



# B&NES Children & Young People's Network

## E-Bulletin

October 2022

Dear Members,

Please can I thank the many of you who have been in touch over the past month. It's great to hear about your work first-hand.

I hope you find this October issue of the bulletin useful; in it you will find: National News (p.2); Local News (p.2); Business & Funding Opportunities (p.5); Training & Support (p.6); Events (p.6); and Jobs (p.7).

Do let me know about any news, opportunities and/or resources that you would like to share in the November bulletin. Also, if you have any feedback that you'd like to give about the bulletin and/or any ideas to improve the value of this bulletin to the CYPN, please do contact me at [Mel@bathareaplayproject.co.uk](mailto:Mel@bathareaplayproject.co.uk).

I look forward to seeing some of you at our face-to-face CYPN meetings (in-person at Odd Down Community Centre) on:

- Wednesday **14<sup>th</sup> December** '22, 10.00 – 12.00. 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](#)
- Tuesday **14<sup>th</sup> March** 2023, 12.30 – 14.30
- Wednesday **14<sup>th</sup> June** 2023, 10.00 – 12.00

Kind regards,

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## National News

**Therapy for under 5s reduces wider mental health problems in families:** Research by the Anna Freud Centre shows that mental health problems in families can be reduced by offering therapeutic interventions to babies and pre-school age children as well as their parents or care givers. The [report's findings](#) highlight the need for greater investment in early age therapy.

**Care Leavers want access to financial education:** Research by financial education charity, [MyBnk](#) finds that 80 per cent of young care leavers want more help managing their finances, while 89 per cent have encountered challenges when trying to access financial education. Care leavers face financial independence from age 18, compared with the current UK average of age 24 for leaving the family home. This [report](#) comes during the cost-of-living crisis which campaigners warn is likely to disproportionately impact young care leavers.

**Improving family support services for minority ethnic families:** Report by the [Early Intervention Foundation](#) in partnership with the [Race Equality Foundation](#) and [Action for Children](#) explores the experiences of minority ethnic families in accessing and receiving family support, to better understand the challenges and opportunities in how family support services work for minority ethnic families and young people. Copy of report [here](#).

## Local News

Only a few days left to have your say about the **new Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy** which will set out the health and wellbeing priorities in the area for the next 5 to 10 years. The Strategy will inform and work alongside other plans and strategies, including the NHS Integrated Care Strategy, Local Plan, Corporate Plan, Economic Strategy, and the Children and Young People's Plan. Click [here](#) for more information and access to the short, online consultation - deadline **31<sup>st</sup> October** 2022.

**Healthwatch:** Gave a short presentation at the September CYP Network meeting and shared data from the [Mental Health Needs Assessment Report](#) that raised concerns about children and young people in B&NES affected by mental ill health, in particular: self-harm; eating disorders; alcohol; and other substance misuse. The report indicated that "...around 1 in 3 referrals are deemed not appropriate for CAMHS (Children & Adolescent Mental Health Service) support". CYP network members asked if Healthwatch could report back on what defines an inappropriate referral.

**B&NES Early Help News:** Keep up to date with the latest news about Early Help in B&NES. The [first edition of B&NES Early Help News](#) has now been launched. It includes updates on: Children's Centre Services; How to refer to Early Help Services; forthcoming Early Help Workshop; a revised guide to thresholds in B&NES; and more.

**The Willow Project** is a universal, preventative project that works with young people (11 – 18yrs) on a one-to-one basis to raise awareness and reduce risk from Child Sexual Exploitation. For more information about the project and referrals, please contact: [ellen\\_wickes@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:ellen_wickes@bathnes.gov.uk).

**Safe Home:** A resource for people working or volunteering with families and children. The [Autumn 2022 edition](#) includes a focus on road safety, how to heat the home safely, electrical safety, keeping safe over Halloween, Bonfire Night and Christmas, a link to the recording of the recent safer sleep webinar, a product recall, and more.

**B&NES Public Health:** To stay up to date with local and national public health events, resources, services for local residents and much more, subscribe to the public health monthly newsletter [here](#).

**[B&NES Cost of Living Support](#) and Warm Spaces:** Lots of resources on finance and money including a Warm Spaces directory. [Register](#) to become a Warm Space in B&NES. **A Warm Welcome**, a free guide to setting up a Warm Space can be downloaded [here](#).

**[B&NES Parent Carer Forum](#)** is hosting free, weekly (term-time) cafes for parents and carers of a young person with SEND, more information [here](#):

- Roxy's Parent Carer Café on Friday mornings at Batheaston New Village Hall, School Lane, Batheaston
- Kelston Carers Café on Wednesday afternoons at Kelston Village Hall, Kelston.

