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consultations, surveys & calls for submissions

Alcohol guidance

The Department for Children, School and Families (DCSF) is consulting on alcohol guidance, advice and information for parents, children and young people. The consultation is asking for views from children, young people, parents, carers and professionals working with young people in health, children's services and education settings. The deadline for responses is 23 April 2009.

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1579&external=no&menu=1>

events

- **local**

'Looking Back!'

Dates: 31 March 1:30-4.30
14 April 1.30-4.30

Venues: Winchester Guildhall, Winchester
Dame Judith Professional Centre, Cosham

Cost: Free. Transport and any other support needs will be covered

'Looking Forward!'

Dates: 17 March 1.30-4.30
7 April 1.30-4.30

Venues: Viabes Arts Centre, Basingstoke
Wells Place, Eastleigh

Cost: Free. Transport and any other support needs will be covered

We're 3 young disabled people who are working with Hampshire County Council to help make services better for people going from Children's Services to Adult Services. We would like to find out from **you** what's important in your daily life and how things can be made better.

Please could you circulate these flyers and the sheet about the researchers to anyone who you think might be interested in attending.

To book a place, please contact:-

Emma Stanbury, emma.stanbury@hants.gov.uk 01962 845877

The deadline for booking places is one week before the event you want to attend



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'Introducing the Collaboration Benefits programme'

Date: Friday April 24 11:30-1.30

Venue: Landport Community Centre, Landport, Portsmouth PO1 1HT

Cost: Free, travel expenses will be paid if necessary

This seminar is an introduction to Collaboration Benefits, a new bassac programme, which has a particular focus on building the capacity of the community sector. The seminar will be of interest if you want to find out more about Collaboration Benefits, if you want to develop skills in supporting others to work together or you would like to see how you could be helped to develop effective collaborations and partnerships.

We are particularly interested in involving those who are interested in delivering training to others on collaboration in the future, in this seminar.

The event is free and travel expenses will be paid if necessary.

To book a place, please contact Keith Kibirango on 02073369429/ 0845 241 0375 or keith@bassac.org.uk

For further information please visit our website at:
<http://www.bassac.org.uk/our-programmes/collaboration>

Dates for your diary

Rainbow Centre for Conductive Education

'Open Week 27 April to 2 May 2009'

- Are you supporting a child with Cerebral Palsy or other motor related difficulties?
- Do you know someone who has had a Stroke or suffers with Multiple Sclerosis?
- Would you like to know more about Conductive Education?
- Would you like to see how we work and what we do at the Rainbow Centre?

We would like to meet you!

Please come along to our open week, look around, observe all the different sessions and chat to staff.

Further details and booking form below

**The Rainbow Centre, The Bradbury Building, Palmerston Drive
Fareham Hants PO14 1BJ**



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The Children's Society Include Project

'County Wide Conference & Training Day'

Date: Wednesday 20 May
Venue: Westley Court, Sparsholt College, Winchester
Cost: Free

For further details contact Jenny Hine jyh@childsoc.org.uk

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'Training & Information event 2009'

Date: Thursday 16 July
Venue: The University of Winchester
Cost: Free

Further details will follow and will be posted on the alliance website as they become available. To reserve an early bird place contact Ian Milsom ian.milsom@action.hants.org.uk

- **national**

The Children's Society

'The Refugee Toolkit Launch'

Location: Diana Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, County Hall, London

Date: **18 March 2009**

Time: 09.30 - 15.00

Cost: £35

Developed by The Children's Society Family Health Inclusion Project and funded by The Department of Health this is a tool for all adult and children's service practitioners, education, health and other agencies in contact with refugee and asylum seeking families. Particularly those working with families affected by ill health and disability and where there are young carers.

http://www.childrensociety.org.uk/what_you_can_do/other_events/15349.html

Children England

"At the Heart"

Date: **Thursday 19 March**

Time: 9:30 - 4:00

Venue: The Abbey Centre
Great Smith Street
London SW1P 3BU

Cost: Free

A national conference to highlight the contribution of small organisations to government priorities and building communities fit for children.

This will be a unique opportunity to learn, contribute and network. To register for the day or for more information, contact Jodie Hopkins, Jodie@childrenengland.org.uk or 0207 833 3319

<http://www.childrenengland.org.uk/upload/NatConfFlyer.pdf>

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18th Annual Charity Law Conference

Date: Thursday 7 May 2009

Venue: The Royal Society of Medicine, London

Cost: Depends upon organisational turnover. £210 is lowest cost but 20% discount may be available.

