

# Children and Young People's Network



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

## September 2017 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: 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.

**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>



**Star Project of the Month** – The TRC Therapeutic Activity Group is a bi-weekly session for children and young people aged from 5 to 7 years old who have suffered trauma, have graduated from 1:1 therapy with a psychotherapist at the TRC Therapy Centre but need longer term intervention. Research shows that young people suffering from trauma need long term support for lasting change and to ensure they are able to go on to function and enjoy a fulfilling life and contribute to society.



The group is led by the therapeutic play specialist and play worker, and a team of therapeutic mentors, who are trained with an understanding of trauma and therapeutic skills to best support those who are recovering from trauma. There is a range of play based and therapeutic activities on offer each session designed to increase confidence, develop social skills and improve wellbeing.

The group meets at the Bath TRC Centre, and runs on a Thursday from 5.30-6.30pm. Please contact [Claire.tinker@trc-uk.org](mailto:Claire.tinker@trc-uk.org) for further information.

*To submit your entry for next month's 'Star project of the Month' please request the template form 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

**Parents could face 'additional charges' for 30 hours childcare** - half of early years providers plan to increase or introduce extra charges to parents to recoup the cost of offering the government's 30 hours of free childcare policy. The scheme, which is also being trialled in another seven areas in September, was a key promise in the Conservative general election manifesto. It is scheduled to be rolled out across the rest of England in 2017.

## Local and Regional News and Information

**You can now refer young people to B&NES CAMHS Online** – [www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/swb-referrals](http://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/swb-referrals)

**FREE cycle stands for community groups and small businesses** – Cycling charity [Life Cycle UK](http://Life Cycle UK) is offering community groups and small businesses in BANES the chance to apply for FREE cycle stands, thanks to funding from BANES Council. BANES-based organisations can apply for up to 2 FREE Sheffield stands each – enough to provide secure parking for 4 bikes. To apply for your free cycle stands, visit: [www.lifecycleuk.org.uk/free-cycle-parking](http://www.lifecycleuk.org.uk/free-cycle-parking), call 0117 353 4580 or contact: [frances@lifecycleuk.org.uk](mailto:frances@lifecycleuk.org.uk)

**North East Somerset MP, Jacob Rees-Mogg visited and promoted 'Off the Record' local charity** - on 21st of July Jacob Rees-Mogg visited Off the Record to hear about the work being delivering across Bath and North East Somerset. He wrote and published this [article](#) on his website and in the Somerset Guardian

## Meetings & Events

**Bath Nightstop Information Event** - would you consider being a host for homeless young people in Bath? Bath Nightstop recruits and trains volunteer hosts with spare rooms in their homes to give a young person in crisis a warm bed for the night. To find out more attend the host Information event on 21<sup>st</sup> September 3-5pm or 6-8pm at Bath YMCA, International House.

**Regional Commissioning Event in the use of Volunteers in Children's Services** is on 25<sup>th</sup> September from 10,30am- 4pm in Salisbury City Hall. This event is for Commissioners and providers in the South West who use volunteers to deliver direct interventions to children and families and is aimed to share learning about how volunteers are being utilised, latest programmes and solutions to the key challenges to effective volunteering programmes. To book a place please contact: [lucy.lewis@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:lucy.lewis@wiltshire.gov.uk)

**The Free Early Help Conference** is on 16 October 2017 at Somerdale Pavilion, Cross Street, Keynsham, BS31 2FW. This event is to promote the work Children's Services have been doing over the last few months in relation to Early Help. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions and also explore new ways of working. For a place at this event please request and complete the booking form and send it back to: [EarlyHelp@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:EarlyHelp@bathnes.gov.uk)

**Safeguarding Event – managing employees and volunteers** is on Wednesday 27 September, 5-7pm, Francis Hotel, Queen Square, Bath, BA1 2HH

**3SG Open Meeting** is on 19th September 2017 at [Bath City Football Club](#) from 10 am - 12.30 pm. The event is the first Open Meeting and It will be a chance for 3SG [Organisational Members](#) to elect the ten Core Group members who will represent the B&NES 3rd sector over the next 12 months. To register your free place [register here via Eventbrite](#).

### Interagency Meetings:

- 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.

- 3SG Core Group which is 9.30 -11 am on 7th September

## Business and Funding

**Variety Club Equipment Grants** - This scheme offers funding for specialist equipment which will be of clear direct benefit to a child or children up to the age of 18 with a disability/disabilities and/or with special needs.

Most grants are for less than £5,000. Find out [more](#).

**World War 1 - Then and Now** - Grants of up to £10,000 are available for not-for-profit organisations to support community projects in the UK which explore, conserve and share the heritage of the First World War.

Projects should enable communities to understand more about the heritage of the First World War and benefit a wide range of people. Find out [more](#).

**Help with Applying for Funding** - HHJ Consultancy is established in the South East and now setting up in the South West. They would like to support small charities and community groups to raise much needed funds for their work and on-going sustainability. Last year, they raised over £300,000 for groups. They do not charge for their service until the money they apply for has been received by the group they are supporting. All they ask in return is that the group pays 15% of the total raised. If they are unsuccessful in obtaining funding, they do not ask for any payment. They are also able to construct the evaluation and monitoring of the use of the monies on a group's behalf.

For further information contact Heather Harrington-James by e-mail to [hjconsultancy@outlook.com](mailto:hjconsultancy@outlook.com)

## Training

**Free Families in Recovery Course** is a 10 week programme that aims to support families where there is a problematic drug or alcohol using parent. DHI's B&NES Drug and Alcohol Service and Bright Start Children's Centres are excited to be able to offer a new programme for the families that you support.

The course is free of charge and is for any parents who would like to engage in support around their drug and alcohol use. The free nurturing childcare group is available for those with children under school age but we are able to take parents of school age children also. Referrals for expectant mothers/fathers will also be accepted.

The course will take place at Parkside Children's Centre, Charlotte Street, Bath, BA1 2NE from 3<sup>rd</sup> October running until 12<sup>th</sup> December from 12:15pm – 2:30pm. To find out more information or to make a referral please contact Rachel Barnes on 01225 329411 or [rachelbarnes@dhibath.org.uk](mailto:rachelbarnes@dhibath.org.uk)

**Free Catching Confidence Course for Parents** -The B&NES free course is delivered by tutors from Bath College and will take place in various children centres across Bath for the coming months.

There are places available for the course in Parkside from 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Please complete the [referral form](#) and return to BANES Children's Centres or First Steps (Twerton) if you would like to put forward someone.

**PSHE CPD Accredited Course** – the national PSHE Certification programme are now recruiting teachers, nurses and other professionals who deliver PSHE to be involved in this year's programme, which will run from December 2017 to July 2018. Training will take place at the Ammerdown Centre, near Radstock. Please request more detailed information and form from [Deborah Carter@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Deborah_Carter@bathnes.gov.uk) by **September 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Common Assessment Framework**, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 9.00-13.00, Keynsham

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