

## Children and Young People's Network



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

## July 2017 e-bulletin

Welcome to the July 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 27 September, 10:00 – 12:00.** This will be a meeting to further develop our collective response to the CYP plan. An overview of the CYPP consultation and a workshop to develop our ideas and collective consultation feedback will be led by Strategic Commissioning Officer, Sarah McCluskey. **Venue:** Odd Down Community Centre, Odin's Rd, Odd Down, BA2 2TL.

Please take time to fill out the consultation form sent to you last month with your feedback prior to the meeting. The CYP Plan is one of the key documents under which all local strategy affecting children & young people will be decided over the next 5 years. Send completed feedback to [Network@bathareaplayproject.co.uk](mailto:Network@bathareaplayproject.co.uk)

**B&NES Data Survey of VCS** – If you are not a commissioned service, chances are that the Local Authority is not aware of the impact you are having on the lives of children & young people in B&NES. This survey attempts to address this by asking for some very general data on the numbers who use your services and where you operate. It is very short (only 7 short questions) so please take time to fill it in. It will also help build a picture of the wide network of support offered by local community organisations to our young people. Find the survey on:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/F5TWYC2>

### Reps reports and Meeting notes.

- **3SG May 2017** – [View meeting notes here.](#)

**Star Project of the Month**– for the next bulletin onwards we will be showcasing a 'Star project of the Month'. To submit your entry please request the template form to fill in from [Network@bathareaplayproject.co.uk](mailto:Network@bathareaplayproject.co.uk). The idea is each month the bulletin will share with the network a best practice project or activity that has had exceptional or perhaps unexpected positive outcomes for young people, either on an individual or a group.

## National News and Information

**HANDI App** Parents, carers and healthcare professionals can access expert advice about common childhood illnesses and how to treat them via a mobile app, called HANDi App. It is free to download. To find out more: <http://bit.ly/2rOs13g>

**Internet Safety - Interland** Google has created a new web-based game designed to teach the fundamentals of internet safety to children. The game forms part of a programme called [Be Internet Awesome](#), developed in conjunction with online safety bodies such as ConnectSafely, the Internet Keep Safe Coalition, and the Family Online Safety Institute. The game is designed to teach five core internet principles around being "internet smart," "internet alert," "internet strong," "internet kind," and "internet brave."

Families can reinforce important lessons at home by signing the Be Internet Awesome Pledge to stay smart, alert, strong, kind and brave online." [Read more here.](#) Or follow this link to [enter Interland.](#)

**The Department for Communities and Local Government** is welcoming views on preserving the free use of parks. Closing date 5<sup>th</sup> July. [Running free: Consultation on preserving the free use of parks](#)

**New survey from the [Social Mobility Commission](#) raises fears of young people's social mobility. The [social mobility barometer](#) uncovers feelings of deep social pessimism among young people with half (51%) of 18-24 year olds believing background determines success.**

**Senior Leadership the South West Development Directors Programme (SWDDF) is offering a one year course for leaders of charities in the South West.** The programme is aimed to develop crucial skills for running a successful organization such as strategy and business planning, governance and team motivation. The programme commences in October at Bath/Bristol venues. To receive a booking contact Jenny Perez at [Jenny@chooseyourpath.co.uk](mailto:Jenny@chooseyourpath.co.uk) or M: 07790 289 188

## Local and Regional News and Information

**Summer Reading Challenge** is taking place again in the libraries this year with the theme 'Animal Agents'. The idea is to encourage children aged 4-11 to continue reading over the school holidays and by signing up to the Summer Reading Challenge, borrowing and reading 6 library books children will get 'rewards and incentives' along the way, with a medal and certificate upon completion (while stocks last). We also have several free activities going on in libraries throughout the summer to help encourage children into the libraries.

- Summer Reading Challenge site: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>
- B&NES 'libraries' page specific to the Summer Reading Challenge more information will follow shortly  
<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/events-and-activities/childrens-events-year/summer-reading-challenge>

**Avon and Somerset Police is Relaunching the Safe Places Service**, with a new 24/7 number to help people with communication difficulties stay safe when they are out and about. The improved service is being rolled out from 10th May 2017. People with a communication difficulty can register for the scheme and tell the police how they like to be communicated with, information about their health and who should be contacted if they need help.

Once registered, an individual can call the Safe Places number if they find themselves in a crisis situation, such as if they are lost, feel scared or upset, and don't know what to do, or if they have been a victim of crime. [Read more here.](#)

**Get Creative** – Access to music are running a series of free summer workshops including games design, digital media, music production and sound engineering open to B&NE young people.

