

Children and Young People's Network



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

June 2016 e-bulletin

Welcome to the June 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.

We are beginning to take appointments for 1 to 1 sessions with Locality so please book as soon as possible if you are interested. If you know of other groups, who may not be in the NW but could be interested in this opportunity, please get them to contact me: sue@bapp.org.uk

New Mental Health Resources Information Session Tuesday 21 June 1:00pm - 2:30pm.

Some new mental health resources have been developed by B&NES, with significant input from a youth participation group, for use in schools and other settings. These resources are available online at: <http://www.directorofpublichealthaward.org.uk/content/positive-mental-health-ks34-and-6th-form> There will be an information session on Wednesday 21 June 1;00 – 2:30pm at Odd Down Community Centre where you can ask any questions and speak to some of the participation group about why these resources are particularly relevant. Contact sue@bapp.org.uk for bookings.

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.

Reps Report Health & Social Care Prime Providers Engagement Event. Please find the notes of this meeting [on this link](#). There are a number of things to be done to get ready for the new Dynamic Tendering Process when the chosen Prime is ready to subcontract services to local service providers. Plus some IT Data Protection Protocol that all contracted services will need to ensure they meet.

National News and Information

Youth Select Committee calls for evidence on racism and religious discrimination

The British Youth Council's Youth Select Committee today announces a call for evidence on racism and religious discrimination. The Committee will explore issues around awareness, prevention, education and services for young people (under 25) and is calling for evidence from a wide range of witnesses including individuals and organisations, service providers, researchers and campaigners. **Evidence from young people is particularly welcome.**

The committee is calling for any **written evidence to be provided by noon on 31 May**. [Find out more here](#).

Pausing the Anti-advocacy Clause. The Cabinet Office has issued an update on the implementation of the 'anti-advocacy clause' which is due to be inserted into grant agreements to prevent organisations which receive government grants from using these funds to lobby government. The update states "We are pausing the implementation pending a review of the representations made and we will take a decision on the form of the clause following this review." [Read the press release here](#)

Anti Advocacy Clause - concern about the effect on disadvantaged and minority groups

The LGBT consortium, Voice4Change England and the Charity Finance Group have joined the debate around the controversial Anti-Advocacy Clause, writing a letter to Matt Hancock voicing concern about the impact it could have on disadvantaged and minority groups. [Read their letter to the government here](#).

Accommodation for children in mental health crisis gets £15m boost

A fund worth £15m has been announced by government to help provide health and community based "places of safety" where young people in mental distress can be held instead of police cells. The cash, which has been put up by the Department of Health and the Home Office, will be made available for bids from health trusts, local authorities, and charities to improve provision of safe locations where young people can be held. **There are 23 priority areas**, which cover 10 police forces, where the use of police cells is highest and where the money will be targeted. **These are: Avon and Somerset; Cleveland; Derbyshire; Devon and Cornwall; Essex; Lincolnshire; Nottinghamshire; South Yorkshire; Sussex; and West Yorkshire.** [Find out more here](#).

Impact Assessment: Measuring Up! is a straightforward, step-by-step self-assessment tool that allows you to review and improve your organisation's **impact practice** – that is, the way you plan, evidence, communicate and learn from the difference that your work makes. [Measuring Up!](#) has been designed specifically for charitable organisations and social enterprises, whatever their size, sector or budget. Here is a video explaining how it works. There are specific resources for working with different client groups:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=UURIneqXOHllwHLejJEJmNLg&v=7g6yY4cSCxY>

CLINKS CASE STUDY: supporting offenders with learning disabilities

This Clinks case study focuses on the support **KeyRing** provides for people with learning disabilities who have had contact with the Criminal Justice System (CJS). An estimated 5 to 10% of the adult offender population has a learning disability, and many more people will have 'borderline' learning disabilities; a number that is disproportionately higher than in the general

population. KeyRing's aim is to improve the life chances of those they support and enable them to take control and responsibility for their lives so that they can reach their full potential. Points are illustrated throughout the case study using an interview with a KeyRing service user. [Download the case study here](#)

