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consultations, surveys & calls for submissions


Looked-after children consultation

The Department for Children's Schools and Families (DCSF) has launched a consultation on revised statutory guidance on promoting the health of looked after children.

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1610&external=no&menu=1>

events

- **local**



the alliance

Workforce Development event 2009

Date: Thursday 16 July
 Venue: The University of Winchester
 Time: 9:30 – 3.30
 Cost: Free

Workshops will include Basic Child Protection, Information Sharing, Independent Safeguarding Authority (Including changes to the Criminal Records Bureau System), and Drug & Alcohol Awareness

To reserve your place complete the form on the alliance website at www.hants-alliance.org.uk

- **national**

National Council for Voluntary Youth Services (NCVYS) & British Institute of Human Rights (BIHR)

'Young people and human rights'

Date: 25 June 2009
 Venue: NCVYS Office, London

Cost: £60-£175 depending on organisational income. (Some bursaries available for smaller organisations). **Booking deadline 11 June**

The one day course aims to provide those that work with young people with a good understanding of the key features, ideas and principles of human rights and how they are relevant to young people's issues and the voluntary sector in the UK. Further information is available at: http://www.ncvys.org.uk/blogs.php?act=view_topic&id=117

Directory of Social Change

'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

Public Policy Exchange

'The Alcohol and Young People Summit: Breaking the Cycle of Binge-Drinking, Anti-Social Behaviour and Violence'

Date: Tuesday 7th July 2009

Time: 10:00am – 4:15pm (Followed by Networking Reception)

Venue: One Birdcage Walk, Westminster, London

Cost: £195+VAT

<http://publicpolicyexchange.co.uk/events/9G07-PPE.php>

grants, commissioning and funding, awards

BBC Children in Need

Fun and Friendship grants programme

BBC Children in Need has launched a new £3 million grants programme, Fun and Friendship, which will focus on disabled young people aged 12-18 years old living in the UK.

Fun and Friendship, was set up following commissioned research revealing a significant lack of opportunity for independent socialising for disabled young people, often leading to feelings of loneliness and isolation. BBC Children in Need are targeting organisations that can provide these opportunities for friendship, and identify and address the barriers disabled young people face as teenagers growing up.

BBC Children in Need intends to award up to 12 three-year grants of up to £300,000 each. The Fun and Friendship grants programme is in addition to BBC Children in Need's general grants.

The deadline for applications is 31 July 2009 and projects can [apply online](#)

MyPlace

MyPlace, the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) funding initiative for improving youth facilities, is planning to launch a second funding round in June 2009 to invest a further £31.6 million through grants of between £1-5 million.

Round 2 will focus on projects that have already invested significant energy in plans for a youth facility driven by the active participation of young people and their views and needs. ***Eligibility will be restricted to projects in deprived areas of England.*** Further information is available at: http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_myplace.htm?regioncode=-uk&status=theProg&tab=1&

Media Box small grants

Mediabox is a Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) funded initiative that gives disadvantaged young people the opportunity to develop creative media projects

Media box has introduced a new small grant strand, Mini Mediabox, which will offer grassroots and community organisations, with an annual turnover of £100,000 or less, grants of between £1,500 and £5,000 to support youth-led projects. Further information is available at: <http://www.media-box.co.uk/>

Future Jobs Fund

Part of the Budget 2009 announcement to deliver an extra £3.1 billion to help people looking for work, the Government has launched the Future Jobs Fund worth £1 billion to help generate 150,000 new jobs particularly for young people. Primarily focused on 18-24 year olds who have been out of work for a year and in areas of high unemployment.

Local authorities and third sector organisations across the country can submit innovative bids for jobs. This could include sports coaching, crime prevention, tourism and working with children.

There is a strong preference for partnership bids. Further information is available at: <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/campaigns/futurejobsfund/>

Futurebuilders

Modernisation Fund

This £9.5m fund is to help organisations cover the costs of merging and collaboration, introducing new processes and systems, retraining and upskilling staff.

Futurebuilders is now inviting organisations to register for the fund. The fund is a mixture of grants and loans.

The fund is being limited to organisations working in three areas: wellbeing and health; advice, information and guidance; and loss of income, training and skills. The criteria states that priority will be given to those serving people in deprived areas.

<http://www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk/our-products/product-menu/modernisation-fund/>

Guardian Awards

The Guardian has launched its Public Service Awards 2009. The awards are open to private, voluntary and community bodies as well as public sector organisations.

