# April E-Bulletin

Children and Young

**People's Network** 



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# Welcome!

Welcome to this month's edition of the CYPN newsletter.

My aim as coordinator is to provide members with relevant information regarding meetings, events, training, consultations and developments to ensure that the sector is informed and kept up to date at a local and national level.

If you have any information that you would like included in future e-bulletins or If you have any feedback regarding this e-bulletin then please contact me.

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For more information on the Network please see our pages on the website <u>here</u>.



# Children & Young People's Network News

# Thank you to those of you who joined us yesterday for our last GDPR Meeting with Data Protection specialist Vicki Bowles.

This meeting followed on from our Network meeting last month at Combe Grove Hotel, where Alexandra Steffensen gave a presentation about 'Changes in Charity law' (see <u>PowerPoint</u>).

Yesterday Vicki Bowles, Head of Knowledge Management at Stone King Solicitors, gave a very informative and more detailed presentation specifically on GDPR and answered lots of questions for us. If you haven't received her Power Point presentation and would like a copy please get in touch.

Following this meeting I have been approached my some of our members who would be interested in working together collaboratively creating/ updating some relevant GDPR policies so if you would be interested in participating please let me know and we can arrange this.

Our next quarterly **Network Meeting will be on <u>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 10 – 12pm</u> at the Odd Down Community Centre.** 

If you have any requests for a 'theme' or 'speaker' please get in touch.

# **CYPN Service Evaluation Questionnaire**

As the Network Coordinator my aim is to support and develop the network providing our members with useful information through our ebulletins and arranging quarterly network meetings. We are coming to the end of our contract period and I would like to take this opportunity to get some feedback from you on what you have found valuable and what could be improved in our services. Your feedback will inform the way in which future support for the sector is developed and commissioned so please take the time to answer this survey as honestly as you can. Alternatively feel free to email me any comments you have. If you have any questions, please contact me and I will help in any way I can.

Access the questionnaire here.



# Star Project of the Month

The Voice Minority Supplementary School supports Black Minority Ethnic young people aged 12-16.

Location: Percy Community Centre, BA1 2BN

Time: Saturdays from 11am-1pm

If you're interested in more information, please call: 01225 787 925 or 01225 787 924

The Voice Minority Supplementary School delivers an educational programme rooted in exploring the value of Black and Minority Ethnic perspectives, history, culture and heritage. As part of the programme, a series of workshops are delivered by specialist tutors and positive role models, using media and other creative outlets to engage young people and inspire learning.

We aim to:

- Increase self-esteem and confidence
- Develop new skills and knowledge
- Improve academic
  performance
- Greater awareness of heritage and identity

All our projects are youth-led and reflect the culture, heritage and interests of those that attend the school. If you wish to view the work of our young people and keep up to date with the latest news, please visit the blog or social





Recently, we took part in the Community Matters Programme run by the University of Bath and the South West Foundation. Our research project sought to explore the contribution young people attending our Supplementary School make to their community.

The primary finding the research uncovered was that young people are consistently making a positive contribution as active citizens through their work on promoting equality and inclusion, reducing isolation, discovering and shaping their work on promoting equality and inclusion, reducing isolation, discovering and shaping heritage and sharing their experiences as Black and Minority Ethnic young people to inform and support others.

Equality Officer from BATHNES shared... "Young people from

Black Families have helped shape some of our equalities work...to look at ways to make Bath and

North East Somerset a safer and

more inclusive place" Our current project is an Anti-Bullying Campaign which looks at cyber bullying and the affects this can have on an individual. Our young people decided they wanted

to make a short film to raise awareness so watch this space!



"I don't stay inside, I get to meet other people, I get to do stuff I usually don't do like making this campaign. I feel like a celebrity. It's pretty cool and it's not boring".

"I get to learn more about myself and my history. I get to meet new people and make new friendships and learn how to socialize with people outside my friendship group."

"Confidence to speak out and stuff because at school I just don't."

# National News & information

# Minister announces £17 million to improve children's services

Children and Families Minister Nadhim Zahawi has announced a package of support worth £17 million to improve outcomes for vulnerable children. More than £15 million will go to eight new Partners in Practice, to expand a peer support programme between local authorities to improve children's services. The government is also announcing £2 million will go to improve leadership in children's social care services, which will be delivered through the LGA.

