



Children & Young People's Network E-bulletin



October Bulletin 2021

Dear Members,

Welcome to the October CYPN ebulletin, where we aim to update you on current news and events in B&NES from our members as well as any relevant funding or training opportunities.

Another way to engage more with other CYPN members is to join us at our next CYPN network meeting, which is on Wednesday 17th November 10 – 11.30 at the Odd Down Community centre. These meetings are friendly and informal gatherings and it is always interesting to find out what everyone is working on and explore ways we can continue to develop relationships and opportunities for collaboration. If you would like to join us please email: gilly@bathareaplayproject.co.uk and we look forward to seeing you then!

I strongly believe that the more we all work together across the Network, the stronger our voice and the more we can achieve for our local communities. We have representatives on various strategic boards in B&NES and are always looking for contributions from members. I have also recently started attending a new group 'Network of Networks' with the aim of improving information sharing across the sector, which you can find about below.

Finally, If you/ your organisation has anything you would like to share in future bulletins please drop me an email,

Kindest regards, Gilly Samuddin,

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What's in this month's Newsletter:

Welcome and Contact us page

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

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Local News & News from CYPN Members:

Network of Networks I have started attending a group made up of coordinators from various networks representing the 3rd sector in B&NES. One of its aims is to improve the sharing/ dissemination of information across the sector. As part of this we want to identify unmet needs of our member organisations. To help us do this please could you complete the following **State of the Sector Survey** that has been created by 3SG. They are inviting all 3rd Sector organisations working in BaNES to fill in their annual survey before 12th November, which can be completed [here](#). The 3rd Sector includes charities, associations, self-help groups, churches, community groups and social enterprises. If you work in a team then please talk to colleagues to ensure that each organisation completes the survey once. It's open to all 3rd sector organisations, you do not have to be a 3SG member. They have offered to share the results with us so we can offer a whole sector response to any issues raised.

Parents Carers Forum I have been supporting a group of parent carers who are trying to re-establish the B&NES Parent Carers Forum with the support of Contact who have been awarded a £17,500 grant on their behalf – If you or anyone you know would be interested in joining this group please do get in touch and I will forward on your details. Representatives of their group as CYPN members have been invited to take part in an informal independent review of children's social care with B&NES. I will let you know of any outcomes as I get them.

Autism Compass: Stay & Play Group For parents with a child under 4, with or without a diagnosis of Autism. New Stay & Play group run by experienced professional who have worked in the field of Autism for over 20 years. Sessions are held at Bath City Farm, Kelston View, Whiteway, BA2 1NW Starting November 5th 9.30 – 11am or 11.30 – 1pm. Contact Jo to book on 07818 242079

[Free School Meals Vouchers for October & Christmas holidays](#)

Families whose children are eligible for benefit related free school meals will be given supermarket vouchers worth £20 for the October & Christmas holidays by B&NES council. On October 22, eligible families who received vouchers during the summer holidays will automatically receive an email. Once they confirm they would like a £20 voucher per child per week, a further email will be sent containing the supermarket voucher codes. Anyone with children aged 16 and under who has previously received vouchers should not reapply, as it could cause a delay in receiving the vouchers.

Register your organisation on [Live Well B&NES: New online directory for families, parents and carers](#)

Organisations and groups are being encouraged to check they are registered on the new Live Well B&NES website that has been launched to provide information, support and signposting for parents, families and carers in B&NES. The new web-based resource brings together information previously held on three separate websites and allows people to search for services, organisations, groups and activities in key areas of need: Family Information - including types of childcare, holiday clubs etc., Adult Services and Supporting Children and Young People Aged 0-25 with SEND – Rainbow Resource. Organisations, groups, or events that support, provide services, or run groups for children and young people or for adults needing care or support are asked to register to be included in the relevant area of the website. Please register here: <https://livewell.bathnes.gov.uk/register-your-organisation-us>

[TRC: Workshop for Parents](#)

Thursday 11th November: TRC are working with Cassia Community to run an informative and timely workshop on how you can help your child, or those you care for, 'Recover from the impact of the pandemic'. [Tickets](#) are £3.00 for the workshop.

