

Representing the Voluntary and Community Sector working with children, young people and their families across BANES.

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Children and Young People's Network



HAPPY NEW YEAR



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Welcome!

Welcome to our first e-bulletin of 2018 for the Children and Young People's Network. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and are ready for an amazing 2018...

Our Monthly newsletters aim 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 relevant information you would like included in future e-bulletins or if you have any feedback regarding this e-bulletin then please contact me. For those of you looking for some inspiration for New Years' resolutions please see this '[Action for Happiness](#)' New year calendar...

let's make 2018 great!

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



Children & Young People's Network News

[Focus Counselling](#) launched its new Campaign for 2018..... TIME TO TALK

They believe that talking and being heard are vital for a person's wellbeing. With Social Media eroding real empowering relationships and our world becoming too busy they want to see one to one communication between people return to where it should be. So, starting from now take time to seek out that friend who is sad. Listen to that neighbour who is on their own. Come alongside that person at work who doesn't seem themselves.

The Anxiety epidemic we now have in our young people needs to stop. Depression is at an all-time high. We need to talk and listen to everyone around us to make things better. So, let's do it. Start today have real conversations, be attentive, unconditional and don't judge. Make a change to what's happening out there. [Click here](#) for more details.



<p><u>Rep Reports & Meeting</u></p> <p><u>Notes:</u></p> <p>No new meeting notes from December</p>	<p><u>Wanted... New Network Representatives.</u></p> <p>Cheryl Unthank, from TRC, has been our Children and Young People's Network representative on the Parenting Strategy group for a number of years now and has recently got in touch to see if anyone else would be able to take over the role. Please email me if you think this is something you might be able to do. See here for more information about the role of a 'representative'.</p>
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More responses needed!! Data Collection from VCS groups

Are you a non-commissioned group working in B&NES?

If so please help us raise your profile. We have been asked to collect general data from these groups to help raise awareness of the impact you are having on the lives of children & young people in B&NES.

So far we have only had 15 responses and ideally need at least 30!! Please HELP!!!

There are 7 short questions & it should only take 2 minutes.

We are collecting 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.

Access the survey [here](#).



National News & information

Some government policies coming in 2018 that could affect you

- **Universal Credit is being rolled out to millions as of the end of 2018:** The government's all-in-one benefit, Universal Credit, will be launched in all Job Centres by the end of December 2018. The six-week standard wait for someone's first payment is being cut to five weeks from February. And housing benefit can keep being paid for the first two weeks of a Universal Credit claim from April.
- **Benefits freeze from April 2018:** This includes people on sickness payment Employment and Support Allowance. Among ESA claimants, only carers, those in the "support group" or those receiving enhanced or severe premiums for disability will see a rise. Disability and carers' benefits, including all Personal Independence Payments (PIP), will also rise by the CPI measure of inflation. The vast majority of other benefits stay the same as they are now.
- **Income Tax changes:** The amount you can earn without paying income tax - known as the "personal allowance" - will rise from £11,500 to £11,850 and the amount the richest 13% can earn before paying the 40p rate of tax will also go up in April rising from £45,000 to £46,350.
- **Minimum Wages increases:** The National Living Wage (the minimum wage for over-25s) will increase by 4.4% from £7.50 to £7.83 an hour from April 2018. The minimum wage for those aged 21-24 will rise 4.7% from £7.05 to £7.38, those aged 18-20 from £5.60 to £5.90 (5.4%), those aged 16-17 from £4.05 to £4.20 (3.7%) and apprentice wages from £3.50 to £3.70, (5.7%).
- **Millennials will be eligible for discounted rail cards:** From Spring 2018, for an annual fee of £30, those under 32 (can apply for a rail card to discount rail journey by up to a third.

New cryptocurrency platform to 'revolutionise' charity giving - A new company, Giftcoin, is hoping to launch an online giving platform this year that will use blockchain technology to bring about a "revolution in charitable giving" by helping charities to be more transparent and build better relationships with donors. Using "smart contracts", Giftcoin plans to keep donors informed about how the charities they support are progressing and only unlock funds once certain requirements have been fulfilled.

