



Supporting organisations working with children and young people in B&NES

# Children & Young People's Network E-bulletin

March 2022

Dear Members,

What a month March has been, locally and internationally. In the midst of the humanitarian disaster in Ukraine, many of our CYPN members have been looking for ways to work with those they support to help those affected. This is a reminder of how significant the work we do is and the amazing reach we can have when we work together to support others.

Networking is one of the most useful ways we can learn about what is going on locally and there is still space available at our CYPN Network meeting this coming Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10 – 12pm at the Odd Down Community Centre. We'd love to see you there! There will be opportunities for networking, discussions 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.

Thank you for taking the time to read this month's ebulletin and as always please do get in touch by email if there is anything you would like to share with members or if I can help in any way.

Kindest regards,

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## What's in this month's Newsletter:

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Local News and Information

Business and Funding

Training opportunities.

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Job opportunities

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

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## Local News & News from CYPN Members:

**Mentoring Plus:** Congratulations to Mentoring Plus, who were selected as the winner of the Bath Life Awards Charity Category this year! What a wonderful testament to the fantastic work they do. They have recently closed their latest round of volunteer led mentoring, but open their lists for new applications regularly. If you are thinking about referring a young person when they open again please read [the service overview](#) and [referral checklist](#) to ensure volunteer mentoring is an appropriate service for them. Please [email](#) if you would like to be added to the referral list and be advised of when they next open for referrals.

**Off The Record:** [Youth Forum makes a website](#). Young people from the Youth Forum B&NES have launched a website called "Activisite: for young people, by young people". The inspiration for this website was first sparked when Youth Forum B&NES members experienced lockdown. They felt that there were barriers to finding things to do during the lockdown, and were worried that this had a real impact on the wellbeing of young people across B&NES. They have designed, researched, and written this website full of online activities they have found to inspire other young people to try new things! You can explore their new website here: [Youth Activities | Activisite](#).

During March Healthwatch, are running [an online survey](#) to gather people's feedback about their mental health during 2021. The survey is aimed both at people who have experienced on-going mental ill health over this period and carers, in recognition of the significant impact of covid on these groups. The results of the survey will be shared with the Care Quality Commission and NHS England. The deadline is 31 March 2022

[The SEND Partnership Service](#) has linked up with [Coram Family Childcare](#) to deliver the Parent Champions Scheme. Volunteers have been active since January 2019. The role of the volunteers is to attend local events and groups to inform families about what the SEND Partnership Service do and raise awareness of local organisations who may also be able to support families who have children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and in particular those having difficulties around their child's education. If you are an organisation that would have anything relevant you would also like us to share with those who join us please do get in touch with me, or if you would be able to have Parent Champions join a session you offer we would love to hear from you. Next sessions 24<sup>th</sup> March 9.30 – 10.30 and 5<sup>th</sup> April 10 – 11am, on Zoom.



The flyer for the SEND Partnership Service Parent Champions Scheme features the following text: 'Parent Champions Bath & NE Somerset', 'SEND Partnership Service', 'Signposting', 'Special Needs Support', 'Local Services Inclusion', 'Childcare Disabilities', and 'Impartial Information'. It includes details about a well-earned coffee break with SEND Partnership Service Parent Champions, a Zoom meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30-10.30am, and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 10-11am. Contact information for SEND Partnership Service is provided: Email: [send\\_partnershipservice@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:send_partnershipservice@bathnes.gov.uk) and Phone: 01225 394382. Logos for Bath & North East Somerset Council and NHS are also present.

**TRC Tours of the centre in Bath for Professionals.** If you would benefit from learning more about our service, we provide opportunities each term for Professionals to come and see our TRC HQ centre in Bath. You can expect to hear about our work, meet some of our team, see our facilities and have space to ask questions about our service! Our upcoming tour dates for this academic year: 30th March 2022 - 3pm to 4pm or 16th June 2022 - 9.30am to 10.30am. Email [admin@trc-uk.org](mailto:admin@trc-uk.org) to book your place.



