

Children and Young People's Network



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

September 2016 e-bulletin

Welcome to the September 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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Children and Young People's Network News

Next Network Meeting 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 forward vision for our organisation"**. More information. Is available on the booking link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vision-day-for-bnes-charities-tickets-26482129763> Arrival 9:30 for coffee, the session will run from 10:00am – 4:00pm and will be open to any VCS group in B&NES so do book early if you wish to attend.

Early Help in B&NES: Themed Review. Please [see the document covering the review here](#). It will be discussed at the LSCB at their next meeting on 6th September so, **if you have any responses the questions (reproduced below) at the end of the document, please send them to our LSCB Rep, Roz Lambert by Monday 5th September latest:**

Roz.Lambert@firststepsbath.org.uk

1. Based on the information in this document and your agency's experience, are you assured that early help in B&NES is effective? If not what else would you like to see?
2. How confident are you in your agency that where you are delivering early help to children and families, that they know what is in their plan?
3. Can you share your experience of quality assuring the delivery of early help, either in your agency or through the CAF group?

National News and Information

Charity Commission publishes new litigation guidance for charities: [Charities and litigation: a guide for trustees \(CC38\)](#). The prospect of taking or defending legal proceedings is often a difficult and complex matter for trustees that can present significant risk to a charity. This brand new guidance clarifies the issues that trustees need to consider when faced with litigation and helps them comply with their legal obligations as well as their duty to act in the best interests of their charity. **Here is the NCVO Review of the New Guidance:**

<http://blogs.ncvo.org.uk/2016/08/08/are-trustees-to-be-discouraged-from-doing-anything/>

Boosting Your Posts on Facebook Have you ever wondered about the boost post option on Facebook – how it works and why you may have to? <http://sproutsocial.com/insights/facebook-news-feed-algorithm-guide/>

Consultation: evidence of commissioning practices. Lloyds Bank Foundation is gathering examples of good and bad commissioning practice. They will use the evidence anonymously to compile a report which will be shared with government and commissioners. They want to know the detail of the processes that are excluding you, whether bidding alone, as part of a coalition or as a subcontractor to a prime provider. What are the specifics of the requirements that are challenging you? What are the conditions that make you unable to bid? How could the process be improved? [Complete the survey here.](#)

Reporting and Acting on Child Abuse and Neglect. Views are being sought on the possible introduction of mandatory reporting of child abuse and neglect or a duty to act in relation to child abuse or neglect. The Open Consultation runs until 13th October 2016. [Click here](#) to view the consultation paper and how to respond.

Marketing for Community Enterprises. The booklet outlines the methods of marketing services, including legal issues involved in using photographs and personal information: [View this booklet here.](#)

Not seen, not heard All children and young people have the right to be protected from abuse and exploitation and to have their health and welfare safeguarded. The CQC's new report 'Not seen, not heard' looks at how effectively health services provide early help to children in need, how they identify and protect children at risk of harm and looked-after children's health and wellbeing. It reviews findings from 50 inspections across England as well as specific focus groups W: <http://bit.ly/29Ddv4m> There is also a short film to accompany the report W: <http://bit.ly/2aZgyDt>

Working with parents to safeguard children from child sexual exploitation. Research in Practice highlights a report developed by parents from the Parent Action Group within Pace (Parents against child sexual exploitation) on the role of parents in safeguarding children from child sexual exploitation (CSE). Issues raised include: parents are often the first to identify signs that something is seriously wrong with their child, however most parents in the UK do not know the

warning signs of CSE; despite good practice in some areas, there appear to be barriers to effectively involving parents in safeguarding the child; the stereotype of the dysfunctional family as the cause of a child's being vulnerable to CSE can distract attention away from the perpetrators.

Further information: [Parents speak out: crucial partners in tackling child sexual exploitation \(PDF\)](#)

How to Talk to your Child About Sexting. NSPCC has produced a guide to assist parents talk with children about the dangers and legalities surrounding sexting, empowering them to say no to requests. Access to the guide can be found here <http://buff.ly/2aXXSFJ>

Child sexual exploitation and policing knowledge hub. The University of Bedfordshire International Centre has launched a new Child sexual exploitation (CSE) and policing knowledge hub website. The website contains: briefings produced by members of the knowledge hub on key issues in CSE and policing; useful links and other websites; videos and tools for practice; a news page featuring events and other activities. It will soon contain webinars and guides for using and understanding research to help support professionals' work in tackling CSE.

