

## Children and Young People's Network



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

## June 2017 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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## Children and Young People's Network News

**Next Network Meeting - Wednesday 28 June, 10:00 – 12:30.** This will be a meeting to further develop our draft bid and further our ideas for independent sector support. **Venue:** Odd Down Community Centre, Odin's Rd, Odd Down, BA2 2TL.  
Bookings and Information: [sue@bathareaplayproject.co.uk](mailto:sue@bathareaplayproject.co.uk).

**The Children & Young people's Plan 2018 – 21, Your Thoughts.** Ideas are being drafted for the new CYPP plan to take us through to 2020. As a Network we made a significant contribution to the last [Plan 2014 -17](#) via our [Position Statement](#) – many ideas of which were incorporated into the strategy.

The New plan is maybe even more important, covering as it will, a period of even further decreases in local authority income and funding and an increased need for services from the VCS. This is an opportunity to embed best practice in commissioning and service delivery, through equal collaboration between agencies, into this overarching children & young people's strategy document. Our insights into the needs of our local children, young people and families will also be invaluable.

**The New CYPP Plan will be structured around the same three key Outcomes** as last time, which are:

- Children and Young People are Safe
- Children and Young People are Healthy
- Children and Young People have Equal Life Chances.

**Please contribute your thoughts and insights into our new Position Statement for 2018 – 2021.** What new areas of priority and concern are you aware of, what needs more attention, what support and resources do you feel we need, as a sector, to contribute effectively to the outcomes of the plan, how do you want the LA and other agencies to act in relationship to the VCS. From your responses we will construct a draft Position Statement from the sector for further consultation. This will be used as a framework for us to feed into the new CYP Plan itself.  
[sue@bathareaplayproject.co.uk](mailto:sue@bathareaplayproject.co.uk).

**Do you Offer Parenting Support?** The Parenting Strategy Group would like to hear of any VCS group offering parenting support services so that they can build up a more complete picture of what is available in the area. If your group does this work please inform our Rep on that board who will feed the information back. Contact: Cheryl Unthank: [cheryl.unthank@trc-uk.org](mailto:cheryl.unthank@trc-uk.org)

## Meeting Reports:

- **Parenting Strategy Meeting 24 April 2017** - view [Notes and Paperwork here](#)

## Terms of Reference

- have been finalised for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector Group
- are being reviewed for Early Help Board

See documents on the [Reps Reports Page](#).

See also a useful document of [linked strategic groups to the Early Help Board](#).

**Could you be our Representative on the B&NES Local Safeguarding Children Board?** We are looking for a new Network representative for the LSCB. The role will give you an insight into safeguarding and child protection issues and strategy in B&NES and an opportunity to feed the VCS viewpoint into future policy development. The LSCB meet in March, June, September and December each year. [See full LSCB Terms of Reference](#). Our current Rep, Roz Lambert, will be happy to answer any questions you may have and will be available to cover the first meeting with you by way of an induction. Contact: Roz Lambert: [Roz.Lambert@firststepsbath.org.uk](mailto:Roz.Lambert@firststepsbath.org.uk)

## National News and Information

**Residential Retreat in Lake District for Hire to groups** Chance for Change has a large bunkhouse above Glenridding in the Lake District available for group hire. Chance for Change support disadvantaged young people to experience the outdoors, learn independent living skills and make positive life choices. They will be running their programmes from the bunkhouse for 100 days during 2017— it is available for group hire for the remaining times. There are 18 beds over six rooms, male and female showers, full commercial kitchen, WiFi and meeting facilities. The bunkhouse is close to Striding Edge, Ullswater and is only twenty minutes from the M6 and Penrith train station. The whole bunkhouse is available for £200/night midweek and £250/weekends, which will help support Chance for Change projects. [Check availability and book here](#)

**Adfam** would like to hear from anyone who considers themselves a family member, friend or loved one of a person who uses or is in recovery from alcohol and other drugs. The Families Living with Addiction and Recovery survey is a nationwide survey which will document the lives of family members of people in addiction and recovery. [Take the survey here](#)

**Children England Questions for Election Candidates.** Use the #ChildrenAtHeart resources to join in making sure this General Election doesn't ignore children again. Derived from *England's Children: a manifesto*, we've suggested [questions you can put to candidates in the General Election](#), to find out how they plan to help England's children.