#### Improved funding for personal advisor support

Government has announced improved funding for councils to extend personal adviser support to care leavers aged 21-25, up from an initial assessment of £7.8 million per year to £12.1 million per year.

#### Charities missing £600m of Gift Aid funding

HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) has launched a drive to encourage greater take up of the Gift Aid scheme. The call comes after research by HMRC showed that charities are losing out on potentially hundreds of millions of pounds in extra funding. The government department says that a third of eligible donations made to many of the UK's 200,000 charities did not add Gift Aid when they could have done. This means that charities are losing out on extra funding worth nearly £600m a year.

# Local & Regional News & information

## University Scholarship (for Curo residents) £3000 per year towards living costs (up to £9000)

This scholarship will be available to Curo residents who will be starting a degree course in September 2018. Anyone interested in applying for the scholarship can find out more at www.curo-group.co.uk/work-forus/curo-scholarship or by calling Lisa Quayle on 01225 366468 or emailing Lisa.Quayle@curo-group.co.uk. To find out more and apply online, please visit www.curo-group.co.uk quoting reference CUS/NOV17. Closing Date: **Midday 27th April 2018** 

Interviews: To be confirmed, likely to be Mid May

# **Student help available for local charities**

Did you know that Bath Spa University 2nd year students studying for the Open Module have 15 days they can spend with a local employer? Local charities could get help with marketing, social media, researching new opportunities etc... and there is no limit on the number of students you can take. The Placements team at Bath Spa ask for a 1-page Job Description from your organisation. There is no cost to the employer. If you are interested, please contact <u>placements@bathspa.ac.uk</u>

# Short Breaks Re-Commissioning questionnaire. Click here.

Please spare 2 minutes to complete this short questionnaire seeking views of 'providers' on short break services in B&NES in order to see how these services can be improved and reach more children and young people. There is also a short breaks engagement meeting for parents and carers Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 11- 1pm at the Civic Centre, Keynsham,



# Forthcoming strategic meetings

These are meetings which our Network Reps will attend. If you have an issue which you feel should be considered by the Board, please <u>contact the relevant</u> <u>Representative here</u>. You can also ask for details of meeting Agendas –available the week before the meeting.

- Workforce reform meeting 18.04.18
- Early Help Board: 31.5.18
- LSCB 05.06.18
- SEND Strategy: 21.06.18

If you would be interested in becoming a representative for the Network on one of these boards please get in touch with me as I have been contacted by a few reps who are willing to hand over their responsibilities if the right person comes along!

# Meetings & Events

# Bath Fundraisers Group: Spring Inspiration Tuesday 17th April 2018

Catherine Harris on the <u>Hope and Homes for Children</u> End the Silence campaign and her experience of taking part in <u>I Want To Talk At What</u> (IWTTAT), the competition for new and up-and-coming fundraisers Whistle-stop tour of <u>SOFII</u>, the Showcase of Fundraising Innovation and Innovation: 12.30pm (networking) for 1pm start <u>Send a Cow</u>, The Old Estate Yard, Newton St Loe, Bath, BA2 9BR *You are welcome to bring your lunch and drinks with you* 

**Mental Health First Aid** - Accredited course teaches people how to identify, understand and help someone who may be experiencing a mental health issue. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> April 9.30 – 3.30pm Southdown Methodist Church For more information: 01225 617981 hannahroper@bathmind.org.uk

**Third Sector Finance Forum:** 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – A new and complementary event that will help lead your organisation to thrive in challenging times. Click <u>here</u> for more details. Being held in London.

#### Institute of Fundraising SW Spring Conference

Wednesday 2 May 2018: 9.30 – 4pm Watershed, Bristol, BS1 5TX

# The Secrets Of Successful Fundraising (3SG)

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 9.30 – 12pm Bath City FC, Twerton Park, Bath <u>B&NES 3rd Sector Group</u> (3SG)

#### Interagency meetings

A really useful forum and wonderful opportunity to meet local people/ groups and hear some of the new and exciting things they have planned over the coming months.

#### The next meetings are:

22.05.18: Chew Magna Baptist Church, Tunbridge rd, Chew Magna 12-2pm 11.07.18: Community 67, Queen's Road, Keynsham 12-2pm 12.09.18: Council Chambers, The Hollies, Midsomer Norton 12-2pm

# Local Charity events:

Carers' Centre Spring Sponsored walk: Saturday 21st April 10am

# **Business & Fundraising**

#### Bath Half 2019

The 2019 <u>Bath Half</u> will be held on Sunday 17th March and early bird registration opens Tuesday 3 April 2018. Applications for 2019 Official Race Charities are now open, with discounted entries for local charities at 25% below general public entry price. Click <u>here</u> for the 2019 Race Charity Scheme Information Pack. Fingers crossed the weather holds out for us next year!!

