



Children & Young People's Network E-bulletin



December 2020

Dear Members,

I hope this latest e-bulletin finds you safe and well as we get ready for the festive season. What a strange year 2020 has been, there are still many restrictions on what we can run with B&NES local authority being under Tier 2 restrictions, and some uncertainty about what the next few months hold, but there is so much positivity amongst our members and as a CYPN group we have many things to celebrate with so much being organized for children and families across B&NES. Charities, 3rd sector organisations and voluntary groups are needed now more than ever – let's make this year one to remember for the amazing things we can achieve together for the benefit of others.

You will find lots of local news and funding opportunities enclosed as well as upcoming training opportunities. Where you can, try to make the most of the free training on offer and share amongst colleagues who may find these sessions useful. Please also feel free to share your positive news stories with us as it is great to share these with other network members and gives us all a chance to celebrate each other's' successes!

Thank you for taking the time to read this month's e-bulletin. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year and as always please do get in touch if I can help in any way or if you would like to get more involved in the Network. Thank you for everything you are all doing in our community. Continue to keep safe and take care,

Gilly Samuddin,
Children & Young People's Network Coordinator.

What's in this month's Newsletter:

Welcome and Contact us page

Local News and Information

Business and Funding

Up coming meetings/ events

Training opportunities.

Job opportunities

Please keep us up to date... Let us know if your contact details change:

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Local/National News:

CYPN Communities' of practice: Our new groups will be starting up in the new year and we still have a few spaces still available focusing on **Early Years** and **Youth work**. These groups are for practitioners who would like to network with others working in the same field, who potentially are feeling isolated/ be the only practitioner in your organisation working in this field. I will be emailing those who have expressed an interest next week with dates and zoom invites, so there is still time to sign up!! Please get in touch by [email](#) if you have any practitioners who would be interested in either group.

B&NES Council is providing free school meal vouchers to more than 4,000 eligible children this Christmas. The supermarket vouchers, worth £40 for the two weeks of the holidays, are available to the families of pupils entitled to benefit-related free school meals. The vouchers are also available for parents of pupils under school age who are in nursery or pre-school settings, and where parents receive free child care for two-year-olds (where benefits are such that you would have been entitled to free school meals). Parents or carers will get the electronic voucher for each qualifying child to spend on food in a range of supermarkets. You can apply online [here](#) or for parents who do not have access to the internet, applications can be made by calling 01225 477777 option 4.

Please see this '[at a glance poster](#)' for key support services for children & families in B&NES. For details of other services please visit www.bathnes1bd.org.uk, www.rainbowresource.org.uk or, for targeted support services, download the Early Help App which can be downloaded for free from the Apple or Android store by searching for 'B&NES Early Help' or visit www.bathnes.gov.uk/earlyhelpapp

Parent Champions for Better Childcare, offers parents an opportunity to be a part of a project tackling local issues around childcare for parents with children with SEND. Coram Family and Childcare support parents with training, resources and ongoing support over the course of one year, in order to get them to a place to carry on independently afterwards. Being a part of Parent Champions for Better Childcare, parents will become experts in childcare services and campaigning with workshops on a range of topics. For example: understanding the childcare system, how to network and influence with decision makers, how to communicate on social media and with the press and lots more. This project will not only offer development opportunities for parents, but has the high chance of having a positive impact on childcare services within your local area. If you would like to join please fill in [the application form](#) and email to sarah.ross@coramfamilyandchildcare.org.uk



The image shows the logo for 'Parent Champions for Better Childcare Coram Family and Childcare' at the top. Below it is a photograph of three people sitting around a table, engaged in a discussion. To the right of the photo is a text box with a blue background and white text. The text reads: 'Do you want to improve childcare for children with SEND in your community? We want to help parents get their voices heard by providing expertise and insight to key decision makers. Through Parent Champions for Better Childcare we will support parents to identify issues that are important to them, regarding childcare for children with SEND in their communities and help them bring about positive change through campaigning and influencing on a local and national scale.' At the bottom of the flyer, there is a small text box that says 'Email your completed form to sarah.ross@coramfamilyandchildcare.org.uk'.

