

## Children and Young People's Network



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

## February 2017 e-bulletin

Welcome to the February 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

### Service Evaluation.

We are coming to the end of this last contract period and I would like to take this opportunity to get some feedback from you on what you have found valuable and what could be improved in our services. **Please see document attached.**

**Your feedback will inform the way in which future support for the sector is developed and commissioned so please take the time to answer this survey as fully and honestly as you can.** Additionally, if none of the questions address your own experience or allow you to respond to your particular need or issue around a service – please write any comments or suggestions in the 'additional comments' sections. **All your feedback will be read carefully**, summarised (where possible) and fed back to the Local Authority for use in either re-commissioning this service or developing a better one **If you don't like filling in forms** and would like to **give your feedback either freestyle by email or verbally by phone** please feel free to **contact me.** Sue Evans, Network Co-ordinator [sue@bathareaplayproject.co.uk](mailto:sue@bathareaplayproject.co.uk). Tel: 01225 832 479

**Issues with B&NES Property Services?** A number of members have reported issues with B&NES Property Services. If you are experiencing any problems with unnecessary red tape, short notice periods, increase in property rental of B&NES buildings, please address your concerns to Cllr Paul Myers who is looking at the potential impact on the voluntary and community sector. [Paul.Myers@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Paul.Myers@bathnes.gov.uk)

### Reps Reports:

- Early Help Board 10 January 2017 – [click here](#)
- Children's Workforce Strategy Group 18 Jan 2017 – [click here.](#)
- West of England What's the Future Meeting 19th January 2017 – [click here](#)

## National News and Information

**NCVO New Year Letter to the Sector.** Sir Stuart Etherington has been chief executive of NCVO since 1994. [Read his thoughts for 2017 here.](#)

**Brexit – how will it impact your organisation?** NCVO give regular updates on the impact and implications of Brexit – the October briefing contains some interesting considerations on funding, employment of EU Nationals, etc. <https://www.ncvo.org.uk/policy-and-research/europe>

**Prime Minister unveils plans to transform mental health support.** Theresa May announces a comprehensive package of measures to transform mental health support in our schools, workplaces and communities. [Read more here.](#)

### **Coram Voices are launching its creative writing competition for care-experienced young people!**

The youth advocacy charity Coram Voice has announced that 'Voices', its writing competition for care-experienced young people is returning for a second year. The competition launches on 9 January 2017 with the theme 'New Beginnings' and Coram Voice is asking children and young people to draw inspiration from a change in their lives or opportunities they've experienced to try something new. The competition is grouped in three age categories: primary school, secondary school and care leavers, with a special additional award for migrant children in care or care leavers. Entries, which can be submitted online at [coramvoice.org.uk/voices-2017](http://coramvoice.org.uk/voices-2017) from 9 January **until 21 February**, can be in any written style including poems, short stories or newspaper articles, with a 500 word limit. If you know someone who would like to enter or you would like to find out more, please visit: [coramvoice.org.uk/voices-2017](http://coramvoice.org.uk/voices-2017).

### **How young people feel about their lives**

The Prince's Trust's eighth Youth Index says that young people's wellbeing is at its lowest level since the Index was first commissioned. 58% of young people surveyed said recent political events make them feel anxious about their future and 41% feel more anxious about life in general than a year ago. The index also showed:

- 28% of young people don't feel in control of their lives
- 18% don't believe they can change their circumstances if they want to
- 37% feel stressed about how to cope at work or school
- 42% feel traditional goals such as owning a house or getting a steady job are unrealistic
- 34% think they will have a worse standard of living than their parents did

[Read more here.](#)

### **The Charity Commission has published a revised statement on mission, regulatory approach and values,**

- confirming that it can best fulfil its objectives by
- concentrating on promoting compliance by charity trustees with their legal obligations
  - enhancing the rigour with which it holds charities accountable
  - ensuring that it upholds the definition of charity under charity law

[Read more here.](#)