<http://www.dsc.org.uk/Conferences/@33740>

Centre for Parliamentary Studies

Transforming Disabled Children's Services Through Partnership

Date: Thursday 14 May 2009-03-10

Time: 10:00 – 4:00

Venue: The Academy Conference Centre,
Holiday Inn, Regent's Park, London

Cost: £295 + VAT

This conference is intended to provide an opportunity for local practitioners and stakeholders to assess the progress made in transforming disabled children's services and consider the barriers that still need to be overcome, particularly in light of the current economic climate.

Event overview, programme and registration form below.



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Charity Fair 2009

Date: Wednesday & Thursday 24th & 25th June

Venue: Central Hall, Westminster, London

Cost: Varies. Access to some areas is free. Training sessions range from £30-£20, areas covered include law, fundraising, managing money, leadership and strategy and human resources, IT. Further details/booking at www.charityfair.org.uk

grants, commissioning and funding

Speaking Out research tender

The Speaking Out project, a joint initiative between Children England and the National Council for Voluntary Youth Services (NCVYS), is looking to undertake scoping research on health and well-being issues relating to children and young people. The project is inviting expressions of interest from

suitably qualified and experienced individuals or organisations to tender to undertake this research.

Total funds of £10,000 are available (inclusive of VAT) for the research project, which we would like to commence in April 2009 for a period up to three months. Completed expressions of interest should be submitted by

12pm, Monday 23 March 2009.

<http://www.childrenengland.org.uk/index.php?pageID=405>

Funding for small organisations

Futurebuilders and the National Programme for Third Sector Commissioning (NPTSC) have launched a Small Organisation Tender Fund. The fund is to help finance tendering costs or capacity building work, such as legal costs, advice from procurement specialists, financial expertise and bidding staff costs, in order to help small organisations win specific public sector contracts. Contracts being tendered for must hold a minimum value of £30,000.

<http://www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk/our-products/small-organisation-tender-fund/small-organisation-tender-fund/>

news

- **local**

Hampshire equality project gets BIG support

The Big Lottery Fund has granted nearly £315,000 to Community Action Hampshire (CAH) and Winchester Area Community Action for a 3 year Diversity Support Project that will establish the first independent Hampshire Equality Forum.

Further details on CAH website

http://www.action.hants.org.uk/index.php?id=148&no_cache=1&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=117&tx_ttnews%5Byear%5D=2009&tx_ttnews%5Bmonth%5D=03&tx_ttnews%5Bday%5D=04&cHash=d9b5c9940b

Four stars for Hampshire

Hampshire County Council has been rated as a Four Star authority and said to be 'Improving Strongly' in the final annual Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) refresh by the Audit Commission. Further details on the alliance website <http://www.hants-alliance.org.uk>

- **national**

Autism Bill

Drafted by the National Autistic Society (NAS) and introduced as a private members bill by Conservative MP Cheryl Gillan, this Bill would, if becoming law, impose a statutory duty on local authorities to offer effective transition services for young people with autism.

<http://www.nas.org.uk/nas/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=2152>

Alert Card

Hampshire Autistic Society, in partnership with Hampshire Police, launched the Alert Card Project in October 2008. The aim of the Alert Card is to support people with ASD should they find themselves in any type of contact with the Police. For more information go to <http://www.has.org.uk/>

Child health strategy

The Department for Children Schools and Families (DCSF) and the Department of Health (DH) have published a joint strategy, **Healthy lives, brighter futures - The strategy for children and young people's health**, which presents the Government's vision for children and young people's health and well-being. It includes plans for more health visitors, a strengthened role for Sure Start Children's Centres and £340 million to support children with disabilities and their families.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_094400

Children England in partnership with NCVYS has produced a new briefing paper on the Child Health Strategy. The briefing covers the key announcements in the strategy and also draws out implications for the children, young people and families' voluntary sector.



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Lives Brighter Futures

Councils awarded for work on child poverty

Three local authorities have been awarded Beacon Status for their work in tackling child poverty.

<http://www.cypnow.co.uk/bulletins/Daily-Bulletin/news/887928/?DCMP=EMC-DailyBulletin>

Early learning and childcare

The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) has published the Next Steps for Early Learning and Childcare: Building on the 10-Year Strategy, which outlines plans to drive forward the 2004 Childcare Strategy. The paper considers making it a legal requirement for childcare professionals to have an A-Level equivalent standard, enabling parents to stretch the free childcare offer to cover holidays, developing a price comparison website of childcare and expecting Local Authorities to give more childcare and activities options for 5-14 year olds.

