



# Children & Young People's Network E-bulletin

February 2022

Dear Members,

Happy February Half term for those of you off work this week. 😊

What a few weeks it has been....After a weekend of battening down the hatches and clearing up after both Storm Dennis and Storm Franklin I for one am looking forward to more settled weather conditions soon.... But with the end of isolation and COVID restrictions I am more hopeful than ever that we can continue to make plans for events to support the children & young people we are working with.

Our next CYPN meeting will be face to face on Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 10 – 12pm at the Odd Down Community Centre and we hope to see lots of you there! There will be opportunities for networking, discussing on collaborative opportunities and Dave Joyce will be giving a 30 minute taster of the C-ME training. A tool offering behaviour profiling to help you, your team or organisation harness natural talent and long term success. Please do let me know if you are planning on attending.

February is the month of Children's mental health and wellbeing week and is also LGBT+ History Month and there have been a range of events on offer including the launch of a film on mental wellbeing in the LGBT+ community tonight by local organisation Boys In Mind in partnership with Off the Record. Please do share any events you have planned so we can share them with other network members.

Thank you for taking the time to read this month's ebulletin and as always please do get in touch by email if I can help in any way.

Kindest regards,  
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## Local News & News from CYPN Members:

### **Freedom Centre – The Uniform Cupboard.**

Please share with any families you may be supporting. The Uniform Cupboard will be open again during February half term Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 3 – 5.30pm, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 3-5.30pm and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 2 – 4.30pm Giving away good quality second hand school uniform (including uniform, shoes and coats) at Freedom House, Lower Bristol Road. For enquiries please email: [thecupboard@freedomcentreuk.com](mailto:thecupboard@freedomcentreuk.com)

**Home for Good, Bath**, last week I attended the Celebration of fostering, adoption, special Guardianship & Kinship care event at Bath Abbey and was amazed and inspired by the wonderful things on offer locally. [Fostering Families](#) is a new initiative being run in B&NES and is an approach to fostering which aims to help whole families in need of long-term support. The aim is to help parents care for their children, and to keep those children living safely at home with their parents by partnering them with a fostering families carer. The aim is to foster connections of support around the family and improve the quality of family relationships. The role of the foster carer, or kinship carer, is to act as a compensatory attachment figure, 'caring for someone like a parent would'.

### **'Family Link' Short Breaks for Disabled Children and Young People**

The Family Link scheme provides a 'short break' service for disabled children and young people living in B&NES. The children and young people have been assessed by Children's Services as likely to benefit from the service. Children and young people are linked with approved carers who offer either daytime or overnight care. Overnight care consists of an overnight stay, weekends or even a few days. The short breaks and support which Family Link provides are designed to benefit the whole family. The scheme can provide families with a break, as

well as a chance for their child/young person to do things they might enjoy. They will also have a chance of meeting new friends from outside their school or family. To find out more about how to access the scheme, or to become a Family Link carer, visit the [website](#).

The [Bath Area Forum](#) hosted a Youth Showcase at its meeting on 2 February, hearing from local organisations providing support including Youth Connect South West, Bath Rugby Foundation, Project 28 and Boys in Mind. You can view the meeting on the B&NES YouTube Channel by watching the video [here](#).

### **We are looking for new volunteer CYPN representatives for:**

- **CYP mini MADE** (Multi-Agency Discharge Events) - Meetings are held monthly and are chaired by Georgina Ruddle, BSW CCG
- **CYP Emotional Health & Wellbeing Subgroup** The group is chaired by Lucy Kitchener and is a subgroup of the Children and Young People's Subcommittee of the Health and Wellbeing Board and supports the subcommittee in delivering their responsibilities to improve children and young people's emotional health and wellbeing. This group is attended by commissioners and the key people in the CYP mental health system. Cheryl Unthank (TRC) is an existing rep on this board but we have been approached for an additional CYPN rep.

If you think either of these roles might be of interest please email me asap and I will put your name forward.

### **Nova Sports & Coaching & Somerset Cricket Foundation**

FREE Inclusive cricket sessions – Bath Pythons are seeking new players. Wednesday evenings, 5.30 – 6.30pm @ Hayesfield Girls School (upper) 12-24yrs old. To [book](#) or [More Information](#) on our other hubs across Somerset

**Gympanzees:** Pop Up sessions are back for the Easter holidays! Providing a safe, fun and stimulating environment for young people with disabilities. Explore our different sessions and book your tickets today 📌

<https://www.gympanzees.org/our-services/easterpopup>

**Rainbow Resource Scheme** If you are part of an organisation or activity provider and are keen to find out more about how you can support the [B&NES Rainbow Resource Scheme](#) holders within your inclusive environment, take a look at our short video below featuring Hannah Douglas, owner of Avon Valley Adventure Park to find out more about the scheme and how you can be involved. If you are working with a child SEND find out if they have a Rainbow card – they are free to get and offer free access to a variety of attractions in B&NES.