**Children's Internet Use Reaches Record Highs** according to a recent Ofcom report, with youngsters aged between five and 15 years spending around 15 hours a week online - overtaking time spent watching TV for the first time. Even pre-schoolers, aged three to four, are spending more than eight hours a week online, up an hour and a half from six hours 48 minutes in the previous year. Top tips for parents from the NSPCC. [Read more here.](#)

**'Promoting family ties in the changing Criminal Justice. i-HOP** has written a summary of the conference, hosted by Clinks and i-HOP on 7th December 2016 in the South West. The conference was attended by around 50 professionals including prison staff, police, civil servants, social services and the education and voluntary sectors. With the link between family ties and reducing re-offending gaining increasing prevalence in the criminal justice debate, the conference was designed to update professionals on recent developments, as well as showcase best practice. [Read more here](#) . You can **access the resources from the event** [here](#).

**A Description of What it is Like to be Selectively Mute.** "It certainly doesn't feel selective if you're stuck in it" <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/dec/16/moment-that-changed-me-teacher-selective-mutism>

**Child Protection in Sport – Organisation Self-assessment Tool.** This self-assessment tool can help you ensure you're doing everything you could be to safeguard children in sport

<http://buff.ly/2jurgVB>

**Club, Coach and Volunteer Development Courses** in 2017. Including:

- Safeguarding & Child Protection - 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 Odd Down Sports Ground, Bath  
Start Time: 18:30, Estimated Finish Time: 21:30. Cost £40.

Visit: <http://store.uwe.ac.uk/product-catalogue/wesport/club-coach-and-volunteer-development-courses>

**Volunteering in Sport.** The NCVO research team are doing some work with Sport England which they hope may evolve into some funding operating in disadvantaged communities.

They are looking for good examples of VCs:

- Working with sport organisations
- Creating opportunities aimed at disadvantaged/ disadvantaged communities.

Any feedback appreciated – please contact, John Carlin: [john.carlin@ncvo.org.uk](mailto:john.carlin@ncvo.org.uk)

**New easy-read Good Trustee Guide.** Over the past few months NCVO have been working with [The Advocacy Project](#) to develop an easy-read version of their Good Trustee Guide. The [finished guide](#) provides comprehensive information about a trustee's role and best practice guidance in a way which is clear and accessible.

**The Charity Awards** is Civil Society Media's annual awards programme which aims to identify, recognise and reward those organisations doing exceptional work in all areas of charitable activity. The Awards is a year-round programme which celebrates and highlights best practice across the sector. **Any type of project or campaign can be entered** and it will be judged by a panel of sector leaders against entries from other organisations in the same sector. Entries are open for the 2017 awards. **The deadline to enter is 3rd March.** [Read more here](#)

**Universal Credit - challenges for people with multiple needs.** The Making Every Adult Matter Coalition has written a short blog explaining how Universal Credit can be challenging for people with multiple needs. The blog discusses how the payment-in-arrears format, online-only forms and quickly changing individual situations can mean people are left in extreme financial difficulty for long periods of time, including those leaving prison. [Read the blog here](#)

## Local and Regional News and Information

**Introducing SPACE LGBTQ Youth Group** a group for young people aged 13-21, who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender or who are Questioning their sexuality or gender, run by Off the Record Bath and NE Somerset. The group meets on Tuesday evenings 7pm – 9pm and also offers free, confidential 1-1 support at a time to suit the young person. [Find out more here.](#)

**Clean Slate are now taking referrals for their first Induction of 2017 on 26-27 January.** The Induction is ideal for anyone experiencing barriers to work, including issues around:

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

“Our doors are open to all jobseekers wanting to take the first steps back into employment.” <http://cleanslateltd.co.uk/jobseekers/next-induction/>