<http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/IG00356/>

New assessment system for local government

The new Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) builds on the former system of star ratings for councils, or Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA). In recognition of the diverse needs of different areas, under the new system

there will be no league table-style rating system or formulaic calculation of scores for the area.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/1143084>

Play

Local authorities are bypassing the voluntary sector in the delivery of new play services, play providers have claimed. A number of play associations have found that councils have not consulted with them sufficiently on how to use millions of pounds of cash allocated by The Children's Plan for new play areas. In the recently published play strategy, the government stated that supporting community-led projects is a specific condition of the funding, instructing authorities to put play partnerships in place to ensure consultation across all agencies. <http://www.cypnow.co.uk/news/ByDiscipline/Childcare-and-Early-Years/883668/Play-charities-ignored-councils/>

Public sector apprenticeships

The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) has announced plans to offer young people 21,000 apprenticeship places in frontline public services.

http://www.dcsf.gov.uk:80/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2009_0038

Safe at Home

£18 million has been awarded to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) to run 'Safe at Home', a National Home Safety Equipment Scheme, until March 2011. Safe At Home will be delivered through local schemes run by partners such as Sure Start Children's Centres, local authorities and Primary Care Trusts.

http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2009_0036

resources

- Publications

Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF)

'Kids in the Middle - An Agony Aunt's guide for parting parents and their children'. The DCSF reports that the guide has been welcomed by a wide range of organisations and practitioners who work with separating parents and their children, and it is keen to make sure that the guide is made as widely available as possible.

Further copies can be ordered from the DCSF publication line on 0845 60 222 60 quoting the reference number 01051-2008BKT-EN or by Fax on 0845 60 333 60 or by Text phone on 0845 60 555 60.

Directory of Social Change (DSC)

The DSC is a registered charity providing information and training for the voluntary sector. Visit their bookshop for a range of titles on a variety of subjects, e.g. fundraising, finance, human resources, management.

www.dsc.org.uk/publications

UK Civil Society Almanac

NCVO has published the 2009 edition of the UK Civil Society Almanac. This resource provides all the statistics and facts on the voluntary sector and other parts of civil society.

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/>

Youth homelessness

The Government has published non-statutory guidance for children's services and housing services in using the Common Assessment Framework when dealing with young people who are homeless or at risk of being made homeless. This guidance builds upon the guidance, Joint working between Housing and Children's Services: Preventing homelessness and tackling its effects on children and young people, that was issued by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) and Communities and Local Government in May 2008.

<http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/resources-and-practice/IG00358/>

- reports/surveys

The recession.....

..... and children

The Children's Society has published a survey which finds that children and young people have become major victims of the recession.

http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/whats_happening/media_office/latest_news/15161_pr.html

...and small children's charities

Four out of ten small children's charities are in a vulnerable funding position and may have to close, according to a new report published by Children England, the national umbrella organisation for the children, young people and families voluntary sector.

Children's England's report Small Change?, which draws on a survey of 125 small children's charities with an annual income of under £250,000, finds that children, young people and their families may lose out on vital services due to a lack of funding and support. The report also raises concern that despite improvements to the way that children's services are planned and developed, many smaller charities are continuing to find it difficult to get their voices heard or to have influence.

<http://www.childrenengland.org.uk:80/index.php?pageID=641>

Community Action Hampshire (CAH)

CAH carried out a local credit crunch survey in December 2008. More than half of the respondents had already experienced a rise in demand for their services but nearly three quarters of them were expecting funding cuts.

[http://www.action.hants.org.uk/index.php?id=148&no_cache=1&tx_ttnews\[tt_news\]=92&tx_ttnews\[year\]=2009&tx_ttnews\[month\]=01&tx_ttnews\[day\]=09&cHash=8d510373bb](http://www.action.hants.org.uk/index.php?id=148&no_cache=1&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=92&tx_ttnews[year]=2009&tx_ttnews[month]=01&tx_ttnews[day]=09&cHash=8d510373bb)

National survey of third sector organisations

Commissioned by The Office of the Third Sector and conducted by Ipsos MORI, this survey involved almost 50,000 charity, social enterprise and voluntary organisations. Initial findings show that 51 per cent of respondents said they felt public sector bodies had no overall influence on their success. The headline report for Hampshire can be found at <http://www.nstso.com/reports/>

Further findings from the survey are due to be published in April.