NCVO Building a digital workforce is a four part toolkit of templates, resources, tips and examples all of which are free. Each element can be edited and adapted to suit the needs of your organisation. You can follow the suggested structure in the order listed, or take a 'build your own' approach and simply select the elements you require. All resources included in the toolkit are licensed under a Creative Commons License which means you can print out, share, edit, build on and improve as you wish. <https://knowhownonprofit.org/tools-resources/building-a-digital-workforce>

Increased Exam Worries Among Schoolchildren. The NSPCC reports that new figures from ChildLine reveal a rise in the number of schoolchildren worried about exams. ChildLine carried out 3,077 counselling sessions about exam stress to young people last year, a rise of 9 per cent on 2014/15. ChildLine has launched a new video featuring advice and tips for managing exam stress. [6 tips to managing exam stress](#)

Government commits £8m to national Centre of Expertise to tackle child abuse. Work to create a national Centre of Expertise in tackling child abuse will get under way in August, funded with £8m in government cash, it has emerged. Contract details published by the Home Office reveal that grant funding of up to £2m will be available in the current 2016/17 financial year to establish the project, with "indicative future funding" of up to £2m per a year available for a further three financial years up until 31 March 2020. The tendering process for this contract will close on 8 June. [Find out more here.](#)

The Children & Young People Now Awards 2016 Entries Close 1 July. 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. There are plenty of [categories](#) to choose from – Find out how to enter here: <http://www.cypnowards.com/how-to-enter>

The UK's Largest Support Service for Under 25s Launches as The Mix. The Mix combines YouthNet's extensive digital reach and Get Connected's telephone helpline and counselling service. It offers multi-issue support with a particular focus on mental wellbeing and creating opportunities through volunteering. The Mix is led by Chief Executive Chris Martin: "The Mix was created jointly with young people, our volunteers and staff. It reflects the blend of services we offer young people, delivered on their own terms and through the technology of their choice. Young people today face unprecedented challenges and there has been escalating demand for our services. The Mix will always be there for them providing help, information and support – 24/7 and 365 days per year, through phone, text, web, social and counselling." [Find out more.](#)

- **There are some nice looking resources for young people** and, in view of the fact that Kooth will be offering online counselling in B&NES here is the info page on that: <http://www.themix.org.uk/mental-health/mental-health-treatments/online-counselling-5842.html>

Youth offending team funding cut by further £9m. The Youth Justice Board (YJB) has confirmed that the annual grant it provides for YOTs has been reduced by 12 per cent for 2016/17, from £76.1m to £67m, a total cut of £9.1m. The settlement will place further pressure on frontline services in light of the fact that funding for the 2015/16 financial year had initially been £85.1m, but was subject to an emergency in-year cut of £9m. Gareth Jones, chair of the Association of Youth Offending Team Managers, described the latest funding reduction as "strange" given recent successes within the youth justice system, and the fact an ongoing government review of youth justice, being led by Charlie Taylor, is yet to report. [More info.](#)

Council for Disabled Children Recruiting National Advisory Group – Apply Now. CDC and KIDS are recruiting for a national group of young people to advise on young people's participation. We are **looking to recruit up to 12 disabled children and young people and those with SEN aged 14-25 years from across England**. The national group will meet in London 3 times a year and there will also be an opportunity for 6 group members to attend a further 3 meetings in regional areas each year. The group will:

- Work together to share their views and experiences of support and services
- Give feedback and advice
- Talk to professionals about how to make positive changes to improve things for all disabled young people

Support work to ensure all disabled children and young people can be involved in decisions about their care and support

To apply please complete the application form which you can [download here](#). The deadline for applications is 1pm on Friday 3rd June 2016.

The first national young people's meeting will be held in London on Saturday 2nd July 2016.

What are your organisation's property issues and experiences? The Charity Property Matters Survey 2016 is now live, hosted by UK charity the Ethical Property Foundation in partnership with the Charity Commission. This is an important piece of research for our voluntary sector, so please take the chance to make your views heard. [Read more:](#)

Local and Regional News and Information

The Booking Form for SOFA is now available. The very popular SOFA (Summer of Fun Activities) programme has been put together by young people. **The programme is designed for disabled and non-disabled and disadvantaged young people aged 12 – 19 years** and will be well supported by qualified and a dedicated staff team. The programme is designed to support young people who might otherwise be involved in less positive activities so if you work with a group of young people or an individual young person who you think would benefit from taking part, please tell them about SOFA! SOFA is an ideal social opportunity which is age appropriate and relevant to young people and for many being with peers during the long summer break, makes a huge difference to maintaining and building their self esteem and confidence levels. [Find out more and download a Booking Form.](#)