**To all Community Groups in Keynsham.** “This summer is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Music Festival in Keynsham. We want to make this year’s Festival a celebration of that and to give it a more-than-usual Keynsham focus. **We are already selecting music that will give a priority to Keynsham Musicians** and hopefully bring some familiar old faces to the stages. We will be incorporating **a full programme to celebrate Dance** in Keynsham to the Festival. We will be holding a very special event that will celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Keynsham’s twinning with Libourne in France, who will be sending a sizable delegation. **We have big plans for the opera this year.** It depends on how much funding we can generate. However these big plans will count for little if the Festival doesn’t also **reflect the involvement and support of the whole community** in the festival week. It has always been a huge example of community participation and this year we want to make that that very obvious to all. Do please consider how this may be achieved: group stalls and activity **in The Park on July 2<sup>nd</sup>**, musical or art activities at any time during the Festival week, decorations or a show of presence in the town at any time during the week. We will try to take on any suggestions you might have, and provide the facilities for any ventures you might think of. Contact, Ric, [ric@keynshamfest.co.uk](mailto:ric@keynshamfest.co.uk) Tel: 0117 9868683

**Investing in the future of Bath & North East Somerset – Cabinet sets out budget investment priorities.** [Please find information here.](#)

**Vacancy Bath Area Co-Ordinator for Disabled Children's Charity Time2Share.** Please find [details of this post here.](#) Deadline for applications: **5pm Tuesday 7 February 2017**

## Meetings, Conferences and Events

### Interagency Meetings:

- Tuesday 31st January at 12.30pm Southdown Methodist Church, Bath
- Tuesday 14th March at 12pm Chew Magna Baptist Church, Tunbridge Road, Chew Magna
- Wednesday 19th April, 12pm - 2pm Council Chamber, The Hollies, Midsomer Norton
- Wednesday 17th May, 12pm - 2pm Community at 67, Queens Road, Keynsham
- Wednesday 19th July, 12pm - 2pm Council Chamber, The Hollies, Midsomer Norton
- Tuesday 17th October, 12pm - 2pm Chew Magna Baptist Church, Tunbridge Road, Chew Magna
- Wednesday 15th November, 12pm - 2pm Community at 67, Queens Road, Keynsham

### **Invitation to Voluntary, community and social enterprise sector partners for an update webinar on Sustainability and Transformation Plans**

**30 Jan 2017 - 12noon to 1pm**

Voluntary, community and social enterprise sector partners are invited to an NHS England webinar for a national update on Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs).

#### **The webinar will include:**

- An update on the STP process so far
- Opportunities being developed at national level for involvement of VCS partners in STPs
- Examples of how the VCS has been involved in plans to date
- Questions and discussion

For more information on STPs please see <https://www.england.nhs.uk/stps/> The B&NES plan can be viewed here: <http://www.bathandnortheastsomersetccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/project/sustainability-and-transformation-plan>

**To join the webinar** please contact Jonathan Leahy via email: [Jonathan.leahy@nhs.net](mailto:Jonathan.leahy@nhs.net) and Jonathan will provide you with the joining instructions for the webinar.

## Business and Funding

**Early Years and Young People Themes** of The [Life Chances Fund](#) (LCF) will be open for Expressions of Interest to develop Social Impact Bonds **from 4 January 2017 to 28 February 2017**. We are seeking applications from local commissioners, service providers and intermediaries who seek to use Social Impact Bonds to tackle complex social problems that affect children and young people. See a video explaining how Social Impact Bonds work:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIXdCV9KyuE>

- **The Early Years theme** aims to support children from pre-birth to age 5, who are at risk of poor attainment, behaviour and health outcomes.
- **The Young People theme** focuses on reducing the risk of negative social, economic and health outcomes amongst disadvantaged young people from ages 11-24.

**The £80m Fund** was launched in July 2016 with the objective of helping those people in society who face the most significant barriers to leading happy and productive lives. The fund contributes to outcome payments for Social Impact Bonds.

**If you have any questions** about LCF, you can visit the [website](#) for full details. To discuss further questions with the LCF team, please send an email to [lifechancesfund@biglotteryfund.org.uk](mailto:lifechancesfund@biglotteryfund.org.uk)

**For further information on Outcomes Based Commissioning and Social Impact Bonds**, please visit the website of the [Government Outcomes Lab](#).