An interesting article from Kirsty Weakley at Civil Society Voices talks about what Charities can expect from 2018: Click [here](#) to read her thoughts on the up coming year.

Local & Regional News & information

B&NES 3rd Sector Group – Making an Impact

The B&NES 3rd Sector Group invites anyone working or volunteering in the local third sector to their next event on 22nd January 2018. Themed around 'Making An Impact' this 2-hour event will feature a masterclass on creating a great press release with Sally Land from [Cause Communications](#) plus an inspirational talk from [Simon Bowkett](#) the Chief Executive Officer of Exeter CVS. There will be a chance to hear about plans for 2018 and the findings from the recent State of The Sector survey. The event will take place in central Bath (venue TBC) and run from 10 am to 12 pm. For more details and to book your free place click [here](#)

Job seekers: Clean Slate is now taking referrals for their first Induction of 2018 on Thursday 25th January and Thursday 1st February. The Induction is ideal for anyone experiencing barriers to work, including issues around: Childcare, Lack of confidence, Homelessness, Substance abuse, Mental health, Spent convictions
Doors are open to all jobseekers wanting to take the first steps back into employment. For more information on the Induction or to register: Phone 01225 302200 or Email bath@cleanslateltd.co.uk



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 here](#). You can also ask for details of meeting Agendas –available the week before the meeting.

- Early Help board 18th January
- Parent Strategy Group: 22nd January
- Children's Workforce Reform 25th January
- Health & Wellbeing Board – 30th January

If you would be interested in becoming a representative for the Network on one of these boards please get in touch with me as I have been contacted by a few reps who are willing to hand over their responsibilities if the right person comes along!

Meetings & Events

Bath Fundraisers' Group meeting

The next Bath Fundraisers' Group meeting is on 15th January: 'How to make the most of mass participation events' with [@bikebath](#) [@bathhalf](#) [@DorothyHouseHC](#) [@JulianHouseUK](#) The event will be held at the Guildhall Sign up to the group [here](#).

Student Volunteering Week

From **19 - 25 February 2018**, **Student Volunteering Week** will be taking place. This is a national campaign which celebrates the contribution and impact of student volunteers and encourages even more students to get involved.

From **11am to 2pm on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th February**, the student volunteering group [V Team](#) will be hosting a Volunteering Fair at the University of Bath. This is a chance for student groups at the University and external charities to promote what they do and recruit new volunteers. They would love for your organisation to take part! For more information email: vteam@bath.ac.uk

Business & Fundraising

Quartet Community Foundation Grants:

Somerset Crimebeat Trust – Up to £1500, If you have a project that promotes safer communities through the prevention of crime, gives young people the opportunity to use their own energy, imagination and enthusiasm to prevent crime, or reduce the risk of crime or educates young people on the causes and effect of crime... apply [here!](#)



St John's Foundation

The St John's Organisation and Individual Funding Programs are **now open** for applications. Find more information on what registered charities and Individuals can apply for, and how, check out their website

Their Funding Support Programme provides financial assistance and practical support to individuals and registered charities across Bath and the surrounding area. They welcome applications from individuals and families who have reached a crisis point in their lives. Applications on behalf of individuals and families will come via a Professional Referrer.

Rotary Club, Bath

The Rotary Club of Bath will consider requests for donations from organisations and projects within Bath and North East Somerset. They particularly welcome applications from smaller charities within our area.

[Community service grant](#) – [Application form](#) - Applications should be sent to roger.mcsweeney@outlook.com

Charity Awards 2018

The Charity awards, the UK's longest running awards for the charity sector is open for applications now. Since 2000, the Charity Awards has recognised charities with innovative and effective interventions which the rest of the sector can learn from. The Awards provide a perfect opportunity for you to propel your charity's work into the spotlight, to influence policy-makers and funders, and to showcase the quality of your project or initiative. The application deadline is Friday 23 February. Click [here](#) for more information.

Localgiving's B&NES Development Programme.