[CSE and policing knowledge hub](#)

How Brand Management can Help Small Charities Raise Money. Natasha's Roe, Charity Consultant, blogs considers the benefits of branding "Larger charities have recognised the benefits of branding and rebranding – *“Shelter's repositioning helped land more corporate partners”, “Macmillan's rebrand helped increase donors by 27% and raised additional £5m” and “Save the Children's brand refresh helped integrated fundraising appeals raise over 50% more than target of £500,000.”* (Civil Society, 2011)" [Read More Here](#). Natasha also explores how small charities can overcome barriers to branding investment: giv.today/2aEUADQ.

Body Image Problems may lead to Eating Disorders and Extreme Exercise in Boys. The relatively low awareness of boys' body image issues amongst parents and teachers, coupled with a culture of boys not discussing their worries, makes it a tough environment for boys to seek support. [Read more on this article here.](#)

Welcome to Media Smart - how adverts are made and how they can affect self-perception. Young people grow up in a world of commercial messaging and there is a greater need than ever for all of us to be able to understand exactly what is being suggested, promised and sold to us. Media Smart is a not-for-profit company that creates free educational materials for schools and youth organisations, for teachers and guardians, to help young people think critically about the advertising they come across in their daily lives.

Cutting Youth Service Budgets – the effects. Youth clubs and adventure camps that once attracted hundreds of thousands of young people during term time and summer holidays have shut their doors over the last few years, following a battery of cuts to youth services that have left disadvantaged teenagers idle and isolated. From Kent to Manchester, clubs where young people escaped from daily stress now sit derelict. Others have been sold off and developed into cafes or private care homes. And the cuts come amid the [slashing of adolescent mental health services](#) and [careers' advice throughout England](#). **Read more on this [here](#).**

The Council for Disabled Children (CDC) Stakeholder Survey. Annual stakeholder survey for practitioners and professionals working in the SEND sector. This survey seeks to establish how well informed the sector are in relation to the reforms, find out what support they want from CDC and to hear their thoughts on what they think the priorities are for the sector this year. You can complete the survey from here (should take no more than 10 mins) <http://bit.ly/2aDRpyL>

Deadline is 16th September. Those who complete the survey have the option to enter a draw to win a ticket to the next Annual CDC Conference in January.

Queen's Award for Voluntary Service – September Deadline

Nominations for this annual award which recognises and rewards excellence in voluntary activities carried out by groups in communities across the UK will be accepted until 16 September 2016.

[Read more:](#)

Radicalisation helpline. The NSPCC has launched a helpline to support adults who have concerns about children and young people being radicalised or who need advice on how to talk to their children about issues related to terrorism. [Read more here.](#)

EHRC Race Equality Review. The Equalities and Human Rights Commission has published the report from their review into race equality in Britain. 'Healing a divided Britain: the need for a comprehensive race equality strategy' looks at race equality across every aspect of people's lives, including education, employment, housing, pay and living standards, health and criminal justice. It reveals that while for certain people life has become fairer over the past five years, for others progress has stalled and for some – in particular young Black people – life on many fronts has got worse. [Download the report here](#)

Government Consultation Early Years Funding: Changes to Funding for 3 and 4 Year Olds. Views are being sought on changes to how we fund free childcare and early education for 3 and 4 year olds, including a new national funding formula. **The Open Consultation runs until 22nd September 2016.** [Click here](#) to view the consultation paper and how to respond.

Local and Regional News and Information

Safeguarding Newsletter: First joint newsletter for the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) and Local Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB):

http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/sitedocuments/Children-and-Young-People/ChildProtection/lsab_and_lscb_summer_newsletter_2016_final.pdf

Chairman's Community Awards 2016/17 now open for nominations. Last year, there were 106 nominations for the awards, which recognise volunteers, community leaders, community organisations, carers and local businesses and the positive impact they make on others and the wider community. **The award categories are:**

- **Category 1 – Volunteering Awards**

Volunteer of the Year / Young Volunteer of the Year

Volunteer Leader of the Year / Young Volunteer Leader of the Year

Volunteer Team or Organisation of the Year/ Young Volunteer Team or Organisation of the Year

Good Neighbour of the Year / Neighbourhood Team of the Year

Carer of the Year / Young Carer of the Year

The Peter Duppa-Miller Lifetime Achievement

- **Category 2 – Business in the Community Award**

This award will recognise a socially responsible business which actively supports its local community in positive activities.

The Chairman may also identify one or more individuals or groups from the nominations received to present a 'Special Award'.

Full details and nomination forms are available online at www.bathnes.gov.uk/chairmanawards.

Alternatively, you can email Sara_banks@bathnes.gov.uk, or call 01225 477807 deadline for nomination is 12 noon on Friday November 25, 2016.