**The latest NCVO almanac of voluntary sector data has been published**, showing that:

- **Larger organisations have experienced the biggest increases in income.** The sector's economy is dominated by larger charities: organisations with an income of £1m or more account for 80% of the sector's total income, yet make up only 3% of the total number of charities. It is the income of these organisations (particularly the super-major organisations with an income of over £100m) that increased the most in 2014/15.
- **Income from central government is now higher than income from local government.** In 2014/15, the sector received £15.3bn from government bodies, of which 81% was earned through contracts and 19% from grants. Income from government only grew by 1% but continued to move closer to the peak seen in 2009/10 (£15.7bn).
- **The voluntary sector continues to make a sizeable contribution to the UK economy.** In 2014/15, the voluntary sector contributed £12.2bn (GVA) to the UK economy, which is around 0.7% of total GDP. To put this amount in context, it is a little more than the GDP of

Cyprus (£12.0bn) in 2015. In the same year, the estimated value of volunteering was £22.6bn.

See more detail: [NCVO almanac](#)

### **Advice on cyber security from the Charity Commission**

In the wake of the ransomware attack on the NHS, the Charity Commission is reminding charities to:

- install system updates on all devices as soon as they become available
- install anti-virus software on all devices and keep it updated
- create regular backups of your important/business critical files to a device that is not left connected to your network, as any malware infection could be spread to that too
- do not meet any stated demands and pay a ransom - this may be requested via Bitcoins (a form of digital or 'crypto' currency)

[Advice on cyber security from the Charity Commission](#)

**Keeping Children Safe Online – Gaming Sites.** This briefing paper focuses on online gaming. The rise of online gaming and the advances in modern technology have allowed for an online gaming community to be formed. Perpetrators are increasingly targeting children and young people via online gaming sites, pretending to be someone who they are not. This can often lead to bullying, grooming and sexual exploitation. This briefing paper explores the different gaming sites which children and young people use and some of the risks associated with it. [Read more...](#)

**Synthetic cannabinoids: getting to grips with a rising problem.** This is the title of a Conference to be held in Leeds on 21<sup>st</sup> September but the event info includes a useful overview on these cheap available and highly addictive synthetic form of Cannabis which are freely available. Read more here [.http://www.ccclimited.org.uk/event/syntheticcannabinoids/](http://www.ccclimited.org.uk/event/syntheticcannabinoids/)

**Survey on service user governance involvement** Through the [William Plowden Fellowship](#) research is being done on service users' involvement in organisational governance **with a specific focus on children and young people's charities.** If you operate in this sector, then Rebecca would very much value your feedback irrespective of current governance arrangements. [Visit the short survey here.](#) A report with key findings will be published later this year.

**How to write Accessible Web Content.** Guide by the NCVO: <https://knowhownonprofit.org/how-to/how-to-write-accessible-web-content>

**Children and Social Work Act 2017.** The Children and Social Work Act received Royal Assent on 27th April 2017. [Children and Social Work Act 2017](#)

**'No grey areas': experts urge Facebook to change moderation policies.** Facebook's ethical standards should not be decided "behind closed doors", the former chair of an influential parliamentary committee has said after the Guardian revealed the social media giant's secret rules for moderating extreme content. [Read more.](#)

### **Youth Select Committee calls for evidence on body image**

The [British Youth Council's Youth Select Committee](#) announces a new inquiry into body image. The Committee is calling for evidence from a wide range of witnesses, including organisations and interested parties, as well as young people who have been affected by body image issues. The Committee's call for evidence closes on **16<sup>th</sup> June 2017.** **Find out more:**

<http://www.byc.org.uk/news/youth-select-committee-calls-for-evidence-on-body-image>

**From Care to Independence;** Headliners have been supporting young care leavers to produce a film in response to the findings of From Care to Independence, and to get to the heart of their opinions regarding their experience of leaving care. This film was also released in May 2017 which [you can watch here.](#) The footage, photography, and commentary in this film was captured by young people, and offers an honest insight into some of the most complex and challenging

decisions faced by young people who have experienced the care system. [Read the full report From Care to Independence.](#)

## **Models of governance – Introduction of Unitary Boards**

In Civil Society, Tania Mason has [investigated the introduction of unitary boards](#) (models where paid senior staff join the board as executive directors), exploring arguments for and against as well as questioning the Commission's role in agreeing when a board can adopt the model.

Here [Dan Francis](#) blogs for NCVO on her conclusions:

“While I recognise our sector is very diverse and there is not a ‘one size fits all’ model – as the advocacy project example in Tania’s article demonstrates – I do wonder if the concept of introducing unitary boards can sometimes be seen as a ‘silver bullet’. This means that other underlying governance issues such as the recruitment of a skilled, committed and diverse board, and the investment in relationships between trustees and the quality of information they receive, are overlooked.

Andrew Hind’s view that ‘it is easy to find examples in the corporate sector where the unitary board structure has not provided adequate checks and balances’ is, I think, a significant point. As is Tania’s conclusion in her thought piece that often ‘it’s not the structure that determines the success of a charity, it’s the quality of the people involved’.

