

Children and Young People's Network



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

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Welcome to the April 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 - Wednesday 28 June 2017. This will be a meeting to further develop our draft bid and further our ideas for independent sector support. Venue and timings TBC Bookings and Information: sue@bathareaplayproject.co.uk.

Reps Reports:

- **Emotional Health & Wellbeing Board March 2017** – [view report here](#).
- **CYP Subgroup of Emotional Health & Wellbeing Board** - Report from 23 March 2017 [View here](#) and associated documents: [CAMHS recommission](#) and consultation [response form](#).

Resources offered by Member – The Carers Centre. The Carers Centre have 2 meeting rooms for hire and a minibus that could be offered to other organisations from time to time. Also there is a big garden where groups would be welcome to come and use the pizza oven. Contact, Roy Maguire: Roy.Maguire@banescarerscentre.org.uk.

Looking After Data. We had a Data Governance Session with Joe Tarring, Information Governance Consultant at Sirona. [Here are my notes](#).

Service Evaluation Survey. Thanks to those who took the time to complete this survey. Here is [the report on collated results](#).

National News and Information

Will Children's Rights be at Risk when we leave Europe? Read Coram's briefing on [the importance of children's rights during Brexit](#).

The Road Ahead: What will 2017 mean for charities? The impact of Brexit, extended austerity, social cohesion and technological developments are just some of the key issues for charities highlighted in NCVO's 2017 'Road Ahead' report. [NCVO report here](#).

'See Potential' - new initiative to boost disadvantaged groups in work. A first-of-its-kind employer toolkit designed to help organisations recruit and retain more single parents and care leavers has been launched. The See Potential' toolkit includes guidance on recruitment practices, tips to support people to stay in work and a directory of organisations that are able to assist in making workplaces more inclusive. For more information, visit the [See Potential campaign site](#) and read the See Potential: case studies, employer information pack and [step-by-step employer guide](#).

Online Child Grooming Law After 2 Year Wait A new law against "sexual communication with a child" will finally be brought into force after two years of delays and public pressure.

The legislation was passed in March 2015 but the government failed to usher through a commencement order that is needed before law enforcement agencies could use the power. Missed opportunities to prosecute offenders are thought to run into thousands.

“In a world of mobile phones and social media our children are ever more vulnerable to those who prey on their innocence,” Miss Truss (Justice Secretary) said yesterday. “This new offence will help us to tackle the early stages of grooming and nip in the bud those targeting children online or through texts.” The new law against child sexual grooming online will make it a criminal offence for anyone over the age of 18 to communicate with a child under 16 with sexual content or in a bid to elicit a sexual response. Those convicted will go on the sex offenders register and face up to two years in jail. The Justice Secretary will also announce measures to give alleged rape victims the option to record their evidence on tape before trials.

Charity Falls Foul of Zero Business rates Scheme. Michelle Russell, Director of Investigations, Monitoring and Enforcement at the Charity Commission, said:

This case exposed more widely a practice of some retailers and landlords of hard to let properties approaching charities to entice them to enter into tenancy agreements that would relieve the landlords of the requirement to pay full business rates. These types of arrangements pose serious risks for charities if the charity is not making sufficient and proper use of the premises. In this case the arrangement backfired. It was the charity that ended up being liable for paying the business rates and had to close. [Read the full story here.](#)

Voluntary Sector Collaboration. Although based on organisations in the Criminal Justice system these findings will have wider relevance.- Clinks and Centre for Justice Innovation have published 'Why we collaborate', a report exploring voluntary sector collaboration in the criminal justice system. It looks at how voluntary organisations collaborate, what makes it work, and why it sometimes fails. The report showcases four case studies and seeks to draw conclusions about the motivation for collaboration, the impact which it can have and the factors which underpin successful collaboration. Nathan Dick, Head of Policy and Communications at Clinks has written a blog discussing the report. <http://www.clinks.org/resources-reports/why-we-collaborate>

NVCO is holding a volunteers week 1st-7th June. The theme is 'You make the difference'. If volunteers make a difference to your charity, community or organisation, Volunteers Week is a chance to show them your appreciation through events and celebrations. [Find out more here](#)

Free St John's Ambulance First Aid App. <http://www.sja.org.uk/sja/first-aid-advice/free-mobile-first-aid-app.aspx>

Young Parents' Advice website. A new mobile-accessible website has been launched as part of Family Rights Group's Young Parents Project. The website provides easy-to-follow information about the laws and procedures young mothers and fathers may need to know about if their children are, or have been, involved with children's services. [Young Parents' Advice website](#)

Check your strength. This tool is for small to medium-sized organisations and is a great way to identify areas that need to be developed to improve your organisation's strength...[read more](#)

Charity Commission Urges Trustees to get to Grips with Financial Duties. [Charity finances: trustee essentials \(CC25\)](#), covers the most common areas of managing charity resources including internal financial controls, charity reserves, and staff and volunteers, signposting further reading where required. [Charity governance, finance and resilience: 15 questions trustees should ask](#) has also been re-published. The Commission is conducting a wider ongoing review of how it supports trustees in this area, including working with external partners and umbrella bodies and improving navigation to its online guidance.