Make the most of online fundraising - through [Localgiving's Bath & North East Somerset Development Programme](#). Thanks to its partnership with [St John's Hospital in Bath](#), Localgiving is able to provide up to 70 local charities and community groups across Bath & North East Somerset with match-funding of £250, free membership of Localgiving for a year, and training which will allow them to develop new online fundraising skills and diversify their income.

Consultations

1. [Care leavers & Foster carers Council Tax discount](#)

13.12.17 – 24.1.18.

The Council has powers under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 to reduce Council Tax by way of a discount for both Care leavers and Foster carers if it so wishes. Have your view by clicking link above.

2. [B&NES Pharmaceutical Needs assessment 2018-2012](#)

11.12.17-18.02.18

The PNA assesses whether the provision of local pharmaceutical services across the area is sufficient to meet the health and wellbeing needs of the local population. Let them know what you think.

3. [New local plan 2016-2036 Issues and options](#)

22.1.17-10.01.18

Have your view on the following areas:

1. Vision & Priorities
2. Where new development should be located

Training

[B&NES Children's Workforce Training:](#)

- **Interagency child Protection: Standard**
5th February 2018 9.30 – 4.30 The Hollies, Midsomer Norton
- **Neglect & Child Protection Awareness Training**
22nd January 2018 9.30 – 1pm The Hollies, Midsomer Norton
- **CSE Awareness raising** 24th January 2018 9.30 – 12.30
Community space, Keynsham
- **Young people's Participation in Practice** 30th January 2018
12.30 – 2.30 Civic Centre Keynsham
- **Fabricated Induced Illness (FII) Awareness Training**
- 31st January 2018 9.30 – 3.30 Community Space, Keynsham
- **Working with young people around sexual health** 1st March
9.30 – 3.30 Community Space, One Stop Shop, Keynsham
- **Difficult Conversations on the Frontline – Managing the Tensions between Care and Control WORKSHOP** 23rd February 10 – 1.30pm
Community Space, One Stop Shop, 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!

[Wellbeing Collage course aimed at volunteers:](#)

Supporting People with Mental Health Needs - Tues 9th January: Half day course where you will learn how to support clients who have Mental Health needs in your work as a Volunteer. This session is open to anyone who is currently working as a Volunteer within B&NES. Click [here](#) for more details

Training & Group Facilitation Skills Course – Fridays 19th & 26th January: This 2-day course at St Mungo's provides a foundation of skills and confidence to develop and deliver your own training session on a skill, interest, or issue of your choice. Click [here](#) for more details.

Healthy Conversation Skills – Friday 19th January: The course uses engaging exercises & group discussions to challenge perceptions of how to 'help' someone & encourages attendees to reassess how we ask questions. Click [here](#) for more information

B&NES Needs Foster Carers...

"Foster care gives our life a purpose. We really enjoy looking after children and all the activities that go with it."

- B&NES foster carer

Do you enjoy spending time with children?

Are you flexible?

Can you provide a stable home environment for as long as it's needed?

Do you have a good support network around you?

Are you open to learning about other cultures, lifestyles and faiths?

Can you work with professionals as part of a team?

If you answered yes to these questions, fostering could be right for you!

"Foster care means: being able to provide a loving nurturing home to a child/children, to enable them to grow as other fortunate children can."

- B&NES foster carer



WANTED: RUNNERS FOR THE BATH HALF MARATHON!

Bath Area Play Project still has space for 7 runners to help them raise money for the charity and support the great work they do... Do you enjoy running? Like a challenge? Would you be able to commit to raising £175 in sponsorship? If that's you or someone you know please get in touch! For more information or to apply for a place please email: gilly@bathareaplayproject.co.uk

~~A quick message from our researchers Dan and Linda who will be at the network meeting next week:~~

~~"As you may know, we have just started a research project into collaborative working across the Children & Young People's Network. At this stage, we would like to invite you to give your opinion about the potential different areas of collaborative working. Please could you complete this short survey. It will help us to focus our research on the areas in which you are most interested."~~

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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