Gympanzees lending Library:

With Half term next week please share with parents of children with additional needs. Parents can borrow a range of play or exercise items for free to help keep their children active during the holidays (Tuesday delivery or Wednesday collection) Have a look at their website link above for more details.

Youth Groups:

Youth Connect South West are running a youth group on Thursday evenings 4.30 – 6pm for young people aged 11-19 years in Midsomer Norton Town Hall. Contact Harry.Parsons@ycsw.org.uk for more information.

TimeOut Youth Centre Sessions – Keynsham

Tuesday 19.00 – 21.30 Music Studio nights

Thursday 19.00 – 21.00: open session – cooking, arts & Sports

Outreach sessions:

Monday 18.30 – 21.30 – Memorial Park & Somerdale

Tuesdays 18.30 – 21.30 – Kelston Park & The Meadows

Wednesdays 18.30 – 21.30 Manor road Play area

Short Breaks provision for children with additional needs:

Teenage Rampage (BAPP) Young people age 11-21. Tuesdays at Odd Down Community centre 6.30–8.30pm

Saturday Club 12+ Odd Down Community centre 11.30 – 2.30pm For more information please email

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We want to create an **up to date list of youth provision in B&NES** and are using the following as a starting point: Have a look at this list of youth groups around B&NES [here](#) – if you know of any other youth provision you would like to include please do get in touch! I will aim to send an updated/ revised list out next month.

[Somerset Cricket Foundation](#): Are looking to spread the word about Super 1s a cricket-based programme, giving young people with disabilities the opportunity to play cricket regularly. The aim of the programme is to use cricket as a tool for participant's personal development. Super 1s sessions are run weekly for one hour in the evenings. The Sessions incorporate a series of different activities developing throwing, catching and ball striking skills. Contact Steve.Gass@somersetcricketfoundation.org for more information or to request a series of taster sessions for young people at your venue!

HAF: Holiday Activities & Food

Bath Rugby Foundation, Bath Area Play Project, Youth Connect South West and Fareshare are running some HAF sessions over the Christmas holidays 20th – 23rd December for children in receipt of free school meals. There will be morning 'Junior BreakOut' sessions 9 – 1pm and afternoon 'Teen BreakOut sessions' from 2pm. Details and opportunities to book spaces will be made available soon.

CYPN Newsletter for schools

We are in the process of putting together information newsletters for Primary and Secondary schools in B&NES promoting the organisations, activities and events of our CYPN members. The aim is to improve awareness of the range of 3rd sector organisations in B&NES working with children and young people and highlight some of the opportunities available including early years provision, social groups, youth provision, activities for children with SEN, or more focus support parents/ schools can refer pupils for. We are targeting family support workers, SENCOs and school staff working closely with parents and pupils. I would like to send this out towards the end of November, and will aim to send an update out around Easter too so if you have anything you specifically would like me to include please email ASAP!

Business & Funding Opportunities:

[Warburtons Family Matters Community Grants](#) Programme: Micro-grants up to £400 for not-for-profit organisations. Deadline 8th November

[The Youth Endowment Fund and Comic Relief](#): "A Supportive Home - Helping Families Overcome Challenges". Grants for programmes that help families and carers create a supportive home environment for 6-14-year-old children (or up to 18 years old for children in the care system), thereby reducing the likelihood of them becoming involved in violence. Application workshop Monday 8th November: 10.30 for more information. Deadline Wednesday 1st December

[The Bikeability Widening Participation Fund](#): up to £75,000 to help children with Special Education Needs and/or disabilities access Bikeability training. The aim of the Widening Participation Fund is to identify those children who don't currently access Bikeability, look at the barriers to uptake and seek ways to resolve these. The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 29 October 2021

[The Edge Foundation Edge Innovation Fund \(EIF\)](#) Grants of between £20,000 and £100,000 are available to a wide range of UK not-for-profit organisations for projects across the UK which are innovative and challenge the current norms of thinking about education. The EIF will focus on enabling organisations to create proof of concept of new and innovative approaches. This could include new areas of work for Edge as long as the approach relates back to the Foundation's core mission of "Making Education Relevant".

[The Bernard and Joyce Coleman Charitable Trust](#) Grants generally of £1,000 or £5,000 for registered charities

providing opportunities for young people to play sport (particularly cricket) or for youth projects. Applications may be made at any time!