Places Available for Young People with Additional Needs. BAPP are taking new young people for their Teenage Rampage and Life Skills sessions

- **Teenage Rampage** is now open for any new young people aged 13-19 years. 12 might be fine as well but you will need to speak to our development worker first. They will have a home visit where they are new to BAPP or have queries prior to starting. This is very much a social group so if you are working with any young people with additional needs/EHC plan, do consider signposting. For more information and contact details see: <http://www.bapp.org.uk/play-provision/teenage-rampage/>
- **Life skills** is also open to any new young people, slightly younger, 11+ who are capable of learning life skills such as using money, using public transport, cooking & preparing food, developing understanding about relationships and being active. More information on the link above.

Job Club at Southside Youth Hub. Youth Connect runs a Job Club at Southside Youth Hub each Thursday, 1-2pm. Any young person 16-19 (or up to 25 if they have a learning difficulty) can drop in – no appointment necessary. They can help with job searches, CVs, filling in applications and lots of other things linked to taking the next steps to employment. If have any questions contact: Claire Middlehurst, Youth Connect Personal Adviser. 01225 394136 or claire_middlehurst@bathnes.gov.uk

Child Sexual Exploitation early concerns. If concerns are at an early stage, where there is the possibility or potential for CSE but don't meet existing reporting thresholds, "Single Point Of Contact" (SPOC) e-mail address where you can send in details of young people that need this early intervention to prevent abuse taking place. E-mails to this address will be picked up on a daily basis and considered by members of the Willow Project and they will then contact the sender for a further discussion about the young person to agree what the next steps might need to be.

It is important that this SPOC is not a substitute for concerns that a child has already been hurt or abused. If the concerns are at a greater level than those outlined above, all agencies must still act on these according to Child Protection Procedures and make a referral to the Council Duty Team via the usual routes. [Find out more here.](#) The SPOC e-mail address is CSE.Referrals@Bathnes.GCSX.gov.uk

New Policies from the Local Safeguarding Children Board. We have been asked to circulate the following links to policies. The information sharing Policy emphasises the opportunities to share information from an Early Help perspective using the 'in the public interest' part of the flow chart.

- **New Information Sharing Policy:**

http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/sitedocuments/Children-and-Young-People/ChildProtection/information_sharing_protocol_v8_3.pdf

- **Revised Threshold for Assessment :**

http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/sitedocuments/Children-and-Young-People/ChildProtection/threshold_for_assessment_2016v2.pdf

- **Revised CSE protocol and SERAF form** – at the request of several LSCB members the SPOC email has been added to the SERAF form as well as duty for CYP at serious risk of harm:

http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/sitedocuments/Children-and-Young-People/ChildProtection/cse_protocol_3may_2016_final.pdf

and

http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/sitedocuments/Children-and-Young-People/ChildProtection/cse_seraf_risk_assessment_3may_2016_final_docx.docx

New Chairman of Bath and North East Somerset Council. Councillor Alan Hale is the new Chairman of Bath & North East Somerset Council. Cllr Hale has spent the last year as Vice-Chairman, supporting the previous Chairman, Councillor Ian Gilchrist, and has now been appointed to Chairman. The new Vice Chairman of the Council is Councillor Cherry Beath, who was first elected as one of the councillors representing Combe Down in 2007. [Read more here.](#)

Bristol to Bath Festival of Nature 2016 – a series of exciting, free, family friendly event taking place on the 11-25 June along the River Avon between Bristol and Bath. There will be a range of activities, workshops and talks to discover nature, wildlife and the natural environment. On the 25th June at the Royal Victoria Park Bandstand is the grand finale of the festival!

www.bnhc.org.uk/festival-of-nature/

Your Care Your Way Prime Providers Invitation. The [Sirona Partnership](#) are offering organisations a chance to attend a workshop on:

- **Thursday 16th June - 14:00-16:30hrs**

Odd Down Sports Ground, Chelwood Drive, Bath, BA2 2PR

"This will enable us to share with you where we are in terms of developing the Prime Provider model; any information we have around the next stages of the process and to hear how you feel services could be better for the people we serve together."