Value for money of National Citizen Service challenged. A report by the Public Accounts Committee questions whether the National Citizen Service is making good use of taxpayers' money, saying the programme (currently in the House of Lords as government passes a Bill to make it a statutory service) is at a critical juncture where it must

- Bring costs under control

- Become much more transparent in its governance and management, including about directors' salaries
- Meet its targets for filling places (£10 million was spent on unfilled places in 2016)
- Have a clear evaluation plan

[Read More Here.](#)

Plans to improve young carer identification The Department for Education is drawing up plans to make it easier to identify children and young people who have caring responsibilities, with a cross-government strategy due to be published in the summer, children's minister Edward Timpson has confirmed. [Read more here.](#)

Local and Regional News and Information

Black Families Education Support Group Launch Primary Supplementary School. They hope this launch will be towards the end of May at the end of May with a theatre company to lead 3 days of workshops. If you know any minority ethnic or dual heritage children who may be interested in this or in a sports week (primary age) in conjunction with Bath University in August, please **contact** Emma Milsom: coordinator@educationequals.org.uk , Tel 01225 787 925

Family Support & Play Service Southside & BAPP. This is an early help, targeted provision for Families with children aged 5 – 19 living with them. [Please find here the presentation](#) given to the Early Help Board in March. Further information can be found here

CAMHS Consultation Line <http://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/children-and-young-people/young-people/south-west/how-to-get-help/> In Bath & North East Somerset you can '[self-refer](#)' to the service for the first time by texting or calling **07468 701074** between 10.00 and 16.00, Monday-Friday.

Talking Eating Disorders has been commissioned by B&NES. Visit their site here. <http://tedsuk.com/about-us/>

Latest News from the Volunteer Centre - Community Matters newsletter: <http://eepurl.com/CH2Pmj>

Supporting Autistism with Social Stories™. Social Stories are short stories, written in a specific format and style that aim to accurately describe a context, skill or achievement (dinner time, bath time, waiting in line for example). They provide a supportive visual tool to help children better understand what is happening during certain situations that they might find confusing and/or distressing.

Research has demonstrated that Social Stories can be an effective intervention for supporting people with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), particularly in improving social and behavioural outcomes. However, findings can be mixed and this may be due to variations in how the Social Stories are written and/or presented to the child. Read about a project being developed at Bath University and Tried by Fosseway School on the [Bath University website.](#)

Young people 16-19 Wanted. There is an opportunity for young people to get involved with the bath fringe festival and get one of a kind work experience.

If you interested in:

- Event organising or marketing
- Theatre and production
- Social media or video editing
- Hair and make up
- Costume design
- Photography or film

We want your input for an event at the Bath fringe. The 2 introductory sessions are at Peasedown Youth Hub on April 5th 11.00am -1.00pm and at the Naturals theatre, Bath on April

6th 11.00am-1.00pm. We need you to attend this session to help plan your contribution and then other time commitments can be discussed and agreed. Transport can be supported. Email Sam on sam_plummer@btahne.gov.uk or text 07980998670 to arrange a space.

Meetings & Events

Interagency Meetings:

- 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

Business and Funding

Lloyds Banking Group Social Entrepreneurs Programme - 2017 Round Open (UK)

Funding and support is available for social entrepreneurs in the UK who wish to establish a new project or boost an existing project that will have a social impact.

This year the programme comprises the following support strands:

- **Start Up** - For those who are in the early stage development of a project or organisation. This programme will support personal development and business skills development to help turn projects or project ideas into a reality.
- **Scale Up** - For established organisations that are looking to take their operations to the next level. This programme will equip applicants with the tools to develop their enterprise further and maximise its social impact.
- **Trade Up** - For established organisations tackling a social or environmental issue.

Each strand provides successful enterprises with a free learning programme, mentoring and a community of people who run social and environmental projects. This is coupled with grant support at the following levels: Start Up - £3,000; Scale Up - £10,000; and Trade Up - £5,000. Individuals who are leading or planning to set up a project or social enterprise organisation which will create social change in the UK may apply. <https://www.the-sse.org/courses/start-up-2017/>

The deadline for receipt of applications is 1pm on 26 April 2017.

