aware of how we integrate the service around existing support structures.

We can also provide the same awareness raising sessions for any other agency working with young people in Bath NES."

Contact Aaron Sefi : aaron@xenzone.com or come to the Network meeting on 7 June to find out more.

Too Much Information - Local Support for Raising Awareness of Autism. Ralph Hemus, who works as a Postroom Assistant in the Council and is also a Young Ambassador for the National Autistic Society, composed a sincere insight which he asked the Council to share in order to increase people's understanding and appreciation of autism. **You can read Ralph's open letter**

in full at www.bathnes.gov.uk/CelebrateWithRalph, and **watch a powerful video** that the National Autistic Society has made to launch their Too Much Information campaign: <http://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/tmi.aspx>.

Here is a great idea from one 8 year old with autism which has helped him and his family in difficult social situations: [Read Dan's idea here.](#)

Charity Commission Improved registration service has been launched.

The Charity Commission, the independent regulator of charities for England and Wales, has launched a new public beta online charity registration service. [Read more here.](#)

Learning South West goes into Administration The Board of Trustees of Learning South West decided to put the organisation into administration, taking effect on 7th April, last week. On that day all the staff were made redundant and the organisation has ceased to trade. The process has been very quick and staff were not aware that this was under consideration until it happened. If you have queries about impact of youth work from now on, the first point of contact should be the Centre for Youth Impact <https://www.youthimpact.uk/> which continues to provide leadership in this area. For workforce development queries contact Maralyn Smith at National Youth Agency (maralyns@nya.org.uk). British Youth Council will continue to support youth voice in the region. I'm including a link to the Learning South West website. It might not be there for much longer, so download any historical documents you think would be useful <http://www.learning-southwest.org.uk/regional-youth-work/youth-sector-capacity-building/guidance-information/>.

Riverside Youth Hub Office Let Opportunity. Two large office spaces available to let at Riverside Youth Hub, York Place, London Road, Bath, BA1 6AE. Situated near the city centre with parking each office space would accommodate 6 - 10 desks with access to kitchen/café area. For further information or informal discussion please contact **Dave Wiles... Youth Connect Team Leader (Bath)** Bath and North East Somerset on 01225 394482 or Mob: 0779 910 8339 or 0753 026 3415 E.Mail: Dave_Wiles@bathnes.gov.uk

Employment Opportunities

- **Mentoring Plus - Community Fundraiser** - x25 hours a week, an initial x1 year contract with potential to renew. Further details can be found online with an application deadline of 28th April. <http://www.mentoringplus.net/new-fundraising-vacancy-at-mentoring-plus>
- **Off the Record – Operations Manager and fundraisers** – please see details of these vacancies here: <http://www.offtherecord-banes.co.uk/jobs-volunteering/current-job-vacancies/>

Bristol Safeguarding Children Board has published the final report of a serious case review into Operation Brooke. Key findings include: the multi-agency system is not set up to provide an effective and timely response for adolescents with a complexity of needs; professionals can struggle to distinguish between sexual abuse, sexual exploitation and/or underage sexual activity; there is a pattern of focusing more on stopping victims having further contact with perpetrators and less on disrupting and preventing the abuse and prosecuting the perpetrators. [The Brooke Serious Case Review into Child Sexual Exploitation \(PDF\)](#)

Updated Policies and Message from Independent Chair of the LSCB

- The first Key Messages from the Independent Chair (a summary of the last LSCB meeting agreed as part of our Communications strategy) http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/sitedocuments/Children-and-Young-People/ChildProtection/key_messages_from_the_lscb_march_2016.pdf
- Revised Learning and Improvement Framework (approved at LSCB 1/3/16) http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/sitedocuments/Children-and-Young-People/ChildProtection/bnes_lscb_learning_improvement_framework_2016.pdf

- Revised Children Missing from Home and Care Protocol (approved at LSCB 1/3/16) http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/sitedocuments/Children-and-Young-People/ChildProtection/children_missing_from_home_care_2016.pdf

Police and Crime Commissioner for the Avon and Somerset Police Area – candidate

information. On Thursday 5 May 2016, voters across the Avon and Somerset Police area will go to the polls to elect a Police and Crime Commissioner. Details about the following candidates have been published today at <https://www.choosemypcc.org.uk/area/avon-somerset>:

- Kerry Barker, Labour Party
- Chris Briton, Green Party
- Paul Crossley, Liberal Democrats
- Aaron Warren Foot, UK Independence Party (UKIP)
- Sue Mountstevens, Independent
- Kevin Stewart Phillips, Independent
- Mark Weston, The Conservative Party Candidate

More information on the election is available on the Avon and Somerset PCC Election 2016 website www.avonpccselection2016.org.uk.