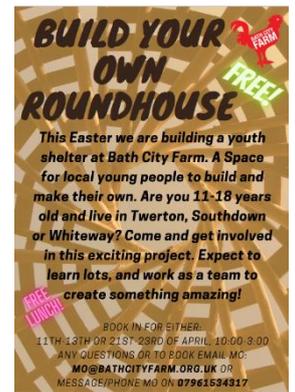
The poster for SAFE SPACE features the following text: 'Struggling with challenges to your life? Whatever place in life you're at, Come along and have a chat...', 'SAFE SPACE For ages 16-25', 'YOU ARE NOT ALONE WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOUR WELLBEING', 'Join Us on Zoom! Therapies Open 4-20pm', and 'Contact Becky - 07538 113890 email: [wellbeing@bathmind.org.uk](mailto:wellbeing@bathmind.org.uk) www.bathmind.org.uk'.

**Bath Mind:** Wellbeing group - **Safe Space**, for ages 16 – 25yr olds. The groups gives you the chance to speak openly about how you are feeling. Optional activities include: art, music, yoga and more. Thursdays 5 – 6.30pm. To book contact Becky: 07538 113890 or email: [wellbeing@bathmind.org.uk](mailto:wellbeing@bathmind.org.uk)

**Boys in Mind** has some engaging and accessible short films on their website in which B&NES primary school children explore what they do for their wellbeing and mental health. These films can be shown to groups, to trigger discussions and can also be used on a one-to-one basis with individuals.

## Easter Holiday activities:

**Bath City Farm** are in the process of developing out Children, Young People and Families Garden (a catchier name soon to come) We have some fun and enriching activities coming up that will help young people living locally to the farm to make the garden area their own. Eco Builder, BJORN is running cob building workshops to get YP involved in finishing off our roundhouse as well as model making, landscape design workshops and free lunches! For YP living or going to school in Twerton, Southdown or Whiteway and able to commit to three days. Either 11th-13th or 21st-23rd of April 10-3pm. Book a space calling 07961534317 or by email: [mo@bathcityfarm.org.uk](mailto:mo@bathcityfarm.org.uk)



**Bath Area Play Project:** Holiday playschemes for children with additional needs. If you are working with a child who has SEND 3-19 years you may be interested in finding out more about the BAPP Holiday playschemes. Spaces are still available for Easter please email: [Roz@bathareaplayproject.co.uk](mailto:Roz@bathareaplayproject.co.uk) for more information or for a registration form. Where a family is in receipt of Free School meals, they may be eligible for a HAF funded space.

**Bath Area Play Project** open access playdays: BAPP will be holding 2 open access playdays during the Easter Holidays (Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April & Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April) for the whole family to Enjoy. These free sessions will involve outdoor free play activities and adventurous play opportunities to keep the children entertained all afternoon! Please follow the [BAPP facebook](#) page for more details.



### **B&NES Early Help App: Have your say!**

The Children's Public Health Team is reviewing how the Early Help App is used and we need your help! The B&NES Early Help App provides a wide range of information, tools and links to a range of resources that can support professionals to find and access the Early Help offer in the area. As part of our continued commitment to enabling easy access to information and advice on Early Help services, we are asking current, past and potential users of the app for their views. Whether you are a health visitor, school nurse, teacher, social worker, GP, or work for a community organisation, college or university, early years provider or mental health service, the Early Help App is available to you, for free. It can be downloaded from App Store or Google Play. The survey can be found here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KMZLCRK> and will take no more than 5 minutes to complete. We appreciate your time to complete the survey and your opinion is important for us to ensure the App is continuing to meet your needs. Please contact [public\\_health@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:public_health@bathnes.gov.uk), if you have any questions or would like to discuss the Early Help App with the team directly.

Our NHS partners in the **Community Wellbeing Hub** have asked us to promote a couple of opportunities that may be of interest to your parents and carers. For further information on both visit NHS B&NES Children's Weight Management.

