

February E-Bulletin

Children and Young People's Network



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if your contact details change!

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Welcome!

Welcome to this month's edition of the CYPN newsletter. We are now in February and are actually closer to Spring than we are Christmas (meteorologically speaking!) so let's get stuck in and look forward to our evenings getting lighter again...

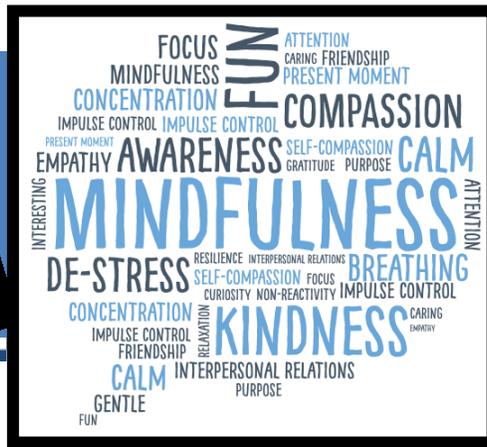
My aim as coordinator is to provide members with relevant information regarding meetings, events, training, consultations and developments to ensure that the sector is informed and kept up to date at a local and national level.

If you have any information that you would like included in future e-bulletins or If you have any feedback regarding this e-bulletin then please contact me.

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For more information on the Network please
see our pages on the website [here](#).



Children & Young People’s Network News

Our next Network Meeting is on Wednesday 14th March 2018 10–12pm

We will be having a presentation about ‘Changes in Charity law’ from Alexandra Steffensen from Stone King Solicitors to cover areas including Data Protection, Governance and issues relating to charitable status. There will also be a Q&A session after. Councillor Paul May, Cabinet member for Children and Young people will also be joining us at the start of the session if anyone has any questions for him.

Venue: Combe Grove Hotel, Brassknocker hill, Monkton Combe, BA2 7HU

For bookings and Information: gilly@bathareaplayproject.co.uk

Welcome to friendly February....

“people forget what you said and did but they will never forget how you made them feel” Maya Angelou

ACTION CALENDAR: FRIENDLY FEBRUARY 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
5 Do something supportive and friendly for your colleagues	6 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others	7 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you	8 Notice the good qualities of everyone you meet today	9 Say friendly things to people who work in your local shop or cafe	10 Tell a loved one about their strengths that you value most	11 Put away digital devices & really focus on who you're with
12 Try to involve others and invite them to join your conversations	13 Smile at the people you're with and try to brighten their day	14 Tell loved ones why they are so special to you	15 Be kind especially when your first instinct is to be unkind	16 Respond positively to everyone you meet today	17 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them	18 Make an effort to have a friendly chat with a stranger
19 Look for the good side when other people frustrate you	20 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost	21 Actively listen to what people say, without judging them	22 Give sincere compliments to three people you meet today	23 Make a plan to meet up with others and do something fun	24 Take time to speak with a neighbour and get to know them	25 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone else
26 Make positive comments to as many people as possible today	27 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why	28 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones	"People forget what you said and what you did. But they never forget how you made them feel" - Maya Angelou			

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS www.actionforhappiness.org

Find out more about the Ten Keys to Happier Living, including books, guides, posters and more here: www.actionforhappiness.org/10-keys

Please Help: Complete our Survey Monkey: Data Collection VCS groups

Non-commissioned groups... please take a moment to fill in this quick survey to date we have had 11 responses.

Help raise awareness of the impact you are having on the lives of children & young people in B&NES.

There are 7 short questions and it should take no more than 2 ½ minutes.

We are collecting some very general data on the number who use your services and where you operate. It will help build a picture of the wider

network of support offered by our local community organisations for our young people and their families.

Access the survey [here](#).





Star Project of the Month

Family Play Hubs:

(Run by Bath Area Play Project and Southside) are a safe and fun space for families after school.

If you're interested in more information, please email:

sabrina@bathareaplayproject.co.uk

Family Play Hubs are aimed at families who need additional support including playing with their children or who are feeling isolated within the community. Run after school they provide a safe and non-judgmental space where families can come together each week for support and encouragement as well as having the opportunity to enjoy playing together with their children and other families. These are staffed by experienced Community Play Support Workers in familiar settings.