B&NES Volunteer Network. A group of local organisations has been working on developing this Network and are now able to offer [open access training to BANES volunteers](#). 'Our aspiration is that in the future organisations that have four or more volunteers attending courses can offer something in exchange - learning opportunities, rooms, anything that values volunteers. Please contact steering group members to discuss your potential offer'. Please read more about the Network here: <http://www.vol-centre.org.uk/volunteer+network> .

Survey on new services for children with additional needs. As part of plans for a Life Project Centre two surveys are being circulated to ask for the input of parents with children with additional needs and adults with learning disabilities. This feedback is crucial for both shaping plans and proving to funders that there is a need for the new services on offer.

- Parents of children with an additional need - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CFDJ9VD>
- Adults with learning disabilities - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JPJPS26>

Multi Agency Information Sharing Hub (MASH) The MASH will be based at the Police Centre in Keynsham and is expected to go live by 19 September. Briefing sessions for all agency staff will take place on Wednesday 7 September 2016, 2pm – 4.30pm in the Brunswick Room, Guildhall, Bath. To book a place: E: chloe.tees@bathnes.gov.uk

Clean Slate are now taking referrals for their next 2 day Induction on 15-16 September 2016.

The Induction is ideal for anyone experiencing barriers to work, including issues around:

- Childcare
- Lack of confidence
- Homelessness
- Substance abuse
- Mental health
- Spent convictions

Their doors are open to all jobseekers wanting to take the first steps back into employment and they currently have work and volunteering opportunities.

For more information on the Induction or to register:

Phone 01225 302200, Email bath@cleanslateltd.co.uk, Drop in [Click here for our walk in centres](#)
Register online [Take our Aspirations Survey and we'll be in touch shortly](#)

Virgin Care Chosen for Health & Care Services Co-ordinator. the local CCG and Council announced Virgin Care as their preferred bidder to coordinate over 200 health and care services in people's homes and communities. The CCG and the Council will now begin three months of intensive testing and discussions with Virgin Care. A full business case will be presented to the Council and CCG Board at public meetings on the 9th and 10th November respectively to seek their authorisation to formally award the contract. [Read more here.](#)

Curo updates process on tenants in arrears. Following discussions at a recent Early Help Board meeting, Curo has since updated its arrears processes to ensure that agencies are notified via email at pre-court stage of any intention to seek a possession order against a tenant.

Free Marketing opportunity for Charities The communications charity, in partnership with Marketing Trust, are offering **60 free places on expert-led Mastering Marketing Strategy courses** via a new competition. The strategic planning advice and practical workshop sessions are available in Manchester, Bristol and London kicking off late next month. [Full details of the competition here](#) and [the entry form](#). **The deadline for entries is 9 September.**

Free Arts Workshops for Families in September. DNA arts are teaming up with Bath Film Festival to offer free arts workshops to families in Twerton and Foxhill during the festival's weekend of outdoor film this September. All are welcome to join the workshops and make a jungle-inspired headdress to wear to the screenings later on in the day.

- **Friday 2nd September - The Jungle Book at Springfield Park, Foxhill.** We will be at Foxhill Community Centre from 4-7pm.
- **Saturday 3rd September - Zootropolis at Bath City Farm.** You can find us at the Farm the morning of the screening from 10 - 1pm.

Suitable for age 4-6 with helper or 7+ independently. To find out more about the screenings head over to Bath Film Festival website: <http://www.bathfilmfestival.org.uk/>

Meetings, Conferences and Events

B&NES Clinical Commissioning Group AGM - the afternoon of Thursday 29 September

“This event is an opportunity to find out about our work over the past year and to have your say on our future priorities”. To book your free place, please register online at

<http://www.bathandnortheast Somersetccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/meeting/agm>

Inter-Agency Meetings:

- **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

The next round of Connecting Communities Forums will take place on the follow dates. The meetings are divided into two parts. The informal session from 6pm - 7pm offers an opportunity to raise questions with the Police, the Council and others. All meetings are open to the public.

More information.