Supporting the voluntary sector

The Local Government Association and NCVO have jointly published Backing Communities: local solutions, to highlight some of the positive ways in which local authorities can work with voluntary and community organisations in response to the recession. The report explores the likely impact of the recession on the sector and the potential implications of this for local authorities. It also suggests actions that both local authorities and voluntary and community groups can take to mitigate the negative effects of the recession on the communities they serve.

http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/uploadedFiles/NCVO/What_we_do/Policy/Local_Government/backing_communities_-_web_version.pdf

Child neglect

Action for Children has published a survey which finds one in four adults have been worried that a child they know or living in their area is being neglected, and over a third did not tell anyone about their concerns. The survey was commissioned to highlight the difficulty of identifying and preventing the neglect of children.

http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/news_detail.aspx?ID=222

Children in care

The Children's Rights Director for England has published a report highlighting the views of children in care. The Future Rules report is the outcome of a national conference where 136 young people in care and care leavers gave their views on a range of subjects relating to regulations that will affect their future.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk:80/Ofsted-home/News/News-Archive/2009/February/Children-in-care-give-their-views-on-future-regulations>

- **quality assurance**

CAT mark

CAT stands for the Care Action Team. It was Hampshire's Care Action Team who recognised the need for young people to have their say and be involved in assessing young people's services.

The CAT mark is a stamp of approval for young people's services. It is awarded by young people who have been trained as CAT-mark assessors. They assess services, organisations and projects against set conditions.

Any organisation that provides a service for young people can apply for a CAT-mark. For further information email ac3.ychiow@ukonline.co.uk

- **research**

Disabled parents

The Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) has published a study which shows that few councils are achieving the right balance between supporting disabled parents and supporting children who help look after their disabled parents. The report calls for councils to be clear about the roles and responsibilities of adults and children's services to ensure that disabled parents and their children receive coordinated support that recognises the needs of the whole family.

http://www.csci.org.uk/professional/about_csci/publications/view.aspx?csci=2644

Child poverty

The Institute for Fiscal Studies and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation have published their latest research on child poverty. The report uses the most recent data available to estimate the costs of meeting the Government target of halving child poverty by 2010 and eliminating it by 2020.

<http://www.jrf.org.uk:80/publications/ending-child-poverty-changing-economy>

- **websites**

Every Child Matters website

The Every Child Matters website is to merge with both the Local Authorities and Sure Start websites to form a single new website aimed at professionals within the children's workforce. The new website will be launched in spring 2009.

<http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/?asset=News&id=132289>

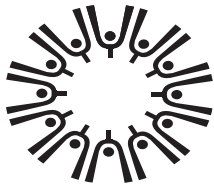
training/workforce development

Harbourside Training

Their schedule of training programmes is available at
www.farehamaction.org.uk/training

Hants IOW Domestic Abuse Forum is offering training January - March

Single day courses in Basingstoke, Havant and Aldershot, £40 organised by Hampton Trust see [www.farehamaction.org.uk/DomAbuse training.pdf](http://www.farehamaction.org.uk/DomAbuse%20training.pdf)



Training Opportunities in 2009 – Test valley community Services working together with Sparsholt College Hampshire (Andover College)

Presentation Skills – using Power Point -

Tuesday 31st March @ Andover College – 9.30am – 4.30pm. Cost £30pp
 Trainer – Bob Wood

Health & Safety – Moving & Handling -

Tuesday 12th May @ Longstock Village Hall – 9.30am – 12.30pm. Cost £15pp
 Trainer – Alan Ashcroft

Equality & Diversity -

Tuesday 16th June @ Longstock Village Hall – 1.30pm – 4.30pm. Cost £15pp
 Trainer - TBA

Promoting your Organisation- using the Media –

Tuesday 14th July @ Longstock Village Hall – 9.30am – 12.30pm. Cost £15pp
 Trainer – Bob Wood

These training sessions are part of the Govt. Personal Community Development Learning programme and will be facilitated by tutors from Andover College. TVCS will be providing the administration for the sessions, so all bookings and payments through TVCS please.

If you, a member of your staff or a volunteer would like to attend any of the training sessions, please reserve a place by contacting –

Dawn Elson on 01264 362600 or dawn.elson@tvcs.org.uk

The Rose Road Association

Spring 2009 training calendar



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2009 Training Program

WACA Learning

For details on latest courses click this link
<http://www.waca.org.uk/html/training.html>



Youth Clubs Hampshire and Isle of Wight

For details of forthcoming training programme events visit
<http://www.ychiow.org.uk/>



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