### **Half term COVID-19 Vaccinations pop-up clinics for 12+ yr olds**

- COVID-19 vaccinations drop-in @ Salvation Army, Green Park, BA1 1XE, Tues 22 Feb, 11am-7pm.
- COVID-19 vaccinations drop-in @ Bath City FC, Twerton Park, Twerton, BA2 1DB. Thurs 24 Feb, 11am-7pm.

1st & 2nd doses for 12+ and 1st, 2nd & booster doses for 16+. Wait 8wks after 1st if 18+ or 12wks after 1st if 12-17yrs. Boosters if 2nd dose at least 3 months ago. No appt or GP reg needed. If you've had a positive Covid-19 test wait 4 weeks (28 days) if 18+ or wait 12 weeks (84 days) if 12-17yrs.

### **Free school meals vouchers for February half term**

Families whose children are eligible for income-related free school meals will be provided with supermarket vouchers worth £20 to cover the February half term by the council. Households who received voucher links during the Christmas break will not need to make a new application, however anyone who did miss out will need to apply using this [web form](#).

# Business & Funding Opportunities:

The [B&NES Funding Journal](#) is a comprehensive list of both local and national funding sources, news and local training opportunities which is updated monthly. It is free to access and updated regularly.

Highlighted below are some local and national funding programmes featured in the latest edition as well as other funding opportunities I think may be of interest.

**The Jordan Sinnot Foundation Trust:** Grants of up to £5,000 for UK clubs and projects which will enable disadvantaged children and young people aged 5-21 to participate in sport. [Find out more.](#)

**Small Grants Programme - The Eagle House Trust:** Grants up to £500 are available improve the wellbeing and independence of young people aged 16-24 in Somerset and historic Avon by supporting their education, talent, professional development, employment, or enterprise. Deadline is **25 February 2022**. [Find out more](#)

**Bath RAG Big 4 Grant:** Each year, Bath RAG supported by the Students' Union, fundraise through a variety of means for a grant that is equally split between four chosen charities. Students also spend the year promoting and volunteering with the organisations, raising their profile and activities. In a usual year, they aim to give each charity between £2k and £5k. The deadline to apply to be a chosen charity is **28 February 2022**. [Find out more.](#)

**Radstock Town Council Grants:** Radstock Town Council's grant programme is open now and offers grants of between £500-£1,000 (with larger amounts available in exceptional circumstances). These are available to support charitable or voluntary activities for organisations operating within the Radstock Town Council area and benefitting residents by: • Providing a service • Enhancing the quality of life • Improving the environment • Promoting the community in a positive way The deadline is **7 March 2022**. To find out more [contact them by email](#)

## **Capital Funding for Twerton, Bath - Youth Investment Fund Phase 1 DCMS and Children in Need**

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) is launching phase 1 of the Youth Investment Fund. The aim of the Fund (YIF) is to create, expand and improve local youth facilities and their services, in order to drive positive outcomes for young people, including improved health and wellbeing, and skills for work, employability and life. **Applications open on 31 January 2022, with funding required to be spent by 31 March 2022.** Twerton has been selected for a combination of youth need and low provision. Further phases of funding through the Youth Investment Fund will be announced in due course. [Find out more.](#)

## **Let's Create Jubilee Programme**

The Arts Council England (ACE) Let's Create Jubilee Programme will focus on supporting voluntary and community organisations to develop new creative and cultural activities as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June 2022. The programme is open to voluntary and community organisations whose charitable aims do not have to be based solely around arts and culture. For instance, this could include youth groups, parent/carer groups and volunteer organisations. Public-facing activity should take place in June near to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend which begins on Thursday 2nd June 2022. This programme has been created by ACE in partnership with UK Community Foundations (UKCF) with funds from the National Lottery. Locally, the fund is being administered by Quartet Community Foundation and the deadline is **28 February 2022.** [Find out more](#)

## **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Activity Fund**

Grants of up to £10,000 are available for not-for-profit organisations in England to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with physical activity based events. Projects should:

- Add value to their local community and work collaboratively with other groups to maximise impact.
- Be able to start within 6 weeks of the award.
- Comply with the government's national and local COVID-19 guidelines at the time of delivery.

- Engage people living in areas of disadvantage, and
- Support people who may otherwise have less opportunity to be active.