- 13th September, 6pm, Bath City Forum, Banqueting Room, Bath
- 14th September, 6pm, Somer Valley Forum, venue to be confirmed
- 28th September, 6pm, Keynsham Area Forum, The Community Space, Keynsham
- 29th September, 6pm, Chew Valley Forum, Chew Valley Secondary School, Chew Magna
- 5th October, 6pm, Bathavon Forum, venue to be confirmed

Business and Funding

Grants available for local sports clubs to implement smoke free side lines. From September 1, sports clubs across Bath and North East Somerset can apply for grants to support improvements in facilities and kit in return for implementing a smoke free sports club policy. Clubs who want to achieve smoke free side lines will need to demonstrate their commitment by having a written smoke free policy, clear signage across the site at both training sessions and fixtures and to ensure coaches attend a smoke free training session provided by the local stop smoking service. **Support will be provided free to clubs to achieve this including the provision of signage and training. In return they could get up to £500 towards equipment.** For further information about the grant please refer to the guidelines and application form on the Quartet website on 1st September when the grant opens: <http://quartetcf.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/> For more information about creating a smoke free sports club please call Joanne Fuller at Sirona Care and Health on 07850290521

Resilient Heritage Programme Opens to Applications throughout UK. The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has opened new £8 million annual investment programme, Resilient Heritage, to support UK based organisations to build their capacity or achieve strategic change in order to improve the management of heritage in the long term.

Not for profit organisations and partnerships led by not for profit organisations are invited to apply for grants of between £3,000 and £250,000. As Resilient Heritage is a flexible programme it has the ability to support a wide range of activities. Examples of what can be funded include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Activities to support a group taking on new responsibility for heritage, such as working with a local authority on an asset transfer process.
- Conducting a viability appraisal or feasibility study looking at transforming the use of a historic building or other heritage asset.

- Investigating and trialling new approaches to fundraising, trading or other income generating activities.
- Conducting research into engagement with existing and potential audiences and customers, and identifying improvements that can be implemented.
- Paying for specialist support to undertake a review of governance and an audit of trustee skills, and implement changes.

Read more here: <http://www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/bvsc/News/View/GRUKBP3!N60020>

The Society Foundation is an independent grant giving trust. They provide financial support for organisations that help potentially disadvantaged people move towards paid work. The groups they prioritise are the recently homeless or vulnerably housed, ex-offenders, and 16-24 year olds not in employment, education or training. <http://society-foundation.org/>

NHS England's Celebrating Participation in Healthcare Community Grants - Open

NHS England is making a limited number of grants available for local group that would like to share with the NHS their good practice in a creative way. NHS England set up this grant scheme last year with £10,000 to enable a wide range of voluntary and community organisations to showcase their good practice around patient and public involvement in healthcare.

For 2016, the fund has increased to £15,000. Grants of up to £1,000 are available to a wide range of community groups, voluntary sector or patient organisations and not-for-profit organisations that want to showcase the ways they have engaged and involved patients, users and the public in the improvement of health services. The goal is to highlight good practice in patient and public participation in creative ways. [Find out more here.](#) The programme will start on 24 October 2016 and close on 16 January 2017. **The deadline for applications is 21 September 2016 (midnight).**

Greggs Foundation Local Community Projects Fund. The Fund helps organisations based in local communities to deliver projects or provide equipment to people in need at the heart of our local communities with grants of up to £2000. We are interested in projects that improve resilience within your community of interest. This can include sessional activities/respite support, equipment for sessional activities, trips and residential breaks. **Round 3 is now open and closes on 30th September 2016.** [Read more here.](#)

Greggs Foundation Environmental Grant. This grants programme aims to improve people's lives by improving the environment. Any not for profit organisation can apply for a grant of up to £2000, preference will be given to small, locally based and community led organisations with a turnover not in excess of £300,000 per annum. Schools are also encouraged to apply and are given the same level of priority as small locally based organisations.

[Read more here:](#)

Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales - Transform Fund Opens

The Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales has launched a one-off fund that is providing grants for domestic and sexual abuse charities in England and Wales that are taking a 'bold stance' on tackling domestic and sexual abuse.

[Read more here:](#)

Postcode Dream Trust - Dream Fund 2017 Launches (GB). Charities in England, Scotland and Wales are eligible to apply for funding to deliver the project they have always dreamed of, but never had the opportunity to bring to life. **All applications must come from at least two organisations** that have joined forces to deliver an innovative project. The lead organisation must

be a registered charity. The other partners can be charities, voluntary groups, community interest companies, universities or other not-for-profit organisations.

The funding pot for 2017 is £2.5 million. There will be two or three awards in total.

Grants of between £500,000 and £1 million are available to deliver a project in 2017-2019.

Funding is available for projects that meet one of the following themes:

- Early child development.
- Helping refugees in our community.
- Conserving our marine environment.
- Reconnecting with the natural world.
- Engaging people with arts, culture and heritage.