**Learn Eat and Play (LEAP)** for children aged 5 –10. Six weekly family sessions with a focus on a goal setting approach to make healthy lifestyle changes. Each session has a focus around fun and learning through play whilst also focusing on interactive educational activities to help enable families to make positive changes.

**COOK IT:** A five week cookery course for families with children under 17 year olds during which families learn to cook healthy, balanced and budget friendly meals. Course are run across BANES at schools and community venues regularly

## 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.

**Improving Your Places to Ride Fund - British Cycling:** Matched funding grants of up to £15,000 are available for community cycling projects across England in conjunction with Crowdfunder.co.uk. Funding is available for (a) the improvement and (b) the development of new cycling facilities, equipment and activities across England. Projects should involve and benefit local communities and make a difference to places in which people cycle. [Find out more.](#)

### **Children and Young People Small and Large Grant Programme - The Masonic Charitable**

**Foundation:** Grants of between £1,000 and £60,000 are available for up to 3 years to registered charities in England and Wales for projects that enable disadvantaged and vulnerable children and young people (aged up to 18 years or up to 25 years for disabled young people) to overcome the barriers they face in life.

[Postcode Local Trust](#) Funding for smaller charities and good causes on these themes: • Improving mental wellbeing, • Enabling community participation in the arts, • Preventing or reducing the impact of poverty, • Supporting marginalised groups and promoting equality, • Improving biodiversity and green spaces, • Enabling participation in physical activity, • Responding to the climate emergency and promoting, sustainability, • Increasing community access to outdoor space

### [Thriving Minds – UK Youth](#)

Grant funding to improve mental health support and provision for young people and youth workers. Eligible organisations must have an annual income under £500,000 whose primary purpose is to benefit young people aged 8 – 25. Unrestricted grants of £15,000 – £50,000 per year for up to 3 years.

### [The 7Stars Foundation](#)

Project grants up to £2,500 are available for charities, with an annual turnover of less than £1.5 million, working with children and young people aged 16 and under in the areas of abuse, addiction, caring for sick and disabled adults, and homelessness. Shine Bright funding enables charities to purchase wellbeing, emotional and mental health support items or educational, creative resources for the young people they support to promote happiness in a time of worry and anxiety. Star Start funding aims to tackle child food poverty escalated by COVID-19.

### [The Stanley Grundy Foundation](#) (Application deadline April)

Grants generally of either £4,000 or £5,000 are available to charities working to advance education, relieve poverty or support children. Charities wishing to apply for a grant are invited to do so by email for specific projects or a defined area of action. The Foundation requests email appeals are kept as brief as possible. Applications for grants should be made by email to [admin@grundyfoundation.uk](mailto:admin@grundyfoundation.uk) and should include: The name & address of the applying charity, Registration number, and The objectives of the organisation.

### [British Cycling Improving Your Places to Ride Fund.](#)

Matched funding grants of up to £15,000 are available for community/ accessible cycling projects. Funding is available for the improvement and/or the development of new cycling facilities, equipment and activities. Projects should involve and benefit local communities and make a difference to places in which people cycle. Applicants/participants will be required to set up a crowdfunding campaign. Each campaign should last 4 weeks. If the campaign's funding target is reached in that time, the Places to Ride matched funding will be made available.

### [The Masonic Charitable Foundation Children and Young People Small and Large Grant Programme](#)

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## **BBC Children in Need** [the #iwill Fund](#)

BBC Children in Need, in partnership with the #iwill Fund and [The Hunter Foundation](#), has announced they are delivering a £3million fund to support organisations to embed youth social action across the UK. The Fund will help to build children and young people's confidence and skills and will empower them to take an active and leading role in developing solutions to issues which affect their lives and their communities. Social action involves activities such as influencing, fundraising and volunteering, all of which enable young people to make a positive difference in their communities as well as develop their own skills and knowledge.