Families are assigned their own Play worker who will settle them in and support

them in playing together and sign post them if they have any issues or concerns with other aspects of their lives.

Staff work not just with the child but with the whole family as this ensures that the family and child agree the outcomes together and supports increased understanding of the value and role of each family member as well as the role of the family in the child's life.

Using play as a method to engage positively with families, we support children and their parents to tackle issues they are facing which may include potential loneliness and isolation, whilst increasing their access to play and building connections with children, families and communities. Referrals to the service come from Social care, schools, parents and other voluntary sector organisations and children centres.

The hubs have been well received by family involved with them with positive feedback including:

"It has enabled us to work closer together and to listen to each other more"

"Child A is more confident in trying new activities and talk to new people"

"lovely people, made me feel at home, love coming here"

Play is a great catalyst for improved relationships between parents and children as well as an increased understanding of keeping healthy and being active together.

If you know a family and would like to refer them or if you are interested in receiving more information about this service, please email:

sabrina@bathareaplayproject.co.uk

National News & information

Charities invited to take part in Amazon's online giving scheme: AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile, launched in the UK last year, currently involves 11 major charities, but the online retail giant is inviting more organisations to get involved from 1 March. UK charities are being invited to take part in an Amazon scheme in which the online shopping giant will donate a percentage of the cost of purchases made by customers who use a special link. Each time customers access Amazon through smile.amazon.co.uk, Amazon will donate 0.5 per cent of the net purchase price of eligible products to charities of the customers' choice. There is no charge for participating charities. For more information please [click here](#)

National council for Voluntary Organisations has produced a useful short video: NCVO Almanac 2017 Top facts: income [click here](#).

Local & Regional News & information

Bath Volunteer Centre charity set to close after nearly three decades of support

Sadly, Bath's Volunteer Centre is due to close at the end of March, heralding the end of an era. B&NES Council and Virgin Care are working together to ensure its services will be continued despite the formal closure of the Volunteer Centre as an organisation. Staff have expressed their thanks to Manager Mike Plows who is known as 'Mr Volunteering' in B&NES due to his energy, enthusiasm and professionalism over the years.

Sydney Gardens Parks for People Project

Sydney Gardens is currently in the 'Development Phase' of a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund improve the historic park. Find out more about the [Sydney Gardens Parks for People Project](#). The funding will be used to restore historic buildings, invest in landscaping works, renovate the play area for use by people of all ages and create new gardens. The project will celebrate the fascinating history of the gardens, with its Labyrinth, Merlins Swing, Concerts, Galas and Illuminations. You can [view the PDF of these latest design plans using this link](#). A consultation to gauge a 'child's view' with regard to their play experience is currently being held. If you wish to share your views please email: sarah@bathareaplayproject.co.uk or click on our [short survey](#)

Congratulations to the [Jessie May Charity](#) who recently won the first ever South West Business and Community Award: The Jessie May Charity, one of our network members, have a dedicated team of nurses and provides medical care and respite for children in the South West: see [here](#) for details on their award.

The [Carers' centre](#) marked National Awareness Day (25.01.18) by highlighting local support project (see [article](#)). Young carers day is a national day of recognition for the 700,000 young carers in the UK who provide care and support to family and friends. There are now nearly 10,000 young carers under the age of eight in who are regularly suffering from broken sleep to help look after family members. Their new peer support project 'Learn to Lead' enables young carers to influence the service as well as learning key skills.

Student help available for local charities

Did you know that Bath Spa University 2nd year students studying for the Open Module have 15 days they can spend with a local employer? Local charities could get help with marketing, social media, researching new opportunities etc... and there is no limit on the number of students you can take. The Placements team at Bath Spa ask for a 1-page Job Description from your organisation. There is no cost to the employer. If you are interested, please contact placements@bathspa.ac.uk

Business & Fundraising

[GLL Sport Foundation Bursaries – GLL Sport Foundation](#): A reminder about this support for talented athletes across the UK. The GLL Sport Foundation is the largest independent athlete support programme in the UK. Last year over 30 talented athletes (from 19 different sports) from across B&NES were funded to help them towards achieving their goals. For many athletes, this is the only source of funding they receive.