Applications must be innovative, creative and original, and present projects that are a genuine 'dream'. **The deadline for applications is 15 September 2016 (5.30pm).**

<http://www.postcodedreamtrust.org.uk/dream-fund>

The Aviva Community Fund opens for entries on 13 September 2016. Enter a project that will benefit your community under one of 4 categories:

- Health, disability and wellbeing
- Supporting the younger generation
- Supporting the older generation
- Community support

Get people voting and you could win an award from up to £1000 to up to £25,000. Additional awards are available for entries submitted by insurance brokers and financial advisers in each of the funding levels. Read more here. <http://www.aviva.co.uk/good-thinking/community-fund/>

Supporting Children and Young People from Disadvantaged Backgrounds. Buttle UK will provide grants of up to £2,000 for voluntary sector organisations. The funding aims to provide education for estranged young people (aged 16 - 20) who do not have any parental support and are working towards a goal of education, training or employment. It is for work to establish a stable home environment and access to activities that help promote a young person's wellbeing. Buttle UK is specifically seeking applications from organisations supporting young ex-offenders. [Find out more here](#)

Crowdfunding for Community Projects. Just Act has become part of Crowdfunder and is offering £50,000 to community groups and organisations in England and Wales. They will be adding up to 50% of the funding target to a maximum of £1,000 to volunteer-led community projects that will change lives for the better. Groups must achieve their total project target to receive the funding, and projects must be delivered by an organisation with an annual income of less than £50,000. The funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis. [Find out more here](#)

Funding Interfaith Activities for Young People. Inter Faith Youth Trust is awarding grants of between £200 and £500 for proposals for interfaith activities by children and young people. Projects should take place during Inter Faith Week (13th-20th November 2016). The funding is available for activities providing learning by children and young people from different faiths about different faiths, through social action; co-operation and understanding between faiths; and increasing understanding between people of faith and of no faith. **The deadline for applications is 9th September.** [Find out more and apply here](#)

More funding opportunities in the B&NES Funding Journal:

http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/funding_journal_august_2016.pdf

Do you find it difficult to find evidence to support your funding bids? A Masterclass in Research and Intelligence - This workshop will look at how to get the most out of local data, including the census and the council's information. It will look at how to create, find and analyse data; how to use that data to inform neighbourhood plans, help make funding bids more convincing and create a good evidence base for local prioritisation.

Date and time: 27th October, 7pm - 8pm, Community Space, Civic Centre, Market Walk, Keynsham. The session will last approximately 1 hour. **Booking essential, first come, first served.** To book, or for enquiries, please contact: sara_dixon@bathnes.gov.uk or tel: 01225 396594

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>.

- **Working with CSE: Legal Processes**, Friday 9th September, 09.30-12.30, The Hollies Midsomer Norton
- **Eating Disorders**, Weds 21st September, 09.30 – 13.00, Civic Centre - Keynsham
- **CSE Awareness Raising Training**, Monday 26th September, 09.30-12.30, Civic Centre, Keynsham
- **Working with LGBT Young People and Sexual Health**, Keynsham, Tues 27th Sept, 09.00 – 16.00
- **Condom Card (C-Card) Training**, Bath, Thurs 29th Sept.14.00 – 16.30
- **Impact of the Internet and Pornography**, Midsomer Norton, **Tues 11th Oct.** 09.00 – 16.00
- **Solution Focused Training**, Civic Centre – West1.1, Civic Centre, Keynsham. Friday 21st October. 09.30 – 16.30
- **Motivational Interviewing**. Thurs 24th November, 09.30-16.30. Kaposvar, Guildhall, Bath. The leading approach for initiating change in a wide range of problems. Refresh and develop your skills in helping people who are 'stuck' or unsure of the need for change.
- **Working with CSE: Legal Processes**, Friday 9th September, 09.30-12.30, The Hollies Midsomer Norton
- **Domestic Abuse & Child Protection**, Monday 19th September, 09.30 - 16.30, Civic Centre, Keynsham
- **CSE Awareness Raising Training**, Monday 26th September, 09.30-12.30, Civic Centre, Keynsham
- **E-Safety**, Monday 3rd October, 09.30 - 13.00, Civic Centre, Keynsham
- **Critically Curious Conversations**, Thursday 6th October, 09.30 – 16.30. West 1.1, Civic Centre, Keynsham
- **Emerging Borderline Personality Disorders**, Weds 12th October, 09.30 – 13.00, Community Space - Keynsham
- **Working with CSE: Skills for Practice**, Wednesday 19th October, 09.30-16. Civic Centre, Keynsham
- **Attachment – Introduction & Awareness**, Weds 16th November, 09.30 - 16.30, Community Space, Keynsham
- **Working with Parents and CSE**, Monday 21st November, 09.30-16.30, Civic Centre, Keynsham

All Course Bookings for Children's Workforce Training should be made through the new online booking system [.http://bathnes.learningpool.com/](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