"We will be open with you about how we are proposing to operate; any information we have for how the process might work and we are particularly keen to hear your ideas for how it might work to help inform and influence our discussions with the commissioners should we be the preferred bidder." Could you please confirm attendance (a maximum of two people from your organisation)

by emailing programmedirector@sirona-cic.org.uk by **Friday 10th June 2016**. We will send further details and an Agenda out to those confirming.

Creative Youth Network are looking for young ACTORS, DANCERS and FILM-MAKERS and young VOLUNTEERS to work on a variety of different roles in the summer production. This will be a Shakespearean production of 'A Thousand Dreadful Things and they are looking for people aged 16-25 years old that are available throughout June and July for rehearsals and the show dates, 18th-20th July. Contact: ANNETTE.JOHNS@CREATIVEYOUTHNETWORK.ORG.UK If you have any questions or young people interested in applying for a role.

Opportunities for Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training. The latest document detailing [re-engagement and employability programmes](#) available in the coming months for young people in Bath and North East Somerset who are not in education, employment or training.

Meetings, Conferences and Events

Healthy Childhood: Obesity, Activity, Responsibility - The Policy-UK Forum: Morning, Thursday, 13th October 2016. This forum is timed to follow the publication of the Government's forthcoming [Childhood Obesity Strategy](#), due in the summer, and will be an opportunity for policymakers and delegates alike to discuss the emerging priorities for tackling the high rates of childhood obesity in the UK (and its associated costs to the NHS and wider economy) and the way forward for implementing the comprehensive, multi-layered 'full package of bold measures' set to be outlined at its publication. Places at the forum (including course materials and refreshments) are: **£250.00* (+VAT)** *Use the promotional code: **CHOBEO-2478164** to receive **30% (£75) off** the standard delegate rate;

For small charities and unfunded individuals they are happy to discuss concessionary rates but these are reserved for those with a genuine need. [Please email](#) if you think you qualify. All decisions are made on a case by case basis. [Visit event website.](#)

The Big Lunch is the UK's annual get-together for neighbours. If you're looking for a simple way to get people talking and building relationships, The Big Lunch is for you. From allotment groups to schools, and from sports teams to social enterprises, millions of people will be taking part this June. The benefits of a Big Lunch don't end with the washing up. Post-event research by Havas in 2015 found that 85% of Big Lunch participants said it made them feel better about their neighbourhood and 8 out of 10 people have kept in touch with people they met at Big Lunches in previous years. People who run Big Lunches often go on to do so much more. Across the UK there are thousands of community volunteers developing confidence and skills, taking action to make their neighbourhoods extraordinary. This growing network shares ideas, resources and support to all, and everyone is invited, whether they are an experienced community activist or taking their first steps into unlocking their potential. Anyone can request a free planning pack, which contains invitations, posters, seeds and stickers, at www.thebiglunch.com or by calling 0845 850 8181 to speak to one of the Big Lunch team.

Inter-Agency Meetings:

- **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

Information & Advice Service Funding. The Department for Education is inviting bids from VCSE sector organisations to provide a two-year, not-for-profit national information and advice service for the families and carers of children at risk or involved in the care system in England. [For further information.](#)

Grants for Good Campaign. Join the campaign to promote government grants for charities and voluntary groups. More information: <https://www.dsc.org.uk/grants-for-good-2/>

Community Business Funding. [Power to Change Community Business Fund](#) will award grants between £50,000- £300,000 to community businesses in England. A community business is often set up to tackle a local issue that the community faces together. There are many types of community business. What they all have in common is that they are accountable to their local community and that the profits they generate flow back into the community to deliver positive local impact. This is the most important of the criteria. Most of the applications that were rejected in the Initial Grants Programme failed to demonstrate how they met the [four key features of a community business set out on this page](#). Rounds will be open in July and October this year.