### Lush Spring Prize

A new £200,000 prize fund, and other support activities, to help projects that are working towards environmental and social regeneration. <http://springprize.org/> Nominations for 2017 are open until **February 28th**.

### BBC Children in Need Small Grants Programme Re-Opens to Applications (UK)

Small grants of up to £10,000 are available per year for up to three years (£30,000 total request) to not-for-profit organisations in the UK, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands 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.

Organisations must be working to combat this disadvantage and to make a real difference to children and young people's lives. Projects achieve these differences by either working directly with children or seeking to improve their social and physical environments. Priority will be given to projects where a relatively small amount of money can make a big difference for children and young people. **The 2017 deadlines for applications are 1 June, 1 September, and 1 December 2017.** [Find out more here.](#)

**Transform Foundation: Website Grants.** The Transform Foundation has launched the 2017 funding round of its Charity Website Grant Programme, which will be providing £18,000 grants to charities to fund the redevelopment of their website. <https://www.transformfoundation.org.uk/who-we-are>. There is a two-stage application process. Stage 1 applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

**Creating More Resilient Communities.** The Home Office's Building a Stronger Britain Together programme has opened for funding. It is offering both grant funding and in-kind support to civil society and community organisations that are working to create more resilient communities, to stand up to extremism in all its forms and to offer vulnerable individuals a positive alternative, regardless of race, faith, sexuality, age, and gender. The programme will provide in-kind support up to a value of £75,000, and grants of between either £1,000 and £14,999 or £15,000 and £50,000. **The deadline for applications for grant funding is 6th February.** [Find out more and apply here](#)

**Investment Readiness Grant Fund Extended.** Big Potential Breakthrough, the Big Lottery Fund investment readiness fund, this week [announced that it has been extended until the end of 2017](#). The £10m fund, which offers grants to charities and social enterprises to help them work out how social investment can work for them, had been due to close at the end of April. NCVO is an [approved provider](#) for Big Potential Breakthrough and can help at all stages of the application process. If you'd like to find out more or discuss a possible bid then please contact [Lev Pedro](#).

**Still time to join the Local Giving programme in BANES** but free places running out! Register via: <http://join.localgiving.org/banes>

**Groups tackling mental ill health, loneliness and improving wellbeing are invited to apply for grant funding.** This is part of a new round of grants funding offered through the **Bath & North East Somerset (B&NES) Supporting Communities and Wellbeing Fund**, a charitable fund to reduce isolation and improve health and wellbeing for local people. **The deadline is 24<sup>th</sup> February.** Please find a press release relating to this fund [here](#). **Please find details of this fund here:** <http://quartetcf.org.uk/grant-programmes/banes-supporting-communities-2/>

**B&NES Funding Bulletin** – There are some useful additional and local funds in this bulletin - [please find the link here](#) (you may have to cut and paste it into your browser if doesn't open from the page. If this does not work, or to be put on the mailing list, contact [alison\\_wells@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:alison_wells@bathnes.gov.uk)

## Training

'**myLife Tutor Training**' is an accredited life skills and character development programme [1st February, Birmingham, £300 or £25 monthly subscription] developed by Reflex, for use with young people in mentoring or group settings within both custodial or community settings. Course participants can engage creatively with a wide portfolio of relevant topics and work towards an OCR or ASDAN accreditation. myLife is free as part of an annual subscription alongside follow up tutor support and access to all the relevant multi-media programme resources. **To book a place or to find out more**, please email [training@reflex.org](mailto:training@reflex.org)

## Learning Curve's Fully Funded Training Programmes

If you have any staff members that are wanting to increase their knowledge without the need for a college then these courses are ideal. They can enrol staff as a group or as individuals as there are no minimum numbers required. Click on the links below for more information on each of the courses on offer for FREE:

[Level 5 Care Leadership & Management](#) (area specific)