#### **The Imagine Foundation**

Grants between £5,000 and £30,000 for charities and projects in the UK that are focused on activities such as working with disadvantaged communities, empowering individuals and increasing community cohesion. The Foundation is particularly interested in supporting small-scale, newer charitable organisations. There is no specific requirement for match funding. There are two application windows per year with deadlines of 31st March and 31st October. Applications must be submitted by email.

#### **Calor Rural Community Fund**

Funding available for rural, off-grid community projects that improve local life. Projects supported are anything from community centres, village halls and sporting venues to youth clubs and scout groups. There are three levels of funding available, depending on the size of your project. There are 5 x £5,000 grants, 6 x £2,500 grants and 10 x £1,000 grants available to off-grid community projects. Funding applied for must equate to 50% or more of your total project cost.

Projects that have successful applications will be published on the Calor website for people to vote on and those receiving the most votes in their funding category will become finalists. Finalists will be reviewed by a panel of impartial judges who will score each project and select the winners.

Applications close on 21st May 2018. Public voting will start on 25th May until 29th June 2018.

# The Hut Pre-school

An Ofsted registered Good early years setting which is open for children from 9 months to 4.5 years. Where you are working with families that may be unconfident socially, find large scale groups difficult or just need some "me" time, perhaps don't have family nearby to help out. Do any of your service users need somewhere where they can leave their child in safe hands whilst they attend appointments or counselling or a training course, The Hut Pre-school is here. The qualified staff team are warm, friendly and flexible with 50+ years' experience between them who support parents as well as children. There are no more than 15 children in on a session and there is a soft play room, sensory room and secure garden.

Pop in any time and see for yourself how children are supported to grow and flourish.

"Thank you so much for everything you have done to support me and the children. I would not have survived without The Hut." Former parent of two children

Please contact on (01225) 571511 / 832479

Flexible spaces after Easter 9am to 3pm Accept 2 and 3 year old childcare funding, 15 and 30 hours



12 hour Paediatric First Aid training course:

It is strongly recommended that you have someone who is qualified where you run any activity for children & young people. OFSTED recognised qualification

£95 per person

Available for all

<u>Venue:</u> Odd Down Community Centre

Various dates and times available.

If you are interested or would like further information please email sarah@bathareaplayproject.co.uk

# **Training**

# **B&NES Children's Workforce Training:**

- **CSE Awareness raising** 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018 1.30 4.30 Community space, Keynsham
- Toxic Trio, Safeguarding & child protection 23<sup>rd</sup> April 9.30– 1pm Civic Centre Keynsham
- Deliberate Self Harm & Suicidal Behaviour 18<sup>th</sup> May 9.30 1pm The Hollies, Midsomer Norton
- Difficult & Aggressive behaviour training 4<sup>th</sup> June 9.30 4.30, Community Space, One Stop Shop, Keynsham
- ASD & Co Existing Mental Health Difficulties 25<sup>th</sup> June 9.30 12.30 Civic Centre, Keynsham
- Online Safety 29<sup>th</sup> June 9.30 1pm Civic Centre, Keynsham
- Eating Disorders 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 9.30–1pm Civic Centre, Keynsham
- Neglect & Child protection awareness Training 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 9.30–1.00 Civic Centre, Keynsham

All bookings for the Children's Workforce Training should be made through the online booking System <u>here</u>

Further information is available from Children's Workforce Training 01225 394210 or <u>childrensworkforce\_training@bathnes.gov.uk</u>

If your organisation has any specific training needs you would like me to investigate on behalf of the CYPN please get in touch!

#### Job vacancies across the Network

- HealthWatch: CYP lead on advisory group: Email <u>Pat Foster here</u> at the care forum for details
- Carers Centre: Chief Executive Officer: Click <u>here</u> for Information pack.

I hope you have enjoyed this edition of the CYPN e-bulletin, if you have any feedback or would like to see me cover anything else in the next edition please do not hesitate to contact me at gilly@bathareaplayproject.co.uk