**[B&NES Parent Carer Forum](#)** are inviting parents and carers to come along to a meeting at 11.00 on **31st October** at Bath Carers Centre, The Woodlands Lower Bristol Road, Bath BA2 9ES, to hear about the work of the forum. For those unable to attend in-person, a Zoom link will be available on request via the [contact us link](#).

**[Bath Rugby Foundation's Alternative Learning Hub](#)** is a place for children and young people who struggle with mainstream education or find the regular school or college setting unsettling. The programme, in partnership with Bath College, is aligned with the academic calendar. You can make referrals by completing the [enquiry form](#). If you'd like to speak to one of their coaches, please email [Edmund.anderson@bathrugbyfoundation.com](mailto:Edmund.anderson@bathrugbyfoundation.com) or Tel. 07464 545977.

**Keynsham Now**, the youth council for Keynsham, is celebrating its 100th meeting with a Q&A session with the Metro Mayor, Dan Norris. Any young person, between the age of 11 to 20, is welcome to join this meeting in The Space, above the Civic Centre, Keynsham, 17.30 - 19.00 on **2nd November** 2022. No booking required. For further information, please contact [Andy.Wait@keynsham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:Andy.Wait@keynsham-tc.gov.uk).

**[Wheels for All](#)** has a free training course on **4th November**, 10.00 - 15.30 for those aged 16+. The course is an interactive blend of theory and practice based on the extensive range of trikes and adapted cycles and using the secure off-road cycle circuit at Odd Down Sports Ground. Places are limited; book [here](#).

**'Emotionally Based School Avoidance' Workshops** for parents and carers of young people with EBSA; to gain a better understanding of EBSA and the support available. This is a joint initiative between [SENDIAS](#), [B&NES Parent Carer Forum](#) and [Mentoring Plus](#). Two workshops are on **7th and 14th November**, 10.00 - 12.00 at Riverside Youth Hub, York Place, Bath, BA1 6AE. Book a place via email [sendias@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:sendias@bathnes.gov.uk) or tel. 01225-394382.

**Super 1s** is a programme that gives young people aged 12-25 with additional needs the chance to play regular competitive cricket via community-based sessions. The programme aims to increase levels of confidence, communication, leadership and independence. Somerset Cricket Foundation delivers free, weekly sessions at Hayesfield Girls School on Wednesdays, 17.30 - 18.30. More information [here](#).

**Off The Record (B&NES) Community Listening Services** provide confidential and independent information and support. Click [here](#) to make a referral. Listening Services available in:

- Bath on Monday – Thursday afternoon/evenings at Off The Record Bath, Open House Centre, Manvers Street, Bath BA1 1JW
- Keynsham on Monday evenings at One Community Trust, 1 The Park, Keynsham BS31 2BL
- Radstock on Tuesday evenings at Radstock Youth Hub, Church Street, Radstock, BA3 3QG (with Youth Connect South West)
- Radstock on Wednesday evenings at Hope House Surgery, 10, Waterloo Road, Radstock, BA3 3EP

**Little Lost Robot Studio** is offering free, drop-in workshop sessions for teens to young adults who are interested in coding, robotics, projections, A.I. and more. Sessions are running weekly until December 2022, on Thursdays 16.00 - 17.30 at 107 High Street, Twerton, BA2 1DB. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own laptops to work on, however spares will be provided. For more email [producer@lostrobot.org](mailto:producer@lostrobot.org)

**The Nest Project Christmas Bag Appeal** is inviting the community to make up Christmas Bags of gifts for children aged 0 - 5 and mum- to-be, to be given out directly to families in B&NES who are struggling financially. If you want to order bags for families that would benefit, please email [vix@thenestproject.co.uk](mailto:vix@thenestproject.co.uk). Please sign [here](#) if you can make a Christmas Bag.

**Voices for Life** launches **new children's choir** open to all children aged 7-12. Rehearsals are 16.15 - 17.15 on Wednesdays at The Church of the Ascension, Claude Avenue, Bath, BA2 1AG. To find out more or register please email Executive Director, Tessa Armstrong, at [tessa@voicesforlife.org.uk](mailto:tessa@voicesforlife.org.uk).

**Teen Yoga:** held a successful drop-in event for MPs at the House of Commons sponsored by Vera Hobhouse, MP for Bath. They explained the benefits of yoga-based practices for young people, and how they are a cost-effective way of addressing the current mental health crisis in schools and the NHS.