## **Local and Regional News and Information**

**Volunteer Voice Newsletter** – produced by the Volunteer Centre for Volunteers. Latest edition: <http://mailchi.mp/655f00298723/volunteers-voice>

**Local Giving Support.** James Carlin has some ideas of how you can maximise the support offered by Local Giving – he can help set up an e-newsletter, there is a new [feature](#) on Local Giving website for groups to upload press releases to local press, or James could come out to visit you and discuss support needs he may be able to help with. Read more about what he has been up to [in his Newsletter](#) or contact James at: [james@localgiving.org](mailto:james@localgiving.org)

**See [Funding section](#) for up to £250 match funding available 22 June.**

**The Volunteer Network B&NES** - is working to develop free training, shared resources in volunteer management and peer support for Volunteers. There are a number of pilots and initiatives so have a look at the [Business Plan 2017-18](#) for details and contact Co-ordinator Richard Brooks for more information: [volunteernetworkbanes@gmail.com](mailto:volunteernetworkbanes@gmail.com)

**Looking to Develop your Sports Club?** Wesport have a range of support, guidance, funding opportunities, etc to help. See what they offer here: <http://www.wesport.org.uk/active-community/clubs/>

## **Meetings & Events**

### **Interagency Meetings:**

- 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

**How VCSE organisations can Meet the Metro Mayor.** The West of England Civil Society partnership is planning a ‘Meet the Metro Mayor’ event in June. It will be promoted via the Voscur website – keep an eye on the [calendar](#) for more details. Mr Bowles will control a budget of £31 million per year which will be split between business infrastructure, adult education and skills, planning and transport. He will also oversee future [Devo deals](#) with central government.

**Young Carer's Workshop, Tuesday 6 June 12:30 – 13:30**, Keynsham Civic Centre. Workshop led by the Young Carers' Service from the Carers' Centre. Help to identify and support young carers in the families you work with. Find out what the young carers' service can offer. Contact Dee Chaddha [dee\\_chaddha@bathnes.go.uk](mailto:dee_chaddha@bathnes.go.uk) to book your place now. [Download Flyer](#).

**Keynsham Community Network Event**. Saturday 10th June, 9.30pm – 12pm. The Space, above the Library, Market Walk, Civic Centre, Keynsham. Open to the public, come along and promote your group, meet other Keynsham Community Groups, swap details with other groups, gain new members for your group. **For further information contact:** Dawn Drury, Deputy Town Clerk, Keynsham Town Council, 15 – 17 Temple Street, Keynsham, Bristol BS31 1HF. Telephone 0117 9868683 Email: [deputytownclerk@keynsham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:deputytownclerk@keynsham-tc.gov.uk)

**How Safe are our Children 2017, 21-22 June, London**. At the NSPCC's annual child protection conference, leading professionals will debate, question and share insights on the issues facing children today, such as:

- How can we keep children safe online?
- How can we help prevent child sexual abuse?
- How do we get better at protecting children in sport?

**More information:** [How safe are our children? 2017](#)

**The National Children and Young Peoples Mental Health Conference**, July 6th, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. The Royal National, London. One in 10 children suffers from depression, anxiety or another diagnosable mental health problem, and 75% of mental illness starts before the age of 18. Official figures from NHS Digital show admissions for under-18s self-harm have been increasing for five years in a row. **Children and Young People's Mental Health: Taking Early Action** offers practical advice and guidance that will help you to improve access and outcomes, reduce inequality and implement The Five Forward View principles across Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). £160 + £32 VAT. **More information:** <http://www.openforumevents.co.uk/event/children-and-young-peoples-mental-health/>

## Forthcoming Strategic Meetings

**These are meetings which our Network Reps will attend.** If you have an issue which you feel should be considered by the Board, please [contact the relevant Representative](#). You can also ask for details of meeting Agendas – although these are often not available until the week before the meeting.

- LSCB – 6 June
- Emotional Health & Wellbeing Board – 8 June
- Parenting Strategy – 16 June, Agenda incl. Action Plan 2017-18 [can be viewed here](#).
- SEND Strategy Group – 29 June
- Early Help Board - 27 July. Agenda items: Neglect Strategy, Review of action plan, Early Help Action Plan

## Business and Funding

**B&NES Funding Bulletin** - there are several good opportunities in this edition. [Read the funding bulletin here](#).

**Match funding in June**. On [Thursday 22nd June](#), Localgiving will be doubling one-time donations to your groups pound-for-pound by up to £25. Each group may receive up to a maximum of £250 of match funding through the campaign. This will launch at 10:00 am on 22nd June and run until the fund runs out, or 23:59 - whichever comes first.

