



If you have any questions, queries, ideas, input or if you would like to join the Network please contact Sue Evans, the Children and Young People's Network Co-ordinator in B&NES at:

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Who is the network for?

- Are you a Voluntary or Community Sector (VCS) organisation working with Children and Young People in B&NES?
- Would you like to know more about how Children and Young People's Services are being developed?
- Would you like to have your say about issues affecting your users and your services (no matter how small your service is or how infrequently you meet)?



With the Children and Young People's Network you can become involved and have a say. Together we can make a difference.

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Children and Young People's Network



Representing the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) working with Children and Young People across Bath and North East Somerset

Membership is Free



Why is the Network Important?

Community and voluntary action has the potential to make B&NES a better place for Children & Young People. We want to make sure it does.

This means enabling every organisation to contribute their unique local knowledge and experience to decisions that are made about services and to influence strategy for the future of the area.



Local authorities have a statutory duty to engage with the VCS in planning, delivery and monitoring of Children's Services.

Together we can promote the values of the voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) and contribute to the development of services that best meet local priorities.

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Voice and influence

As part of the Children Act 2004, B&NES developed arrangements for the Children's Trust, which brings together all providers of services for Children and Young People, including those in the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS).

The Children & Young People's Network supports voluntary sector representatives on a number of strategic boards influencing local provision for children & young people, including:

- Children's Trust Board
- Local Safeguarding Children Board
- Children's Services Equalities Group
- Emotional Health & Wellbeing Board
- Disabled Children's Strategy Group
- B&NES Public Services Board VCS Reference Group
- Children's Workforce Reform Steering Group

Network members are encouraged to feed into these meetings via their sector representatives and are supported in their response to issues raised by the network Co-ordinator

Support for you



The Children and Young People's Network can support you by doing the following:

- Providing information and support in your preferred format (email, post, telephone advice etc.).
- Compiling a monthly bulletin of local, regional & national news, events, funding & training opportunities.
- Organising quarterly Network meetings with speakers on issues of current relevance to the sector.
- Signposting & support for Safe Network Safeguarding Resources.
- Enabling the sector to have an equal input into the planning, commissioning and monitoring of Children and Young People's Services.
- Ensuring the sector is represented at strategic meetings. Members will be supported to become representatives for the sector and to attend meetings.