Search for summer events @ the Bristol centre via the website:

<http://www.accesstomusic.co.uk/events>

**Bath Nightstop** – a new project, run by Bath YMCA will support young people aged 16-25 who are homeless or at risk of being homeless in the B&NEs area. The project provides the young people with a key worker and a safe place to stay via its volunteer network. To get more advice or make a referral call T: 01225 325 912 or 07899 21 557 or email [lowrigrove@bathymca.co.uk](mailto:lowrigrove@bathymca.co.uk)

## Recommended Reading by the Local Safeguarding Children Board:

- **Young parents' advice website:** New website for young parents whose children are involved with children's services W: <http://bit.ly/2rxYv0T>
- **Role of the Local Authority Designated Officer** An article looking at the role of the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) W: <http://bit.ly/2oDcuxl>

- **Right home project evaluation:** DfE evaluation of the Right Home project, a multi-agency approach to address a gap in provision for young people on the edge of care or at risk of being homeless in Calderdale. W: <http://bit.ly/2qUjbxz>
- **Film: Jaha's Promise** a documentary on female genital mutilation (FGM) following the life story of a 26-year-old campaigner Jaha Dukureh **NB** - Contains disturbing images W: <http://bit.ly/2mQa67v>
- **The first Troubled Families annual report** W: <http://bit.ly/2sduO6E>
- **Wellbeing in schools** - YoungMinds has published the results of surveys of parents and teachers looking at children's well being in schools across Britain. W: <http://bit.ly/2rZZkRT>
- **NSPCC safer recruitment training** - online and face-to-face training courses to give you the skills and techniques to safely recruit staff and volunteers into roles working with children and young people W: <http://bit.ly/2sz2ljF>
- **Indecent images of children: guidance for young people** - The Home Office has published guidance to help young people understand the law on making or sharing indecent images of children. W: <http://bit.ly/2p2lIH5>

## 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

## 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.

- Health & Wellbeing Board 12 July
- Early Help Board - 27 July. Agenda items: Neglect Strategy, Review of action plan, Early Help Action Plan
- CYP Subgroup of Health & Wellbeing Board 26 July
- Children's Workforce Development Steering Group 2 August
- Equalities – 29 June

## Business and Funding

**Homeless Link launched a £4.5 million Social Investment Fund on 19 June 2017.** The programme is funded by Access - The Foundation for Social Investment, through its Growth Fund. The money will be invested over the next three years and will offer homelessness organisations in England unsecured loans between £25,000 and £150,000. The programme aims to test and learn where social investment can be most effectively used alongside other forms of funding to improve outcomes. Homeless Link is looking to support organisations to increase the homelessness sector's knowledge and experience of social investment, develop new models for income generation and funding and improve their long-term sustainability. The launch event will be on 19th June. [Find out more here](#)

**Funding Greater Social Impact.** Big Potential, a Big Lottery Fund grant fund, will deliver approximately £20m of grant funding over 3 years to voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations with the aim of improving their sustainability, capacity and scale in order that they may deliver greater social impact. Grants are available from £20k up to £150k. **The deadline for applications is 11th October.** [Find out more here](#)

## Training

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

**Training from Trauma Recovery Centre, Bath & Bristol.** Learn strategies to work with trauma and gain a foundational knowledge of how the brain is impacted by traumatic experiences leading to trauma symptoms and poor wellbeing. Get tools for your working tool kit to work creatively with young people. Grow in your professional confidence and safeguard yourself against burnout or secondary trauma so you can enjoy a good professional quality of life! Email today for a booking form [training@trc-uk.org](mailto:training@trc-uk.org). Check out training dates: [www.trc-uk.org/training-dates](http://www.trc-uk.org/training-dates)

**Fully funded qualification - Level 2 Understanding Autism.** Learning Curve Group is proud to offer our popular qualification, Level 2 Understanding Autism, fully funded. This course develops knowledge and awareness of autism, a spectrum condition that affects how a person communicates with others and how they interpret the world around them. Get in touch today for more information as spaces are limited! [liam.watts@learningcurvegroup.co.uk](mailto:liam.watts@learningcurvegroup.co.uk)

**Charity Finance Group's 'Small Charities Programme'** has spaces on finance training courses available for £20, including budgets, management, cash flow, preparing annual reports, gift aid, staff costs and forecasting. [Find out more here](#). Cardiff seems to be closest venue but more courses will be loaded.

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

- **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 18<sup>th</sup> September 9.00-13.00, Keynsham
- **CSE Advanced Training**, Wednesday 20th September, 09.30 – 16.30, Keynsham
- **Eating Disorders**, Thurs 28th Sept, 09.30 – 13.00, Keynsham

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

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