**BANES Youth Pride Event** on Saturday **12th November**, 2 - 5pm, in central Bath; organised by a group of eight, 14-17 year-olds from [Off the Record's Youth Forum](#). This will be an afternoon for young LGBTQ+ people and their allies to come together to celebrate their identities, to find community, and to learn. Full details, and booking of tickets (no cost) [here](#).

**If you have bi/multilingual children in your setting, would you like to join a working party?** [B&NES Early Years Foundation Stage Team](#) are starting to develop a new document designed to support settings to reflect on their bi/multilingual children and the support they can offer them. They are looking for a few settings who would be willing to trial this document and provide feedback before it is made universally available. If you would like to be part of this, or if

you have any questions before deciding, please contact either [Tracey curzons@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Tracey_curzons@bathnes.gov.uk) or [Dawn adams2@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Dawn_adams2@bathnes.gov.uk).

**The B&NES [Community Wellbeing Hub](#):** You can [print out](#) and display a cost-of-living poster to promote the help and support available. There is also a dedicated [Cost of Living Crisis section on Live Well B&NES](#).

**[Avon Fire & Rescue Home Fire Safety Visits](#):** Winter is coming and the cost-of-living crisis may lead to an increased reliance on portable heaters, electric blankets, open fires and candles in the coming months – all of which come with a fire risk if not used correctly and carefully. Avon Fire & Rescue's free Home Fire Safety Visits offer targeted prevention work for the most vulnerable members of our community. Eligible people can self-refer for a home visit or agencies can make referrals. More information about the referral process [here](#).

**[3 Café](#)** at Three Ways School, Bath is open term time 08.00 - 15.30 and has bookable room/tables with catering available. The café provides training and work experience for young people with special needs in a real work environment. Tel 01225 830377 to book a room.

## Business & Funding Opportunities

**Term Time Only Short Breaks Provision:** B&NES Council are advertising the Term Time Only Short Breaks provision on pro-contract. Providers who are interested in delivering activities in the area to children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND) can follow this [link](#) to find out more and how to apply. Deadline noon **4<sup>th</sup> November 2022**.

**[Community Knowledge Fund - The Young Foundation](#):** Grants of between £50,000 and £100,000 are available to a wide range of UK not-for-profit organisations to develop and test new ideas and different approaches to creating, sharing and using community knowledge. Deadline for Expressions of Interest is **7<sup>th</sup> November 2022**.

**Opportunity to bid for B&NES Childrens' Advocacy (SEND and Social Care) and Independent Visiting Service:** The opportunity to bid for this contract has now been published on pro-contract and can be found [here](#). The deadline for expressions of interest is **14<sup>th</sup> November 2022**.

**The Violence Reduction Unit** has five themed [grants](#) for up to £4,000 to help organisations run projects to help reduce serious violence. The themes are: i) Holiday and/or after-school activities; ii) Knife crime awareness; iii) Parenting support programme; iv) Physical activities; and v) Violence and intimidation against young women and girls. Deadline for applications is **21<sup>st</sup> November 2022**.

**[Youth Endowment Fund's A Trusted Adult](#)** grant is looking to fund and evaluate mentoring projects where trusted adult relationships – outside of the family environment – is a defining or core feature of their work to improve outcomes for children and young people who have been or are at high-risk of being affected by violence, offending and/or exploitation. They will prioritise projects that are already delivering their programme to young people and are ready for robust evaluation. More information [here](#). Closing date is **25<sup>th</sup> November 2022**.

[Esmee Fairbairn](#) have re-opened applications to **A Fairer Future**. Grants and social investment are available in five key areas: arts and creativity making change, children and young people's rights, racial justice, gender justice, and migrant justice. More information [here](#).

## Training & Support

**Charities Act 2022: What does it mean for charities?** A free webinar by [Stone King](#) on **2<sup>nd</sup> November** 2022, 14.00 - 15.00; to consider the key provisions of the Act, what they mean for charities and look at when various provisions will come into force. Book a place [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:

- [Virtual Online Safety - Safeguarding in the Digital World](#) on **7<sup>th</sup> November** 2022, 10.00 – 12.00
- [Multi-Agency Child Protection with a focus on Parental Mental Illness](#) on **8<sup>th</sup> November** 2022, 09.30 - 15.30.
- [Child Exploitation](#) on **15<sup>th</sup> November** 2022, 0900 – 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 **10<sup>th</sup> November** or **13<sup>th</sup> December**. 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 virtual briefings on various aspects of **Early Help Assessment** and process (free of charge):

