



B&NES Children & Young People's Network

E-Bulletin

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Dear Members,

Thank you to those who have already responded to the email invitation to participate in one of three **Themed Knowledge Cafes on Early Years, SEND, and Young People's Wellbeing**; a joint initiative between the CYPN and the School of Education at Bath Spa University. As I mentioned in the invitation that you should have all received (from me) on the 16th November, Bath Spa University has some funding available to support organisations to participate in these events, to help cover transport and attendance costs. In case you missed my email, I have attached the *Knowledge Café Information Sheet* and *Knowledge Café Application Form* (deadline 9th December 2022) together with this Bulletin. If you want more information or would like to apply for funding to support your involvement, please contact me at Mel@bathareaplayproject.co.uk.

I hope you find this November issue of the bulletin useful; it contains: National News (p.2); Local News (p.3); Business & Funding Opportunities (p.4); Training & Support (p.5); Events (p.7); and Jobs (p.7). I welcome any feedback that you'd like to give about these bulletins and/or any ideas you have that would improve its value to the CYPN. The December Bulletin will be issued earlier in the month than usual, during the w/c 19th December. If you have any news, opportunities and/or resources that you would like to share with your fellow CYPN members, please can you send it to me at by Thursday **15th December**.

I hope some of you will be able to join our next face-to-face CYPN meetings (in-person at Odd Down Community Centre, Bath, BA2 2TL) on:

- Wednesday **14th December** 2022, 10.00 – 12.00. With short presentations and Q&As from:
 - Milly Carmichael, Health Improvement Officer talking about Food Poverty
 - Anna Dietrich, [Clean Slate Training & Employment](#)
 - [B&NES Parent Carers Forum](#)
 - Nancy Towers, updating on the developing priorities for the new Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Tuesday **14th March** 2023, 12.30 – 14.30
- Wednesday **14th June** 2023, 10.00 – 12.00

Kind regards,

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National News

Children in Need numbers highest since 2018: According to the government's annual [census](#), the number of children in need in England has risen to its highest level since 2018. Abuse or neglect was identified as the primary concern in more than half of children in need. There has also been a 13% increase in cases where children's mental health was identified as a factor.

Talking with families about parental relationships: A short guide from the [Early Intervention Foundation](#), providing practical tips for practitioners on how to talk to families about parental conflict. It also provides a set of guiding questions on the use of inclusive language with specific groups of vulnerable families, including parents with mental health difficulties, minority ethnic parents, parents belonging to the LGBTQ+ community, parents of children with special needs, and separated or separating parents. Download the guide [here](#).

Almost half young people have mental health problems following the Covid-19 pandemic, according to a COVID Social Mobility and Opportunities Study, led by University College London and the Sutton Trust. Copy of the report [here](#).

Social workers are struggling to access support for a growing number of children with mental health problems: According to a recent [report](#) by The Association of Directors of Children's Services, young people's mental health is cited as a factor in more than one in seven children's social care assessments (latest figures for 2021/22); markedly up on figures from 2017/18, when the figure was one in ten. A lack of access for young people to mental health support was also highlighted last month as a specific concern in this year's Care Quality Commission's State of Care [report](#).

Children, violence and vulnerability – a recent [report](#) by the Youth Endowment Fund reveals, from a survey of more than 2,000 children aged 13 to 17, that 39% had been either a victim of or witness to an incident of violence or sexual assault. This figure increases to 60% for children who are being supported by a Social Worker, 55% for children that regularly miss classes and 46% for those receiving free school meals. The young people involved in the study are calling for more visible police patrols to tackle the problems in their communities as well as more available activities for young people and better drug and alcohol support services.

The Children's Commissioner for England's latest report [Beyond the Labels](#) calls for improved training for early years staff and a smoother transition to adult services to improve support for young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

UK Youth and Frontier Economics' report, [Untapped: The Economic Value of Youth Work](#), calculates the wider societal benefits of government investment in youth work. This research has found that for every £1 government invests in youth work, the benefit to the taxpayer is between £3.20 and £6.40 due to the sector's impact on improved societal health, increased employment and education, and a reduction in crime.

[The Centre for Social Justice's Criminal Justice Unit](#) is launching an inquiry to examine the impact of sport and physical activity on reducing youth crime and anti-social behaviour. They are canvassing views from a range of stakeholders including – but not limited to - sports clubs, the charity sector, and people with lived experience of antisocial behaviour, youth violence, or the criminal justice system. They are particularly interested in hearing from

young people themselves. More information [here](#). The deadline for submissions of evidence is 15th January 2023.