Keynsham Area Forum Meeting The Area Forums form part of Bath & North East Somerset's 'Connecting Communities' programme and bring together public services, local organisations and residents to address the areas of local concern in the community, share skills and ideas and provide a useful channel for local residents to raise concerns with partners such as the Police and the Council. Butterflies-Haven who offer support to young people with autism and their families showcased their work and one of the young people who attends Butterflies-Haven, shared their story about some of the challenges they have faced. The Community Showcase will now be a regular feature at future Forum meetings. **The Forum would like to hear from any community group located within the Keynsham Area Forum who would like to attend a future meeting and share their stories**, successes or seek support from the Forum. Keynsham Area Forum covers the town and villages of: Keynsham, Chelwood, Compton Dando, Corston, Farmborough, Saltford, Whitchurch, Marksbury. Contact Sara Dixon, email: sara_dixon@bathnes.gov.uk or tel: 01225 396594. Future Forum meetings dates: 30th June, 28th Sept and 22nd November. All meetings are held in the evening from 6pm. Venues to be confirmed. To find out more about the Forums visit: <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/neighbourhoods-and-community-safety/localism-and-community-planning>

Project Search (BANES/Bath College) are recruiting for students for September. Information and application forms can be found here: <https://www.bathcollege.ac.uk/product/project-search>
The very best way for potential applicants to find out more is to come along to the **open day on Wednesday 4th May, 10am – 2pm at the Guildhall in Bath**. This is a drop in session for people to find out more, meet the tutor and job coaches and get any questions answered. **If you need any further information** please contact Ashleigh Taylor at Bath College on Ashleigh.taylor@bathcollege.ac.uk.

Get up to speed with broadband voucher scheme. Residents, businesses and communities across Bath and North East Somerset with a current broadband speed of under 2Mbps could benefit from a new broadband voucher scheme being offered through the Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) programme. The scheme will provide a subsidy of up to £500, in the form of a voucher code, to fund the installation of a new broadband connection. Each premise can choose their supplier from those listed on the website: www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/cds-broadband-voucher-scheme with every solution guaranteeing a minimum of 10Mbps download speed. For more details on the broadband voucher scheme, visit: www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/cds-broadband-voucher-scheme.

Meetings, Conferences and Events

B&NES Health Inequalities Inquiry Day 11 May. The day will run from 9.30am to 2.30pm at the Guildhall in Bath. The aim of the event is to help local organisations better understand health and social inequalities in B&NES, set out current progress or gaps and identify actions we could take to improve these. The key themes of the workshops will be:

- Pregnancy and early years
- Education and lifelong learning
- Employment
- Places and communities
- Health improvement
- Inequity and inequality in health services

The output of the day will be written up and presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board at its July meeting with recommendations on next steps for local organisations and partnerships.

[Programme for the day.](#) **Bookings by email to:** HWB@BATHNES.GOV.UK giving your name, role and organisation.

Chew Valley Transport Strategy Public Consultation event, Tuesday 26th April, 4pm - 8pm at The Library, Chew Valley Secondary School. The transport work will look to recommend improvements or measures to address existing problems. It will also take into account the Council's Core Strategy which is proposing limited additional housing in the Chew Valley between 2011 & 2029. For more information about the strategy goto the Council's [website](#). For those who cannot attend the event but wish to make their views known a questionnaire is available [online](#).

Inter-Agency Meetings:

- **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

For further information about these meetings contact: Sara Dixon, Stronger Communities Team, Bath & North East Somerset Council. Tel: 01225 396594 or email: sara_dixon@bathnes.gov.uk

Business and Funding

Santander Launches £2.5M Small Grants Programme. The Santander Foundation — Santander's community grants and funding arm — has just been relaunched as The Discovery Foundation with a new £2.5m programme of small grants of up to £5,000 for charities, CICs, voluntary and community groups and social enterprises.

The grants are available in three categories:

1. Explorer — improving knowledge and insight

Examples could include Money Management workshops to help people understand how to budget and identify affordable credit choices. A Freedom Training course giving abused women knowledge of how to regain control over their lives.

2. Transformer — developing skills and experience

Examples could include work-based training and mentors to help socially isolated people develop skills to get back into work. Sign language training for parents with hearing impaired children. Or teaching young people with autism vocational skills.

3. Changemaker — innovative solutions to social challenges

Examples could include a new social networking program for visually impaired young people which uses specially developed braille laptops to access the internet. An inclusive cycling social enterprise which adapts bicycles to enable people with disabilities to enjoy the outdoors.

[More on the Santander website](#)
[Discovery Foundation](#)

BBC Children in Need is currently accepting applications from charities and not-for-profit organisations in the UK that support children and young people who are 18 years and younger. Small grants and Large grants are available to not-for-profit organisations in the UK that are supporting children and young people of 18 years and under who are experiencing disadvantage through:

- Illness, distress, abuse or neglect.
- Any kind of disability.
- Behavioural or psychological difficulties.
- Living in poverty or situations of deprivation.