## 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.

23<sup>rd</sup> March 9.30 – 15.00: [BCSSP Introduction to Child Protection VIRTUAL Session](#) (Zoom) 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.

27<sup>th</sup> April 9.00- 11.00: [Child Exploitation – Virtual Training](#) (Zoom) This FREE course is an introduction to Child Exploitation and will incorporate information on sexual and criminal exploitation and online grooming

12<sup>th</sup> May: 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

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.

17<sup>th</sup> May 9.00 – 16.30 [Early Help Assessment including Lead Professional and Team Around the Child Training](#) (Zoom) This full day training session will address the principles of the Early Help Assessment framework and how it can be used in practice to benefit children and take a practical approach to the role of the lead professional in the context of team around the child/family activity.

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22<sup>nd</sup> March 9.30 – 1.30pm New [Sexual Health Training](#) (online) designed to explore factors that could lead to risk taking behaviour in young people, particularly in relation to alcohol, drugs, and sexual health. We will discuss how to spot signs of substance use, and associated vulnerabilities including exploitation. We will discuss effective approaches to engaging YP in these discussions and promoting harm reduction behaviour.

24<sup>th</sup> March 13.00 – 16.00 **First Steps In to Coaching**, Youth Connect: Half day course open to all staff and young people, it is an introductory session to help you when working with young people develop physical activity and sports. Contact Tracey Pike for more details or to book on: [Tracey.Pike@ycsw.org.uk](mailto:Tracey.Pike@ycsw.org.uk)

24<sup>th</sup> March 10- 11.30am: **Free Gambling and Online Gaming Harm Awareness** training Please email [lindseyannetaylor@recovery4all.co.uk](mailto:lindseyannetaylor@recovery4all.co.uk) or [clare.leakey@gamcare.org.uk](mailto:clare.leakey@gamcare.org.uk) to book a space

29<sup>th</sup> March 7 – 8.30pm (online) [Supporting your teenager with exams and assessments](#) Practical strategies for parents/carers to help young people manage stress and anxiety around exams and assessments.

12<sup>th</sup> April 12- 2pm (online): [Spotting Fuel Poverty and How You Can Help](#) Organised by 3SG & Citizens' advice B&NES. Session is free but needs to be pre booked.

26<sup>th</sup> April: Bath Mind 9.30 – 13.00: [Working through the Pandemic & Secondary Trauma](#) An opportunity to explore how the pandemic may have changed you with ways to seek support, reframe and move forwards

19<sup>th</sup> May The Business Exchange are organising a Charity Conference & Expo, Bath Racecourse. Provides opportunities for local businesses, charities, and not-for-profits, to connect, share learnings and growth with far reaching benefits to our surrounding communities. Variety of speakers & seminar sessions. Book tickets [here](#).

### **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 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

The International Organisation for Migration (IOM) will be holding cultural awareness sessions open to all those who work with refugees and asylum seekers, or UASC, or will be working with them.

**30 June, 14:00 – 16:30: IOM UK Cultural Adjustment Information Session** Session will focus on cultural adjustment of refugees once they arrive in the UK, as well as a discussion about a case study on integration. We suggest participants read the New York Times article “Wonder & Worry, as a Syrian Child Transforms” ahead of the session & come prepared to discuss. This session will be participatory & rely heavily on participant engagement through case studies & discussion. [Register in advance](#) for this meeting

## Events:

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** 12-2pm Interagency Meeting – Apply for [zoom link](#) to attend

**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](#)

## Job Opportunities:

### **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!

[Short Breaks Co-ordinator](#) Role at WECIL to manage the delivery of the B&NES area term time and holiday provision. The ideal candidate will be experienced in delivering youth work, play work or holiday playschemes and confident in managing and motivating staff, volunteers, and young people with an understanding of the challenges facing disabled children, young people, and their families. 16 hrs per week, £22,183 - £24,491 pro rata, Closing date for applications is 25th March at 9 am.

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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