- [Research Prior to an Early Help Assessment](#) on **17<sup>th</sup> November** 2022, 11.00 – 11.30
- [Involvement of other agencies when writing an Early Help Assessment](#) on **24<sup>th</sup> January** 2023, 11.00 – 11.30
- [Voice of the child /young person in the Early Help Assessment](#) on **16<sup>th</sup> February** 2023, 11.00 – 11.30

**Free webinars from [NCVO](#)**, click on link below:

- [How to manage rising energy costs](#) on **30<sup>th</sup> November**, 11.30 – 12.30

## Events

**Special Education Needs and/or Disability (SEND) Local Offer Information Event** organised by Live Well B&NES on **4<sup>th</sup> November**, 10.00 - 12.00 at Keynsham Community Space (above Keynsham Library). This free event is for anyone supporting a young person with a SEND (0 – 25 yrs), to find out about the organisations and services that can be accessed. No registration required - drop in event.

**Meet the Funder.** A free event by [3SG](#) and the [National Lottery Community Fund](#) for help, advice and information on making funding applications. **22nd November** 2022, 11:30 – 13:00 at Big Local Wellbeing Room, Hope House Centre, Frome Rd, Writhlington, Radstock BA3 3EP, UK. Book a place [here](#).

**Family Learning in the Early Years** online conference on **24th November** 2022, 09:30 - 14:00 is for community organisations working with families. Find out more [here](#). Delegates will have opportunities to:

- Understand the impact Covid has had on increasing inequalities and what you can do within your organisation to address this.
- Discover creative and effective early years initiatives that will engage new learners or family audiences.
- Gain a richer understanding of how you can expand your curriculum or learning offer to support children in your community to be school ready.

**[B&NES Interagency Meetings](#):** These online meetings are co-ordinated by B&NES 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: [29th November 2022](#), [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. The conference will be a hybrid event, with tickets available for attending in person or online. Early bird tickets are available for just £25 [here](#).

## Jobs

**[Mentoring Plus](#)**, the Bath-based youth charity is recruiting for three permanent roles, all hybrid with flexibility around hours. More details and application forms [here](#).

- **Full time Mentoring Practitioner** supporting mentors and young people in the professional mentoring project for higher-need mentees. Closing date is **31st October** 2022.
- **Development Manager**, specialising in trusts and key donor fundraising, c. 4 days per week. Closing date is **22nd November** 2022.
- **Operations Administrator**, all-round project support specialising in HR, c. 3 days per week. Closing date is **22nd November** 2022.

**[We Hear You](#)** currently have an opportunity for a **Self-Employed, Qualified Counsellor, Psychotherapist or Arts Therapist**; two-year, fixed term, £33,706 fte (13 hours per week). The role will be to provide counselling to those impacted by cancer and other life-threatening conditions. More information [here](#). Closing date **7th November 2022**.

**[Creativity Works](#)** is recruiting a **part-time Creative Wellbeing Projects Assistant**. Fixed term contract to end of March 2023. £22,000 pro rata. The role will provide admin support to the overall creative wellbeing projects, with a focus on the enrolment process, collation and processing of data that will inform our monitoring and evaluation processes. Closing date **8th**

**November** 2022. More details [here](#).

**Youth Connect South West** are recruiting a **part-time Senior Youth Support Worker** to support the development and delivery of high quality targeted youth work provision that provides informal learning opportunities for young people aged 13-19 years (up to 25 years with special needs). £23584- £25756 pro rata for 18.5hrs. Location is Midsomer Norton. More information [here](#). Closing date is **11<sup>th</sup> November** 2022.

**Swallow** are recruiting:

- **Office Supervisor** - to oversee the busy SWALLOW office in Westfield, Radstock. 32hrs a week @ £12.51/hr. More information [here](#). Closing date **14<sup>th</sup> November** 2022.
- **Support Worker** - various support worker opportunities with a range of flexible hours to suit all, including full and part time and casual/relief hours. £10.30 - £10.50 depending on role. More information [here](#). Closing date **14<sup>th</sup> November** 2022.

**The Carers' Centre** is recruiting a **part-time Young Carers Schools Worker** to lead and develop an exciting collaborative project with schools, focusing on improving the wellbeing of young carers. £25,848 pro rata for 22.5hrs. Fixed-Term for one year. More information [here](#). Closing date is **30<sup>th</sup> November** 2022.

**Swan Transport** are seeking **Young Volunteers** (aged 18 - 25) to join their team to tackle loneliness and isolation in their local area. They will match roles to suit each volunteer to include planning and hosting social events, travel buddying, or driving. Times and days are flexible, and expenses are covered. For more information, contact Helen Allen on 07447816479 or email [youngproject@swan-transport.co.uk](mailto:youngproject@swan-transport.co.uk).