[The Wessex Water Community Fund](#) Grants up to £3,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations in the area served by Wessex Water. Projects should build stronger, more resilient communities, particularly in areas of high deprivation. Deadline 22nd October

[Community Contribution Fund](#), B&NES The Community Fund is now open to all 3rd Sector groups in B&NES. Grants of between £500 – £2000 are available to help reduce inequalities by investing in local projects that improve people's lives, focusing on those who are most disadvantaged. Deadline for applications 30th November

[Serious Violence Reduction Grant](#), B&NES The serious violence reduction grant supports the B&NES wide approach to early help and intervention and serious violence avoidance and prevention, which will inform policy development, partnership working, evidence-based commissioning, and help to build safer communities. Most grants will be up to £2000 but occasional grants of up to £4000 will be considered. Applications open now. Projects must be completed by 22nd March 2022.

Training & Support Opportunities:

B&NES Learning Pool Training: To book a space on one of these sessions please follow the links or go to the [Learning Zone](#). All training is currently virtual.

3rd November 10.30 – 11am Via Zoom: [Calling and Chairing Team around the child/family meetings as part of the Early Help Assessment - Virtual Briefing](#) To support learners to plan an effective meeting, encouraging discussion around issues such as agenda's, venue, length, resources for meetings etc.

16th November 9.30 – 12.30pm [Think Family: Alcohol Awareness Training](#) **Free Training** from Project 28 & Public Health. To increase practitioner's confidence in alcohol awareness, Give an introduction to how alcohol can impact all ages, families and communities & Help Practitioners understand the interventions, tools and practical support that can be put in place for children and young people as well as adults.

17th November 14.00 – 16.00 [Child Exploitation – Virtual Training](#) This course is an introduction to Child Exploitation and will incorporate information on sexual and criminal exploitation and online grooming. FREE Session.

29th November 10 – 12pm: [Virtual Online Safety - Safeguarding in the Digital World](#) The online world brings many positives and possibilities, but it's also full of risks – and the digital environment is constantly changing. This virtual course will provide an overview of the latest online challenges facing children and will help you gain the knowledge and skills you need to feel confident and empowered to help keep children safe online.

1st December 9.30 -15.30: [Assessment & Analysis Virtual Training](#) This Virtual training session will explore and strengthen analysis within assessments. Delivered by RECONSTRUCT-ANSTER via ZOOM

9th December 9.30 – 6.30: [Therapeutic Life Story – Virtual Session](#) This is a one day virtual ZOOM course and looks at an in-depth understanding of the Life Story process and how this work helps children to make sense of their past so that what has happened to them does not dominate, control, or inhibit the present.

[Wellbeing College BANES](#): Provides a range of training for staff and volunteers, much of which is free. It also offers community courses designed to improve wellbeing. Keep an eye on their website for the latest opportunities

28th October 9.30 – 12pm: [Lone working](#) This FREE online course aims to provide volunteers with a clear understanding of their roles in relation to professional boundaries and staying safe. The session will be both practical and highly interactive using a range of exercises and materials. Open to Volunteers and Staff.

2nd November 14.00 – 16.30: [Boundaries](#) FREE Online course Providing participants with a clear understanding of boundaries, including risks around personal disclosure, dealing with gifts & keeping ourselves & others safe. It includes the importance of setting & keeping healthy boundaries & identifying situations before things go wrong.

FREE FIRST AID TRAINING

ASM Training is offering **Free Resuscitation training** to all sports clubs in Bath and Surrounding areas. Training will be for an hour and at a location of your choosing. For enquiries please contact 07921 398 538

FREE FIRE SAFETY TRAINING

Avon Fire & Rescue service have developed online fire safety training for practitioners which can be accessed for FREE! The training aims to help practitioners understand the risk and dangers of fire for those most vulnerable. It covers topics including; cooking practices, hoarding, candles and smoking safety, electrical safety and, importantly, how to make a referral into AF&RS to request a Home Fire Safety Visit. The training is free and will run over Teams for 1 hr 15 minutes. Sessions can be booked from AF&RS website (using Eventbrite) <https://avonfire.gov.uk/our-services/fire-safety-practitioner-training-sessions>,

Interagency Meetings - A number of Interagency Network meetings take place across the district each year. They give service providers an opportunity to share information, promote projects or events and improve partnership working. Some of the meetings are organised by B&NES Council and others by partner organisations. The meetings are very informal and are open to anyone working or volunteering for an organisation in the area.