Grants can be used for: Coaching/ Equipment, including additional equipment/ Minor facility alterations / Service alterations, and Volunteer training

There is no application deadline for the fund at the moment, although please note that activities should take place before, on or around the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which takes place between 2nd and 5th June 2022. Sport England expects to make a decision on all applications within 21 days, although this may take longer depending on the volume of applications received. [Find out more](#)

### **Donate Nectar Points to Charities**

Crowdfunder has recently partnered with Nectar in order to launch a new charitable initiative - Nectar Donate. Launched in January, this exciting new scheme will allow Nectar card users - some 18 million in the UK - to convert their Nectar points into donations to participating local or national charities of their choice; creating new opportunities for charities to receive all-important donations. Anyone wishing to make use of the new scheme must sign up for a Crowdfunder account, if not already registered, and link it with their Nectar account. Points can then be donated at checkout by selecting 'Donate with Nectar'. Charities eager to take part in this new scheme can create a charity profile on Crowdfunder, to enable their supporters to easily donate to their favourite good causes via Nectar points. Find out more about how the scheme works on the [Crowdfunder website](#).

**The National Association of Local Councils**, (NALC) has launched a new suite of resources on young people, including a dedicated web page and a case study publication. These highlight the excellent work that local (parish and town) councils are doing to support young people within their communities including consulting young people, funding youth groups, youth clubs and youth services, to name a few. The dedicated webpage will act as a hub with valuable information, links, and resources. [Find out more](#)

## 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.

28<sup>th</sup> February 13.00 – 16.30pm: [EQUALITIES](#) This half day ZOOM course is aimed at members of the children's workforce who want to: Improve their understanding of the Equality Act and its impact on their work with children and families, Recognise the need to act in ways that are consistent with the law and Council procedures relating to equality and diversity, Work in ways that challenge discrimination and ensure that people are treated fairly even if this requires additional effort, Know who to contact for more support in promoting equality and diversity.

1<sup>st</sup> March 9.30 – 15.30 [Attachment – Introduction & Awareness](#) (Virtual) Training aims to raise awareness of attachment issues & how to identify when targeted or specialist intervention is required. It will help participants towards an understanding of attachment; trauma & attachment; Identifying attachment disorders & issues.

3<sup>rd</sup> March 9.30 – 15.00 [BCSSP Introduction to Child Protection VIRTUAL Session](#) This is a FREE course focusing on a multi-agency approach and response to Child Protection issues. This course is an opportunity to develop your knowledge around child protection issues and the processes involved. Due to social distancing regulations this course will now consist of a downloadable self-study workbook (approx 3 hours) followed by a virtual session delivered using the Zoom platform to engage virtually with the trainer and other participants

9<sup>th</sup> March 9.30 – 12.30pm: [MANAGING ALLEGATIONS](#) This is a half day (Microsoft TEAMS) interactive workshop to consider the process of allegation's management. The course will review the BCSSP policy alongside current case



examples, taking participants through the process of allegation management, and considering the dilemmas and complexities of investigation and decision making and the importance of 'Lessons learned

10<sup>th</sup> March 9.30 – 4.30pm [Effective multi agency working in adult safeguarding - Virtual Training Session](#) This course is suitable for those who require level 3 Safeguarding training, however, please note an alternative course is available for practitioners who require specific training on undertaking a Safeguarding Enquiry

13<sup>th</sup> May 10.30 – 11am: [Voice of the child /young person in the Early Help Assessment - Virtual Briefing](#) To encourage skills in interpreting and further understanding what it is that is being said by children and young people, especially in the very young or non-verbal.

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### **Making every contact count courses**

Making Every Contact Count (MECC) is about making the most of contacts we have with the people we meet everyday. MECC is a reflective skills-based training opportunity that encourages a different way of interacting to address health and wellbeing issues. Free online course. The training will involve: 1 x 3hr online session 3 x MECC e-learning modules Making Every Contact Count - [elearning for healthcare](#) Further information is in this [short video](#).

[Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March](#) 9.30 – 12.30pm

[Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April](#) 9.30 -12.30pm

[Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May](#) 1.30 – 4.30pm

[Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June](#) 9.30 – 12.30pm

### 3 March 2022, 10am - 3pm **Supporting young people with their sexual health**

A one-day course from B&NES Public Health for those who want to work more effectively to support young people with their sexual health needs. This course explores factors that need to be considered when planning sexual health interventions with young people and identifies the issues that arise when working with young people.

The aim of the course is to develop basic knowledge and skills for those working with young people around sexual health and for those wishing to learn more about effective practice when working with young people.