Local News

3SG releases annual **Third Sector Survey** in B&NES. Third sector organisations (regardless of whether a 3SG member) that work or are based in B&NES are invited to complete the survey [here](#). Deadline is Wednesday 30th November 2022.

B&NES Early Years Service's short survey to inform the Continuing Professional Development programme for 2023/24. Deadline is Friday 2nd December 2022. Link to survey [here](#).

Warm Spaces: B&NES council is inviting local organisations to identify additional spaces that can provide warmth and welcome as Winter approaches. To register your organisation or space, [click here](#). You can view the [current list of warm spaces here](#).

Creativity Works are running a free, virtual training programme throughout December and January: **Better Together Employability Skills and Writing for Wellbeing** - to help improve the employability skills of young people (15 – 25 years) who have a disability. More information [here](#).

Youth Connect South West announces new groups at **Southside Youth Hub**. For more information contact barbara.mcphail@ycsw.org.uk

- Young Women's Street Dance for 11-19 years on Mondays 17.30-19.30
- Young Women's Football for 11-19 years on Thursdays 16.00-17.30
- Young Men's Football for 11-19 years on Mondays 18.00-19.30
- Dungeons & Dragons Games Group for 11-19 years on Thursdays 16.00-17.30

Youth Connect South West have opened their new city centre **Drop in Support for Young People** at 28 Southgate Street, Bath, BA1 1TP. Open Wednesday - Friday 13.00 - 16.00. For more information email contact@ycsw.org.uk

Bath Festivals & Youth Connect South West have **Music & Recording Sessions** available for 14-19 years on Wednesdays, 18.30-20.30 at Southside Youth Centre [50p entry]. More information from education@bathfestivals.org.uk

Bath Judo Centre at the Garraway Youth Club in Larkhall, Bath provides continuous child protection courses and safeguarding awareness sessions as part of their Judo training for young people from the age of 7 years, at sessions on Fridays 18.30 - 19.30 and Saturdays 10.00 - 11.00. More information [here](#) or contact Peter Thatcher on 01225 428569.

Bath Youth for Christ have agreed to end their affiliation with National Youth for Christ in 2023. Their focus will continue to be on young people and their journey of faith across Bath, Timsbury and Peasedown-St-John. They will continue to be an independent charity, run by their existing Trustees, but will be joining a network of Christian youth charities called [Relational Hub](#), whose mission is to help churches and organisations from all backgrounds support the growing need for safe spaces for young people to meet with friends, run by trusted adults, with the decline in active youth services.

3 Café Kitchen at **Three Ways School**, Bath, provides young people with special needs with meaningful training and work experience in a real working environment, alongside food hygiene and catering qualifications. The café is open School Term Time only Monday – Friday 08.00 - 15.30. The café also has a **bookable meeting room** that can seat 35 theatre style and 15 board room style and also meet your catering needs. For more information, please tel. 01225 830377 or email café@threeways.co.uk - or just pop in.

Poisoning prevention campaign: The '*Take Action Today, Put Them Away Campaign*' was launched in B&NES during Child Safety Week earlier this year. The [video of the launch is available online](#). If you would like some resources to give out to your families with children under 5, including free magnetic pads with safety checklists, contact caroline_mcaleese@bathnes.gov.uk

Alice Park Café has been approved to provide hot and cold meals for the government-funded **Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme**.

B&NES Consultation on Short Breaks wants to hear from children and young people about their experience of short breaks and the types of breaks they might like to see delivered in the future. Short Breaks are commissioned activities that take place outside of the school day and are targeted at children aged 0-21 years with Special Educational Needs & Disability and/ or additional needs. This consultation will run until **January 2023**. A series of consultation resources have been developed for you to use with your children and young people. If you want more information or support, please email Dee Chaddha, Strategic Commissioning Officer B&NES at dee_chaddha@bathnes.gov.uk.

Business & Funding Opportunities

The Youth Justice Sport Fund: Grants of up to £20,000 (no matching funding requirement) are available to not-for-profit organisations that engage vulnerable children and young people aged 10-17 in sport and physical activities who may otherwise be at risk of entering the criminal justice system. Deadline is 09.00 on Monday **5 December** 2022. Note: any grant awarded must be spent by Friday 31st March 2023. More information [here](#).

The Julia and Hans Rausing Trust's Foodbank Fund is open to applications to support foodbanks; defining a foodbank as a venue which regularly gives out emergency food parcels at least once each week and has been running for six months or more. Deadline **6th December** 2022. More information [here](#).