Dame Kelly Holmes Trust – Youth Wellbeing Week: 14 – 18th December

Introducing our very first Youth Wellbeing Week – a series of online webinars led by our world class athletes, designed to help young people with their wellbeing at this difficult time. The athletes delivering these sessions have all faced challenges during their sporting careers and all have years of experience delivering our youth programmes all over the country. Our Youth Wellbeing Week will help young people navigate the months ahead and give them tools and techniques to emerge from this period stronger. Thanks to support from players of People’s Postcode Lottery, all sessions are **free to join** and will be broadcast live via our YouTube channel. You can [sign up](#) here! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Pippa Stott on philippas@damekellyholmestrust.org

[New Free Autism App](#) – University of Bath: Stories Online For Autism (SOFA) is an app that's been co-developed with the autism community to support writing stories to help autistic children. The SOFA-app is free and can be downloaded (smartphone or tablet) from the Google Play Store for Android or the Apple Store for iPhone and iPads.

[New set of guides to help trustees](#): The Charity Commission has launched a new set of simple, easy to understand guides, designed to help trustees run their charities in line with the law. The new guides cover five key aspects of charity management: • financial oversight • achieving a charity's purposes • good decision making • addressing conflicts of interest • what to file with the Commission and what support is available This 'gateway' level guidance will make it easier and quicker for all trustees to check what is expected and to find more detailed information if needed, which is all the more important as charities respond to the Covid-19 pandemic.

[Small Charities Responding to Covid-19: Winter Update](#), published today by the Lloyds Bank Foundation (LBF EW), raises concerns about the pandemic's impact on the mental health of some charity staff, whose work and life balance has "collapsed" as they help vulnerable people from home. The findings coincide with the launch of the small charities data hub, a new website sharing information on small charities, which was created through a collaboration between charities, think tanks and academics.

Business & Fundraising:

EHWB Sub group is making available £15,000 of [one-off funding](#) for 2020/21 to support the development of 'preventative' or 'targeted' mental health support for children and young people who are anxious because of Covid-19. The funding must be spent by March 2021. Applications must be submitted using the [attached pro forma](#). Return applications to Margaret Fairbairn: Margaret_Fairbairn@bathnes.gov.uk by noon, **Monday, 13th December 2020**

[Digital Innovation & Engagement Fund – Museums Association](#): Following consultation with the sector, the new two strand programme will support museums during this unprecedented time of change and help them to creatively explore and innovate with their communities. The new fund will provide a series of grants of up to £50k to scale up and evaluate the new ways of working that they have developed during the Covid-19 pandemic. The deadline for applications is 21st December 2020.

[Children & Young People Grant – Masonic Charitable Foundation](#): This programme is open to charities helping disadvantaged children and young people to overcome the barriers. Charities whose annual income does not exceed £500,000 can currently apply for a small grant. These grants are unrestricted. Small grants range from £1000 to £15,000 and can be awarded over one to three years. The current application period for Small Grants runs until 23rd December 2020.

[The Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation](#): Grants up to £2,000 for projects that reduce poverty, improve health and save lives, particularly where beneficiaries are children, the elderly, homeless, people with a disability or people who are seriously ill. Deadline 31st December 2020

[The Wholeness Fund, Lush](#): offer grants between £100 and £10,000 to small charities, groups, and local projects with annual incomes less than £250k which are predominantly volunteer run. Funding is available to groups working in the areas of mental health and wellbeing. Deadline is 31st December.

[Paul Hamlyn Foundation Youth Fund](#): Grants up to £30,000 per year for each of 3 years (i.e.£90,000 in total) for UK not-for-profit organisations working with young people aged 14 - 25 who are socially excluded or marginalised. The programme has a 3-stage application process. Applications may be made at any time, with successful applicants informed within 4 months of their Stage 1 submission.