Forthcoming Meeting: Tuesday 30 November 12pm - 2pm Register to take part [here](#):
Sign up to the Interagency Bulletin, or to attend their meetings [here](#).

Events:

Black History Month: October

B&NES Libraries are running a BHM21 social media campaign, providing book recommendations for all ages highlighting Black Britons as well as daily Black History Month information.

Storytelling, poetry and spoken word project: Changes Bristol, a mental health charity are asking for pieces of writing on topics including culture, race, history, allyship, community and mental wellbeing. There is power in words and Changes wants you to share your creativity. Entries close on Friday 22nd October and there will be an event celebrating the pieces during the last week of October. Find more information [HERE](#)

22nd October: 3SG [Meet the Funder](#): Garfield Weston Foundation 10-11am. Flora (Head of Grants) & Harriet (Grants Manager) present their top tips for making an application and take part in a Q&A session with attendees.

28th October Webinar 6-7pm—Author Paul Mendez talks about his debut novel 'Rainbow Milk' being organised by Bath University Library in conjunction with B&NES Council equalities and libraries.

9th November 19.00–20.30: A **Free** [online workshop](#) for parents/carers to help them better understand the teenage brain. Teen Brain Matters is an interactive workshop examining changes that occur in the brain during teenage years & explores how these affect the way young people think, feel & behave. Topics include hormones, risky behaviour, social brain & sleep. It provides ideas on the role of parents/ adults in teenagers' lives. [Register](#) here.

11th November: TRC Parents workshop 7 – 9pm (book here: [Tickets](#) are £3.00)

17th November: CYPN Network meeting 10 – 11.30am Odd Down Community Centre

Job Opportunities:

Mentoring Plus:

[Freelance Sessional Workers](#) Regular Monday evenings 5-8pm during term time & occasional Wednesdays
Mentoring Plus are looking for kind, reliable freelance sessional workers (these are paid roles) 3-4 hours per week to help us offer access for young people to activities: picking up to 3 young people up, driving them to the session and home again. During the session you'll be supporting a group leader to help ensure everyone feels safe, happy and able to participate in activities such as cookery, fun sports, arts and crafts and community projects. Follow link above for more information.

Off The Record

[Head of Resources](#): 22 hrs p/wk, Salary: £30,451-31,364 pro rata

Part of the newly formed Senior Management Team. Working closely with the Director, the SMT will lead the organisation in the delivery of our new organisational Strategy. The role will oversee our main operational functions to include; finance, human resources, fundraising, office management, database and appointment coordination, policies and communications. The closing date for this position is midnight Thursday 21st October. This position will require an enhanced DBS certificate and two references. Interviews will take place on Friday 5th November.

[Head of Wellbeing](#): 30 hrs p/wk, Salary: £30,451-31,364 pro rata

The role will manage and oversee our Wellbeing focused services. These include all of OTR's counselling and listening support services that we provide in the community, schools, college and universities. You'll have responsibility for working with our external clinical supervisors and together manage OTR's clinical governance. You'll line manage the lead counsellors and volunteer networking supervisor, overseeing our staff and volunteer

team in delivering the very best possible services for young people. The closing date is midnight Thursday 31st October. This position will require an enhanced DBS certificate and two references. Interviews on Monday 15th November.

[Head of Voice](#): 22 hrs p/wk, Salary: £30,451-31,364 pro rata

The role will manage and oversee voice activity throughout our services. These include OTR's Advocacy service, Participation service and our LGBT+ service. You will line manage our service leads and support them in the delivery and development of our services. You'll work with the service leads and director to manage key commissioner relationships and ensure we're delivering services in line with our contractual or commissioned remits. The closing date is midnight Thursday 18th November. This position will require an enhanced DBS certificate and two references. Interviews on Friday 3rd December

3SG: [Administrator](#)

[3SG](#) is seeking someone who is passionate about supporting local charities, community groups and social enterprises, as well as helping to play a part in supporting the ongoing response to the pandemic.

Salary: £27,000 FTE Closing date: 31st October

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,

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