The next deadline is 20th February 2018 click [here](#) for more information.

[#iwill Take Action Fund – Virgin Money Foundation](#): The Virgin Money Foundation is match funding £850,000 from Big Lottery Fund to create a £1.7million, three year #iwill Take Action Fund.

Funding is available under three themes:

1. Our Physical Environment: to foster a sense of community pride and empower young people to make the communities they live in a better place.
2. Our Health: to encourage young people to tackle health issues that affect their community using sport and peer networks to raise awareness and to campaign.
3. Our Culture: to enable the voice of young people to be heard.

Young people will need to use art and media as a tool to raise awareness of the issues that matter to them and their communities. Projects working with young people aged 10-20 (up to 25 for disabled people). Applications will be assessed on how well they reflect the #iwill 6 principles of great social action. There is further information on the 6 principles [here](#). In addition, each applicant will need to explain how they intend to work with at least one of the following groups: • BAME youth • Young parents • Young offenders • Young homeless people. Applications can be from £10,000 to £60,000 for up to two years activity. The main grants programme closes to applications in December 2018.

[The Central Social and Recreational Trust](#): Grants up to £1,000 to support amateur boxing clubs, amateur martial arts clubs and youth services working with young people under 21 years of age.

Grants can be used for: Equipment for the use of all members of the club; and Maintenance of properties, as long as the property is owned by the club or there is a significant lease period.

[The Bothwell Charitable Trust](#): Grants between £5,000 and £10,000 to support charitable work across a number of fields, including but not limited to: • Children's causes • Hospices • Countryside projects • Medical research • Disability • Social work. Applications can be made at any time.

[Peasedown St John groups](#): Party in the Park have a £2,500 grant fund available for community groups and local projects. Want to apply for funding? Email Joy Fraser joyfraser951@gmail.com

[Just giving Bursary](#): If your charity turns over less than £500,000 a year JustGiving want to help you by paying for your silver pass to attend our Fundraising Conference. All you need to do is apply [here](#) for the bursary and JustGiving will chose the 10 small charities they feel will benefit the most from attending the conference.



12 hour Paediatric First Aid training course:

OFSTED recognised qualification

£95 per person

Available for all

Venue: Odd Down Community Centre

Various dates and times available.

If you are interested or would like further information please email sarah@bathareaplayproject.co.uk

Training

B&NES Children's Workforce Training:

- **Raising awareness: Child protection & Poor parental mental health training** 20th February 2018 9.30- 1.00 Guildhall, Bath
- **Working with young people around sexual health** 1st March 9.30 – 3.30 Community Space, One Stop Shop, Keynsham
- **CSE Awareness raising** 17th April 2018 1.30 – 4.30 Community space, Keynsham
- **Toxic Trio, Safeguarding & child protection** 23rd April 9.30– 1pm Civic Centre Keynsham
- **Difficult & Aggressive behaviour training** 4th June 9.30 – 4.30, Community Space, One Stop Shop, Keynsham
- **Neglect & Child protection awareness Training** 8th October 2018 9.30–1.00 Civic Centre, Keynsham

All bookings for the Children's Workforce Training should be made through the online booking System [here](#)

Further information is available from Children's Workforce Training 01225 394210 or childrensworkforce_training@bathnes.gov.uk

If your organisation has any specific training needs you would like me to investigate on behalf of the CYPN please get in touch!

Article on '[How to meet your Charity's training needs despite the budget cuts.](#)' Suggestion on in-house training or benefits of shared training as part of a network.

Job vacancies across the Network

- Off the record are looking for a new Accountant/ auditor. [Click here](#) for more info.
- HealthWatch: CYP lead on advisory group: Email [Pat Foster here](#) at the care forum for details

I hope you have enjoyed this edition of the CYPN e-bulletin, if you have any feedback or would like to see me cover anything else in the next edition please do not hesitate to contact me at gilly@bathareaplayproject.co.uk