The deadlines for Small Grant applications are 1 June, 1 September, and 1 December 2016.

The deadlines for Main Grant applications are 15 May and 15 September 2016.

Read more: [BBC Children in Need Grants](#)

McMillan's Supporting You to Help Others Grant Programme helps give people affected by cancer the opportunity to use their experiences to support others, while also receiving support themselves. We especially welcome applications that contribute to achieving Macmillan's Inclusion vision of a health and social care system where equal access to, and delivery of the best cancer services are available to everyone living with and beyond cancer.

The grants we offer:

- **Start up funds** - to support the start up of a new self-help and support project for people affected by cancer.
- **Development funds** - to support the ongoing activities and development of self-help and support projects for people affected by cancer.
- **User Involvement Grants** - to encourage the involvement of people affected by cancer in the design and improvement of cancer services.
- **Individual Development Grants** - to enable people affected by cancer to develop their skills and use their cancer experience to help support others.

Deadline for round 2 is 13 May 2016. [Read More here.](#)

European Drug Prevention Prize 2016 Open to Submissions. First launched in 2004, the Pompidou Prize is awarded every two years to high-quality drug prevention projects that fully involve young people. Projects can be government sponsored, run by NGOs (non-governmental organisations), in the private sector, or organised by local communities, and do not have to be funded to be eligible - they can be entirely voluntary. However, projects must be:

- Wholly or mainly in the area of drug prevention, which can include illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco, volatile substances (eg glues, gases, aerosols), new psychoactive substances (NPS, including so-called 'legal highs') and prescription and over-the-counter medicines when they are misused.
- Must involve young people (under the age of 25 years).
- Currently running, or have recently finished.
- Run by more than one person and have some formal structure, such as a management committee or steering group.

Up to three youth projects will each receive a trophy and prize-money of €5,000. Projects including innovative approaches, particularly those using new technologies, as well as targeting young people under 18, are particularly encouraged to apply. Submitted projects are evaluated by a Jury of seven young people (aged between 16 and 21 at the time of their appointment) recruited from the Pompidou Group's and Council of Europe member States.

The deadline for submissions to the 2016 Prize is 31 July 2016. [Read more.](#)

Help the Homeless Accepting Applications for Summer Round Help the Homeless provides a grant scheme to support small and medium-sized UK charities that work to help homeless people rebuild their lives, re-enter society and live a normal life. Funding is targeted at projects to find practical ways to help disadvantaged individuals return to the community through training or residential facility provision, rather than merely providing short term shelter.

Small and medium-sized registered charities with a turnover of under £1 million per annum can apply for grants of up to £5,000. The scheme will principally fund capital costs, but may consider revenue costs if necessary to the project.

Projects must assist individuals in their return to mainstream society, rather than simply offering shelter or other forms of sustenance. Applications are considered four times a year.

The next deadline for applications is 15 June 2016. <http://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/>

The Tudor Trust offers grants to voluntary and community organisations for work in the UK that meets the needs of people at the margins of society. The Trust supports smaller groups, embedded in their communities, which work directly with people who are on the edges of mainstream society in ways which encourage inclusion, integration and independence.

The Trust is particularly interested in supporting work that develops and promotes the social connections and relationships which make an important contribution to the well-being and quality of life of individuals, and which strengthens communities.

Grants can be used for the following:

- Core organisational costs, such as salaries and day-to-day running costs.
- Project grants.
- Capital grants for buildings or equipment.
- Grants to help strengthen the organisation.

Charitable organisations working in any part of the UK are eligible to apply. There is no maximum or minimum level of grant, although it is unusual for a grant of less than £10,000 to be made.

Applications may be submitted at any time. www.tudortrust.org.uk

The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust Children and Youth Grants

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. [For more information please click here.](#)

Closes: Wednesday, 1 June 2016

Training

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>.

- **Equalities Training**, Tues 26th April, 13.00 – 16.30, West 1.1, Civic Centre, 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
- **Parental Substance Misuse & Child Protection**, Wednesday 11th May, 09.30-16.30. The Hollies, 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.**
- **Specialist- Child Sexual Abuse**, Monday 6th June, 09.30-16.30. The Hollies Midsomer Norton

- **Domestic Abuse & Child Protection**, Wednesday 8th June, 09.30-16.30. The Hollies, Midsomer Norton
- **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Awareness**, Weds 8th June, 09.00 (08.30 registration) – 13.00, Community Space, One Stop Shop (Library) Keynsham
- **Early Help/Common Assessment Framework (CAF): A Manager's briefing**, Weds 22nd June, 09.00 – 13.00, Keynsham.

Child Sexual Exploitation Training:

- **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