Refugee Support Small Grants Programme: The Church Urban Fund has partnered with the Benefact Trust to launch this programme of small grants between £500 and £5,000; to support Christian projects that help refugees arriving in England from Ukraine and Afghanistan. Deadline is Friday **9th December** 2022. More information [here](#).

The Woodward Charitable Trust's Small Grants Programme: Seeks to fund projects that help families and young people. It prefers projects that promote community cohesion and the development of skills that will change the outlook and outcomes for the users. Applications from charitable organisations that promote volunteering and involve both past and present users in their operations or management are encouraged. Small grants up to £3,000 (but

usually £1,000 or less) are available over a period of 3 successive years. Deadline is noon on Friday **15th December** 2022. More information [here](#).

[New Philanthropy Capital's Tackling Financial Hardship Funds](#): Unrestricted grants of up to £25,000 are available to UK registered charities with an annual turnover of under £200,000 for activities that will relieve and reduce financial hardship in the UK during the cost-of-living crisis for: asylum seekers; Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities; single parent households; women and girls; and young people. Deadline is Friday **16th December** 2022. More information [here](#).

[The Blagrave Trust's Grassroots Youth Leadership Fund](#): Grants of up to £40,000 are available for not-for-profit and youth organisations in England that are working to support young people who have experienced injustice into positions of leadership. Deadline is Thursday **22nd December** 2022. More details [here](#).

[The Co-op Foundation's Future Communities Fund](#): Grants of up to £30,000 per year for up to 5 years are available to UK not-for-profit organisations that are helping to build inclusive communities and engage with young people to support youth social action and activism across the UK. Deadline is Friday **23rd December** 2022. More information [here](#).

[BBC Children in Need](#) Grants for not-for-profit organisations working with children and young people aged 18. There are **no deadlines**, grants are awarded on a rolling basis.

- **Core Costs Funding Stream** for grants of up to £40,000, provided for up to three years and can be spent on your organisation's central day-to-day operations. More information [here](#).
- **Project Funding**: More information [here](#).

[Quartet Community Foundation – Express Grants](#) of up to £5,000 to support local grassroots groups and small to medium sized voluntary and community sector organisations; to fund activities, projects and services that: strengthen communities (of place or identity) experiencing inequalities and disadvantage; and/or improve the lives of local people who face difficulties and have limited access to appropriate or affordable services and support. There is **no deadline** for applications. More information [here](#).

[Brevio](#) a grant matching service that is currently free to try. Register [here](#) for a free webinar on **12th January** at 11.00 - 11.30, to discover how you can maximise getting matched to grants on the Brevio platform.

Training & Support

[B&NES Community Safety & Safeguarding Partnership \(BCSSP\) Training & Development Subgroup](#) met on 10th November. The CYPN was represented by Sue Poole from Healthwatch. Discussions focused on the level of safeguarding training needed for organisations and how frequently this training should be refreshed; accounting for the consistency, capacity, cost and timing of delivering training. **Action**: BCSSP will be invited to join a CYPN network meeting in 2023 to update members on safeguarding requirements and training.

Affordable Warmth Briefings for Organisations Working with Children and Families: A one-hour, virtual briefing on affordable warmth support in B&NES, aimed at staff and volunteers working with children and families. Thursday **1st December**, 15.00 - 16.00. Book [here](#).

BANES Learning Pool

Virtual training opportunities for the Children's Workforce: To book a place on one of the following sessions via Learning pool (login required), click on the link below:

- [Equalities Training](#), for members of the children's workforce, on Thursday **1st December** 2022, 09.30 - 13.00 at Keynsham Training Room, Civic Centre, Keynsham, BS31 1FS.
- [Adolescents at Risk Virtual Training](#), to provide a greater understanding of the types of high-risk behaviours adolescents engage in and may be faced with. Zoom session on Tuesday **10th January** 2023, 09.30 - 15.30.
- [Mental Health Awareness](#), one-day virtual course on Tuesday **24th January** 2023, 09.30 - 16.00.
- [Child Exploitation](#) - will incorporate information on sexual and criminal exploitation and online grooming. Free, virtual session on Friday **24th February** 2023, 09.00 - 11.00.