This online training is free to all those working in a professional and volunteer capacity in the Bath and North East Somerset area. [Book a place via Eventbrite.](#)

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### **SARI Awareness session**

SARI provides free and confidential support for anyone who is a victim of hate crime - a charitable organisation that covers BANES, North Somerset, Somerset and South Gloucestershire. Whether that's based on race, faith, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or sex. They work to build greater understanding and respect for diversity and difference within our community. SARI is able to offer awareness sessions for any organisation working in B&NES. The session covers: Different types of hate crime/ strands & its impacts, How to report and recognise hate crime/hate incidents and what services can support, Challenges and barriers to reporting.

For more information contact: Natalia Aplin Hernandez, Outreach Development Worker (BANES and North Somerset) email: [Natalia@saricharity.org.uk](mailto:Natalia@saricharity.org.uk).

## Events:

**Tuesday 22nd February 6- 7pm.** As part of LGBTQ+ History month 2022. The official launch of a new film from Boys in Mind that highlights mental health and wellbeing within the LGBTQ+ community. The film was made in partnership with SPACE at Off the Record Bath & NES, and features local young people talking about mental wellbeing and about being part of the LGBTQ+ community. Register [here](#) **Who should attend?** Young people who are LGBTQ+, Teachers, Social workers and other professional, plus parents and carers – who want to raise their own awareness, improve the support they offer and learn about some of the terminology, Allies - all young people & adults who want to better understand & support their LGBTQ+ friends & peers

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February:** Senior Leaders Network: 3SG 2- 3.15pm online: Register [Here](#) - 3SG Members Only  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February: **KOOTH NATIONAL WEBINAR FOR PROFESSIONALS: LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH** 1.30 – 2.30pm In the webinar you will discover ways Kooth can help to support the mental health and emotional wellbeing of young LGBTQ+ people.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** 5.30 – 7pm 3SG Charity Networking Event. Fairfield House, Bath.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March:** The Big Bath Sleep out. Julian House are holding their annual Sleep Out to raise money to help people who are forced to do so every night. The main event will be held in Alice Park, but you can also join in from your own home/ garden. For more info see [here](#).

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March** 7- 9pm. [Bath Women's Fund Potluck Picnic](#) at Komedia. You will meet women who are committed to making a difference in our local communities and hear from Renée Jacobs of B in Bath and Natalia Aplin Hernandez of SARI, Stand Against Racism & Inequality. We will also update members and friends on the 2022 [grants programme](#) launched in February and opportunities to get involved.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March:** [Uproar!](#) Bath's first club night for adults with learning disabilities. A safe & fun environment for those 18+, their families & Carers 7 – 10pm @ Komedia, Bath.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** CYPN Network Meeting at the Odd Down Community Centre 10 – 12pm

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March:** Supporting your teenager with exams and assessments (online) 7-8.30pm. Julie Turner & Debbie Spens, from The Charlie Waller Trust, will discuss practical strategies for parents/Carers to help young people manage stress and anxiety around exams and assessments. Book your free ticket: [here](#)

**Community Events for the Jubilee** If you are planning any community events to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, please be mindful of lead in times for any permissions that might be required. The Council is expecting an increased number of applications, so would like to be notified of your plans by the end of February if possible, with full paperwork to be submitted by the end of March. For road closures for small street parties, visit this [webpage](#).



## Job Opportunities:

**Bath Area Play Project:** Community Play Support Worker 0024hrs per wk £19,548 (Pro rata)

BAPP are looking for a playful and professional individual to join the team to support children and young people across B&NES to access exciting and fulfilling play opportunities. Working as a team to run group play interventions in schools and support families to play together at after school community play hubs. In the school holidays we turn our attention to open access play for children and young people in local parks and green spaces. Please read through the [Job Description](#) and apply using the [BAPP Application form](#). Return this completed to [caroline@bathareaplayproject.co.uk](mailto:caroline@bathareaplayproject.co.uk). Closing date: Friday 3rd March with expected start date around 28th March.

**Swallow:** Redfield Road Senior Support Worker 35hrs p/w Salary £18,909 - £21,075 Plus benefits.

This is an exciting opportunity to join the senior team at SWALLOW Charity. You will be responsible for overseeing one of our supported housing services in Midsomer Norton and the overall care and support of the tenants living there. The successful candidate will be committed to delivering the best quality care to all tenants by working in a person centred/inclusive way. For an application pack/information please visit our website or [email](#)

**WECIL:** [Children & Young People's Keyworker](#) B&NES groups, 10 hrs a wk, £22, 627 (pro rata)

WECIL are recruiting for an enthusiastic Keyworker to lead on and develop our existing groups in B&NES. They currently deliver a range of weekday evening and weekend sessions for young people with special educational needs and disabilities aged 8 to 13 and 13 to 21 across the B&NES area. Deadline ASAP!

Thank you for taking the time to read this bulletin,

Kind regards,

Gilly Samuddin, Children & Young People's Network Coordinator