[Level 5 Management & Leadership](#) (area specific)

[Level 3 Management](#)

[Level 3 Health & Social Care](#)

[Level 3 Business Administration](#)

[Level 3 Customer Service](#)

[Level 2 Team Leading](#)

[Level 2 Health & Social Care](#)

[Level 2 Business Administration](#)

[Level 2 Customer Service](#)

## **OTHER COURSES ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST (area specific)**

Level 2/3 & 5 Childcare

Level 2/3 Children & Young People

Level 3 Early Years Educator

Level 3 Specialist Supported Teaching & Learning in Schools

**If you or any of your staff have a higher qualification than the above, please advise them as**

there are other options. Please also note that even if you have a Level 3 qualification in Health & Social Care, for example, you would be able to do a Level 2 course in Business Administration/Customer Service as they are different sectors.

If you have any questions please contact me via the details below. Simply download your FUNDING REQUEST FORM [here](#) and send it to me to start delivering your FREE training.

Contact: [david.teasdale@learningcurvegroup.co.uk](mailto:david.teasdale@learningcurvegroup.co.uk)

visit [www.learningcurvegroup.co.uk](http://www.learningcurvegroup.co.uk) or call 01429 862 888

**Practical Finance Training and Resources** - Charity Finance Group (CFG) is the networking body providing support for finance professionals working across the charity sector. CFG's Small Charities programme provides practical finance training and resources for charities with an income of £1m or less across England and Wales, developing their knowledge and capabilities.

The programme covers five key themes:

- [Budgets & Forecasting](#)
- [Preparing Reports](#)
- [Legal & financial responsibilities of employing staff](#)
- [Banking & Accounting](#)
- [Gift Aid & How to Claim it](#)

Courses run locally in Frome and Yeovil and are subsidized by Esmee Fairbairn Foundation at a cost of approx. £20 per person. <http://smallcharityfinance.org.uk/>

### **B&NES Children's Workforce Training:**

- **Deliberate Self Harm & Suicidal Behaviours**, Thurs 26th January, 09.30 – 13.00. Royal British Legion, Keynsham.
- **Drink Think (Alcohol Brief Intervention Tool)**, Tues 31st Jan, 09.30 – 15.30. West 1.1 Civic Centre, Keynsham
- **Common Behaviour Problems in Children**, Mon 6th February, 09.30 – 16.30. Royal British Legion, Keynsham.
- **Mental Health First Response (2 day course)**  
1st Day - Mon 13th Feb, 09.30 – 16.30  
2nd Day - Mon 20th Feb, 09.30 – 16.30  
West1.1, Civic Centre, Keynsham
- **Understanding the needs of children and families of offenders**, 20th February, 10.00 – 12.00. Community Space, One Stop Shop, Keynsham
- **The practice of supporting children and families of offenders**, 20th February, 13.00 – 17.00. Community Space, One Stop Shop, Keynsham. This is a follow on session and is open to all staff in the children's workforce **who have previously attended** the 'Hidden Sentence' or the 'Understanding the Needs of Children and families of offenders' workshop (Including the morning session on the 20th Feb 2017)
- **Condom Card (C-Card) training**, Weds 22nd Feb. 09.30 – 12.00. Council Chamber, The Hollies, Midsomer Norton
- **Loss & Bereavement**, Weds 1st March, 09.30 – 13.30. Council Chamber, The Hollies, Midsomer Norton
- **Alcohol, Drugs and Risk Taking Behaviours**, Thurs 2nd March, 09.30 – 15.30. West 1.1 Civic Centre, Keynsham
- **Basic Attitudes and Values in Sexual Health**, Weds 22nd March, 09.30 – 15.30. Council Chamber, The Hollies, Midsomer Norton

**All Course Bookings for Children's Workforce Training** should be made through the online booking system <http://bathnes.learningpool.com/>

Further information available from Children's Workforce Training: 01225 394210 or [childrensworkforce\\_training@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:childrensworkforce_training@bathnes.gov.uk)