**Grassroots Giving 2017** will, once again, donate pots of money to smaller, community minded organisations which would normally struggle to win funding. This will help a large number of

organisations across the UK make a big difference to their neighbourhoods and communities. Deadline for applications is 31 July 2017. [More information here.](#)

**Google Ad Grants** Google Ad Grants is based on the Google Adwords platform, where you can bid for individual keywords, which when typed into Google, bringing your web site to the top of Google rankings. Google AdGrants offers the same facility – but free to charities!. If you're a qualifying nonprofit, you'll receive \$10,000 USD in in-kind AdWords advertising every month. Find out more: <https://www.google.com/grants/>

**Data Protection for Fundraisers 5 June in Bristol.** These practical half day sessions will focus on the changes introduced by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and look at how these will impact on your fundraising activities. Delivered by the Institute of Fundraising. Costs: £49 – IoF Individual members, £79 – non-members. [Find out more and book here](#)

## Training

**B&NES Training Bulletin** – thoroughly recommend you read this in full – there are a number of really good courses listed here that I have not seen advertised anywhere else e.g. **National Autistic Society Online Training & Thrive Bath** who are running another series of their excellent training events at very low cost – [read more and sign up to the bulletin here.](#)

**If you would like more information** or you would like your courses included in the next bulletin contact, Sara Dixon, tel: 01225 396594, [email.](#)

**Free Volunteer Training** via the Volunteer Network:  
<http://wellbeingcollegebanes.co.uk/index.php/Volunteers>

**Charity Trustee Training Programme: Property: buying, selling and maintaining - Bath**  
Whether you have one property or several, there are specific rules that apply in relation to property held by charities.

- explore the areas where advice will be needed during the life cycle of owning a property
- understand the various ways in which properties can be bought, owned and sold
- health and safety obligations that arise from owning and using properties

All sessions are interactive and a forum for you to ask as many questions as you can from expert advisors. **Timings:** Registration: 4.45pm, Start: 5.00pm, Finish: 7.00pm

**Fee:** Registration fee £10 per session inclusive of VAT. Please note that places are limited to 2 people per organisation. **Dates and Locations: Bath – Wednesday 28 June 2017, [Francis Hotel](#), Queen Square, Bath BA1 2HH (directly next door to Stone King offices).** **Booking:**

<http://www.stoneking.co.uk/news-events/event/property-buying-selling-and-maintaining-bath>

**Other Topics and Dates** can be found on links to the left of this page.

## Free Universal Credit courses – aimed at Service users

### [Get Started with Universal Credit](#)

This free 4-day course will be run in a friendly and supportive way and is suitable for those with little or no computer experience. It has been designed to help you understand the basics of managing your Universal Credit account.

Dates: Friday 2nd, Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th and Friday 9th June

Time: 9:45am – 1:00pm

Venue: Citizens Advice, 2 Edgar Buildings, Bath

Booking: Adult Community Learning Tel: 01225 328822 / 01761 433161 ext 330

### [Managing your Universal Credit account](#)

This free two-day course is suitable for those who have experience of using a computer but would like help managing their Universal Credit account.

Dates: Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th June

Time: 9:30am – 1:00pm

Venue: Citizens Advice, 2 Edgar Buildings, Bath

Booking: Adult Community Learning Tel: 01225 328822 / 01761 433161 ext 330

### FastTrack - Managing your Universal Credit account

This free one-day course is suitable for those who are confident using a computer but would like a quick overview of how to manage a Universal Credit account.

Date: Monday 19th June

Time: 10:00am – 1:00pm

Venue: Citizens Advice, 2 Edgar Buildings, Bath

Booking: Adult Community Learning Tel: 01225 328822 / 01761 4331

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

- **ASD and Co-Existing Mental Health Difficulties**, Monday 12th June, 09.30 – 12.30, (Library) Keynsham
- **Working with CSE: Skills and Practice**, Wednesday 21st June, 09.30 – 16.30, Keynsham
- **Slavery & Trafficking**, Friday 23rd June, 09.30 – 12.30, Keynsham
- **Disabled Children: Safeguarding & Child Protection**, Monday 26th June, 09.30 – 16.30, Civic Centre, Kingswood, South Glos
- **Lead Professional and Team Around the Child**, Tuesday 27th June, 09.30 – 16.00, The Hollies, Council Chamber, Midsomer Norton
- **Domestic Abuse: Safeguarding & Child Protection**, Wednesday 28th June, 09.30 – 16.30, Midsomer Norton.
- **Young People's Participation in Practice. Tuesday 4th July, 12.30 – 14.30, Civic Centre, Keynsham**
- **Attachment – Introduction & Awareness**, Wednesday 5th July, 09.30 – 15.30, The Hollies, Midsomer Norton
- **Working with Parents and CSE**, Wednesday 19th July, 09.30 – 16.30, Keynsham
- **Common Assessment Framework**, Monday 18th September, 09.00 – 13.00, Keynsham
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- **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](mailto:childrensworkforce_training@bathnes.gov.uk)