FUNDING: developing financial skills. Grants of between £2,000 and £15,000 are available from the Money Saving Expert Charity's Innovation fund for projects improving people's ability to manage their financial situation and developing their financial skills and knowledge. They are seeking applications that are innovative, testing out ideas that are genuinely new and do not overlap with projects funded by other funders, and are likely to be completed in one year. However, applications for up to three years will be considered. **The deadline for applications is 10th June.** [Find out more and apply here](#)

Bath Building Society Annual Charity Awards are now open to charities with a turnover of less than £250,000 and that operate in and deliver projects that are beneficial to residents of Bath and North East Somerset, Somerset, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire and Bristol. Awards of up to £1,500 are available in order to make a significant difference to the winning organisations and their work. A Charity of the Year Award will also be awarded to one shortlisted charity; this charity will continue to receive funding from Bath Building Society throughout the year. **The deadline for applications is 8th June.** [Find out more here](#)

Biffa Award - Important Changes to its Funding. Biffa Awards has made some important changes to its funding criteria, including the end of the Small Grants scheme. [Full details are available here](#) but main change is that **the Smalls Grant Scheme has closed**. The application deadlines have also changed.

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.](#) **Closing Date: 1 November 2016**

The Edge Fund is open to applications for grants of up to £3,000 from not-for-profit communities, campaign groups and activists in the UK that are working for social, economic and environmental justice. Work should challenge abuses of power and aim to bring an end to the systems that cause injustice, and this could be the economic system, political system, or any system that discriminates against people based on their identity or background. Grants of up to £1,000 are also available to individuals who face challenges because of their personal circumstances or background and have a real passion for justice and can demonstrate a clear commitment to taking action. **The deadline**

for applications is 3rd July. [Find out more and apply here](#) Groups should be small and struggle to get funding elsewhere. Funding has not yet been provided to a group with an annual income over £25,000 and the average income of groups that are funded is around £2,500.

Training

B&NES Foundation Safeguarding Training. BAPP are having this training delivered, in house at Odd Down Community Centre, for our summer play staff and volunteers. There will be a number of spaces available to staff and volunteers from other organisations so please let us know if you have anyone who would like to attend. Although it is free to access in Keynsham, B&NES do charge to deliver it elsewhere so, to cover costs, places will be £10 per head. The session will be booked on a **Weds in July, 4-6.30pm** – date to be confirmed.

PSHE CPD Accredited Training for Teachers, School Nurses and Other Professionals

PSHE CPD Training Qualification (accredited by Roehampton University) - next year's training will run on December 8th and 9th, Feb 21st and May 10th at the Ammerdown Centre Radstock. One of the benefits of the training is that it is delivered to a range of professionals including teachers, school nurses, youth workers, drug & alcohol workers, police colleagues, voluntary agencies etc., – all who work with children and young people to deliver PSHE in its widest sense and all of whom bring their own expertise to share. It looks like organisations would only pay 100 pounds to the cost of the training. [See this document for more information.](#) Complete the [Service Level Agreement](#) if you have a colleague who wants to do the training. Do get your SLA back to Deborah_carter@bathnes.gov.uk asap as the course is usually over-subscribed but by no later than **September 23rd 2016**.

- **If you have any questions about any aspect of the training** contact Kate Murphy Kate_Murphy@bathnes.gov.uk

B&NES Children's Workforce Training:

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

- **Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)**, 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. **Available on 20 – 21 June. 9:00 – 5:00.**
- **Specialist- Child Sexual Abuse**, Monday 6th June, 09.30-16.30. The Hollies Midsomer Norton
- **Deliberate Self Harm**, Tuesday 7th June, 09.30 – 13.00. Community Space - Keynsham
- **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
- **Neglect and Child Protection** 14 June, 9:30 – 16:30 at The Hollies Midsomer Norton.
- **Debt, Benefits & Budgets Workshop**, Tuesday 14th June, 12.00 – 13.30, Civic Centre – N1.4, Keynsham
- Tuesday 14th June 2016 12.00 – 13.30
- **Common Behaviour Problems in Children**, Monday 20th June, 09.30 - 16.30, Royal British Legion - Keynsham
- **Early Help/Common Assessment Framework (CAF): A Manager's briefing**, Weds 22nd June, 09.00 – 13.00, Keynsham.
- **Attachment – Introduction & Awareness**, Wednesday 27th July, 09.30 - 16.30, Civic Centre, Keynsham

Child Sexual Exploitation Training:

- **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