[The Cayo Foundation](#): A discretionary grant-making Trust that supports small and large grants for UK registered charities for a wide range of charitable causes. Grants can be used for a variety of charitable projects and activities. Grants can vary significantly in size and have previously ranged from £1,000 to upwards of £100,000. Please note the Foundation does not maintain a website. Further information is available on the Charity Commission website. Applications may be made at any time in writing.

[The Batchworth Trust](#): Grants of between £5,000 and £45,000 for charities working for a wide range of charitable causes, including support for young people. The Trust does not maintain a website. Further information is available on the Charity Commission website.

Training & Support Opportunities:

To book your space on one of these training sessions please follow the links or go to the [Learning Zone](#)

[Child Sexual Abuse, Safeguarding & Child Protection - Virtual Training](#): ZOOM SESSION – Monday 14TH December 2020 09.15 UNTIL 16.30

[Child Exploitation – Virtual Training](#): Monday 25th Jan 2021 – 14.30 UNTIL 16.30

[Eating Disorders – Introduction & Awareness](#): Thursday 7th January 2021 – 09.30 until 13.30

[Emerging Borderline Personality](#): Friday 15th January 2021 – 09.30 until 13.30

[Deliberate Self Harm & Suicidal Behaviour](#): Friday 22nd January 2021 – 09.30 until 13.30

[Mental Health First Response Awareness and Front Line Management of Depression and Anxiety](#)
Wednesday 10th February 2021 – 09.30 until 16.00

[Loss & Bereavement](#): Tuesday 23rd February 2021 – 12.30 until 16.30

[Attachment – Introduction & Awareness](#): Tuesday 2nd March 2021 – 09.30 until 15.30

[Free Training for Volunteers and Professionals](#)

The Wellbeing College has online and face to face courses, some are delivered directly by the Wellbeing College and some by their 3rd sector colleagues. Upcoming courses include:

- Become a Confident Virtual Classroom Trainer on 17th December
- Online First Aid Workshop on 11th January
- Introduction to Supporting People with Mental Health Needs on 19th January

They also have a new range of volunteer training coming soon. To find out more and to book visit their [website](#).

Somerset Skills and Learning offers free online courses and workshops for learners aged 19+, who live in BANES and have lived in the UK for the last 3 years. Learners must be able to access Zoom and will need to bring a pen and paper. Upcoming courses include:

14th December: Autism Awareness Taster Session or An Introduction to Problem Solving

17th December: Making a Start on Your CV or Finding and Applying for Jobs

18th December: How to Use Zoom or The Interview Stage

14.12.20: Virtual Zoom Session 9.15-4.30pm [Child Sexual Abuse, Safeguarding & Child Protection - Virtual Training](#) This is a one day virtual course for those looking to refresh and build on their knowledge and skills to support children and families where child sexual abuse is suspected or evidenced.

Events:

15th December 3 – 4.15pm: [The essential trustee and governance in practice](#), (online) Free training from Stone King. Topics include: • financial governance & resilience in the current climate • meetings & decision making in a virtual space • the Charity Commission's approach to regulation during the coronavirus pandemic • recognising and reporting serious incidents.

14th January, 1-2pm: [Meet the Funder](#): **National Lottery Community Fund**: A chance to connect with Jenny Cowie, Funding Officer for the B&NES & South Glos. Jenny will be speaking about their funding priorities for '21 & is keen to connect with organisations making a positive difference in our communities.

23rd January 2021: **TRC Conference – Complex Trauma & Dissociation**. This annual conference will be online this year and has some great keynote speakers. Times: 10.30 – 4.30pm. Tickets are available [here](#).

26th February, 9.30am-12.30pm **3SG Open Space** - [February](#)

B&NES [Interagency Meetings](#): These meetings give service providers an opportunity to share information, promote projects or events and improve partnership working. They are very informal and are open to anyone working or volunteering for an organisation in the area. They are currently taking place on-line. I attend most of them and am happy to share information for CYPN members who are unable to attend.

Thank you for taking the time to read this e-bulletin. Please do keep sending in events and news to share with the sector. If I can help in any way please don't hesitate to get in touch,

Kind regards, Gilly Samuddin, Children & Young People's Network Coordinator