The Essential Trustee and Governance in Practice: Free virtual charity training by [Stone King](#). Sessions provide the opportunity for you to put your questions to expert advisors. Click date to book places for **13th December** **19th January** **16th February**

Topics include:

- Key duties and liabilities of charity trustees
- Financial governance and resilience
- Meetings and decision making in a virtual space
- The Charity Commission's approach to regulation
- Recognising and reporting serious incidents

Short, free virtual briefings on various aspects of Early Help Assessment and process:

- [Involvement of other agencies when writing an Early Help Assessment](#) on **24th January** 2023, 11.00 – 11.30
- [Voice of the child /young person in the Early Help Assessment](#) on **16th February** 2023, 11.00 – 11.30

Supporting sexual health needs of young people with learning disabilities: Free training from B&NES Public Health, to all those working in a professional & volunteer capacity in B&NES, on Wednesday **25th January** 2023, 10.00 - 14.30 at Keynsham Civic Centre Keynsham BS31 1FS. Book [here](#).

Supporting young people with their sexual health: Free training from B&NES Public Health, to all those working in a professional & volunteer capacity in B&NES, on Thursday **16th February** 2023, 10:00 – 14:30 at Keynsham Civic Centre Keynsham BS31 1FS. Book [here](#).

Cyber Security Briefing Session by 3SG: Free online workshop on Tuesday 25th April 2023 to help you keep safe your data and the data and personal information of your clients in a post-pandemic world. Reserve a place [here](#).

Update on the Charities Act 2022 which is aimed at reducing the administrative burden on charities, is being implemented in three stages: Autumn 2022, Spring 2023 and Autumn 2023. [Stone King](#) look at the key provisions that came into force on Monday 31st October and how they will affect charities in this useful [short video](#). For a copy of Stone King's full Charities Act 2022 briefing note, email SarahClune@stoneking.co.uk.

Events

Working effectively with funders during the cost-of-living crisis: Free webinar from [NCVO](#), on Tuesday 17th January 2023, 12.15 - 13.30. Register [here](#).

Interagency Meetings – BANES wide (currently online via Zoom): These meetings are coordinated by BANES Council to provide opportunity for local service providers and community organisations to share information, promote projects/events and improve partnership working. They are very informal and open to anyone working or volunteering for an organisation in the area. All meetings are on a Tuesday and take place between 12pm and 2pm. Click on date to register: [24th January 2023](#), [21st March 2023](#), [23rd May 2023](#).

Trauma & Recovery UK Conference on 24th February 2023, 10.00 - 16.30 – focusing on *Traumatised Communities to Trauma Informed and Relationship Centred Communities* with keynote speakers Betsy de Thierry, MA, and Lisa Cherry, MA. The conference will be a hybrid event, with tickets available for attending in person or online. Early bird tickets are still available for £25 [here](#).

Impact of the Internet on Young People's Relationships and Sexual Health: This free course from B&NES Public Health aims to raise awareness of the issues associated with internet use and young people including online grooming, sexting, and pornography; on Thursday 2nd March 2023, 10.00 - 14.30 at Keynsham Civic Centre Keynsham Civic Centre Keynsham BS31 1FS. Book [here](#).

Jobs (paid and voluntary)

Bath City Farm is recruiting a **Site & Facilities Manager**, permanent 30 hours a week, £21,722 per annum (Full time equivalent £27,152). Closing date 5th December 2022. More information [here](#).

Bath Area Play Project is recruiting an **Early Years Practitioner** working in their Nursery & Pre-school 26 hours/week working Monday to Thursday. £10.95/ hour incl. holiday pay. Term time only post but work also available in school holidays with same age children. More information [here](#).

Mentoring Plus are recruiting a **Development Manager**, specialising in grants and trusts and key donor fundraising. 30 hours per week, from £28k FTE negotiable dependent upon

experience. This post has an **open deadline**, with applications reviewed as they come in. More information [here](#).

[The Carers' Centre](#) are recruiting a **School Engagement Officer**, to deliver an exciting and unique project to help young carers who are disproportionately affected by Covid-19. With excellent communications skills you will be building positive relationships with various stakeholders including young people and educational professionals, to help improve the health and wellbeing of young carers across B&NES. Closing date is **16th December** 2022, although applications reviewed on a rolling basis. More information [here](#).

[Clean Slate](#), in partnership with the **[B&NES Integrated Care Board](#)**, are hiring people to address the recruitment crisis across the social care and support sectors. They are inviting people to join a support programme to receive full training for various roles; no interviews or any experience required – life experience can be enough. More information [here](#).

Girlguiding Bath is looking for new volunteers (young women aged 14 plus and adults) to work directly with girls and young women across Bath. We're also recruiting for an admin assistant which is a flexible support role requiring a time commitment of less than an hour a week. Please contact Laura Gadsby for more information about any of these opportunities divisioncommissioner@girlguidingbath.org.uk