The Edge Fund will fund around 30 grass-roots organisations **campaigning against systems that cause injustice**. You can [see who they have funded previously here](#). The £40,000 fund is to be split between 30 organisations that are taking action for a just, equitable and sustainable world, work that challenges abuses of power and aims to bring an end to the systems that cause injustice. This could be economic systems, political systems, or any system that discriminates against people based on their identity or background (e.g. class, ability, gender, race, nationality, religion, sexuality, age or other factors). **The deadline for applications is 17th April.** [Read more here](#)

WHSmith Community Grant (UK)

Voluntary organisations, charities schools and pre-schools can apply for grants of up to £500 from the WHSmith Trust. The WHSmith Trust is an independent registered charity that uses the proceeds of the compulsory carrier bag charges across the UK to offer the grants to support good causes in the local communities where WHSmith operates.

There are two application rounds each year.

- The deadline for the current funding round is **the 31st March 2017.**
- The next deadline will be **the 30th September 2017.**

[For more information please click here](#)

The application form is very simple and online.

The Sport and Recreation Alliance's Annual Awards. formerly the Sports Club of the Year Awards, changed their name to reflect the wide variety of members' activities and include new categories to recognise the breadth of work that is carried out by the sport and recreation sector as a whole. **This year, awards and prize money will be presented for the categories of:**

- Professional Community Programme of the Year Award – sponsored by The Professional Footballers' Association.
- Added Social Value Award – sponsored by Substance.
- Volunteering Award – sponsored by Join In.
- Mental Health Award – sponsored by Hiscox.
- Innovation Project Award.

Each of the five category winners will receive £1,000 to help boost their work.

Any club, programme, scheme or initiative representing any of the Sport and Recreation Alliance's 313 members sports or recreational activities is eligible to apply for the awards. The Awards are free to enter, and clubs can make multiple applications in different categories. All shortlisted applications will be verified with governing bodies. Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony taking place in July 2017 in London. **The deadline for nominations is 30 April 2017 (midnight).** [Community Sport and Recreation Awards 2017](#)

Donor data and consent. The Fundraising Regulator has released its guidance aimed at helping charities better understand their responsibilities in relation to donor consent, data protection and legitimate interests. The guidance has been published alongside six case studies, showing examples of charities at different stages in the process of achieving full data compliance who have reconsidered their approach to donor consent over the past 12 months. An actions checklist and self-assessment toolkit has also been published to accompany the guidance, and help charities with the practical issues surrounding consent and personal data processing.

[See the guidance, case studies, checklist and toolkit](#)

Gerald Oppenheim, head of policy and communications at the Fundraising Regulator, has written on Civil Society about [why the Fundraising Regulator has published these guidelines](#).

Training

Volunteer Network Training. There are a number of free volunteer training sessions coming up over the next two weeks that still have a number of spaces available.

- Safeguarding - 29 March
- Everyday First Aid - 29 March
- Confidence & Assertiveness for Volunteers - 5 April
- Welfare Benefits Awareness - 7 April

[More information here.](#)

B&NES Children's Workforce Training:

- **Solution Focused Training**, Monday 3rd April, 09.30 – 16.30, Civic Centre, Keynsham.
- **Equalities Training**, Wednesday 26th April, 13.00 – 16.30, Civic Centre, Keynsham. This half day course is aimed at members of the children's workforce who want to:
 - Improve their understanding of the Equality Act and its impact on their work with children and families
 - Recognise the need to act in ways that are consistent with the law and Council procedures relating to equality and diversity.
 - Identify ways that people can be discriminated against on the grounds of: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation.
 - Work in ways that challenge discrimination and ensure that people are treated fairly even if this requires additional effort.

- Know who to contact for more support in promoting equality and diversity
- **CSE Awareness Raising**, Wednesday 3rd May, 09.30 – 12.30, Keynsham
- **Motivational Interviewing**, Thurs 11th May, 09.30-16.30, Guildhall, Bath
- **E-Safety**, Weds 24th May, 09.30 - 13.00, The Hollies, Council Chamber, Midsomer Norton
- **Assessment, Analysis and Effective Recording for Children's Services**. Mon 22nd May, 09.30 – 16.30. The Hollies Council Chamber, Midsomer Norton
- **CSE Awareness Raising**, Wednesday 3rd May, 09.30 – 12.30, Keynsham
- **Deliberate Self Harm & Suicidal Behaviours**, Friday 19th May, 09.30 – 13.00, The Hollies Council Chamber, Midsomer Norton.
- **Working with CSE: Skills and Practice**, Wednesday 21st June, 09.30 – 16.30, Keynsham
- **Working with Parents and CSE**, Wednesday 19th July, 09.30 – 16.30, Keynsham
- **CSE Advanced Training**, Wednesday 20th September, 09.30 – 16.30, Keynsham
- **Eating Disorders**, Thurs 28th Sept, 09.30 – 13.00, Keynsham

All Course Bookings for Children's Workforce Training should be made through the online booking system [.http://bathnes.learningpool.com/](http://bathnes.learningpool.com/)
Further information available from Children's Workforce Training: 01225 394210 or childrensworkforce_training@bathnes.gov.uk