The Service Delivery category is broken down into six areas of public services including 'Children and young people' and there is a special award for citizenship and volunteering. ***The closing date for entries is 17 July.***

Further information is available at:

<Http://www.guardian.co.uk/publicservicesawards>

news

- **Local**

Hampshire Children's Trust

'Eleven to twenty two – Changes in the structure of Hampshire Children's Trust'

Hampshire Children's Trust's standing conference at the Rose Bowl recently provided an excellent opportunity for partners working together for children and young people in Hampshire to come together to hear the latest developments and take part in a range of workshop sessions.

The conference talking point was John Coughlan's keynote address where he referred to new legislation for children's trusts which places the Children's Trust Board on a statutory footing and extends the duty to co-operate to schools, sixth-form and further education colleges. John indicated that although these groups had historically been part of the Children and Young

People's Partnership and so were represented on the Trust, this new legislation provided a powerful motivator for even better joined up working.

He asserted that now was also the time to review the way in which the Trust worked locally: to consider whether the local district partnerships were a successful route to joined up working at community level. John's opinion was that, whilst some were making great progress, others were not. This played against equity and equality for children across the county. A better model would be to develop local partnerships using the geographical groupings of Hampshire's 22 extended school clusters.

In support of this proposal John referred to

- the compatibility of most of these area to district boundaries
- the "user friendly" size of these area and the way in which communities might naturally focus on schools as a centre for services
- arguments about equity and better representation
- the 21st Century Schools initiative which should see major investment in secondary schools over the coming years.

John Coughlan emphasised that this change was currently a proposal – there was much consultation needed with partners and communities and particularly colleagues in district councils. However, it was an idea which he was confident would be a better way of coordinating services locally.

- **national**

More than a roof over their heads

A ruling by the House of Lords has said that councils have a duty of care to assess the wider needs of 16 and 17-year-olds who become homeless. The Law Lords ruled that councils should accommodate and support young people through their children's services rather than passing them to housing authorities.

Further information is available at:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/8059651.stm>

ContactPoint

800 frontline professionals have started to use ContactPoint - the Government's online directory of children's services. The practitioners are based in 17 local authorities in the North West and national voluntary sector partners Barnardo's and KIDS. Further information is available at:

http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2009_0094

Ofsted publishes new inspection plans

Ofsted has published its revised plans on inspection of safeguarding and looked-after children, including unannounced inspections of child protection services in every local authority.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/News/New-Ofsted-arrangements-for-the-inspection-of-children-s-services-including-safeguarding-and-looked-after-children-s-services>

Compact Awards

Nominations have opened for the 2009 Compact Awards. The annual awards are intended to demonstrate the Compact in action and recognise and celebrate excellent partnership working. The Compact is the 10-year-old agreement which sets out shared commitments and guidelines for working between government and the voluntary and community sector.

This year's nomination categories include:

- Local Compact of the Year
- Compact Champion of the Year
- Compact Award for Innovation
- Compact Award for Excellence at a National Level
- The Commissioner's Award

The closing date for entries is Friday 21 August 2009 and the winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in London during Compact Week on Tuesday 3 November 2009.

Further information is available at: www.compactawards.org.uk

resources

- **briefings**

Rise in enquiries about volunteering

An initial briefing on research into the role of volunteering in increasing employability carried out by the Institute of Volunteering Research has revealed a sharp rise in enquiries about volunteering opportunities over the last six months. It identifies three main types of benefit: increased self-confidence; the development of both 'soft' and 'hard' skills; and providing evidence of employability. The full report will be published shortly.

Further information is available at:

<http://www.ivr.org.uk/researchbulletins/The+benefits+of+volunteering+for+employability+%E2%80%93+key+findings+from+recent+research+by+The+Institute.htm>

- **publications**

**Sure Start Children's Centres,
Extended Schools and Parenting Update
Edition 6 summer 2009**

http://www3.hants.gov.uk/sscc_extsch_part_upd_ed6_v3_2_.pdf

Palliative Care

The children's palliative care charity ACT has launched a new and updated edition of A Guide to the Development of Children's Palliative Care Services. This resource, now in its third edition, has been described as an invaluable tool for professionals who are concerned with developing, providing or commissioning services for children who have life-limiting or life-threatening health conditions. The guide is packed with the latest information, evidence and resources to help all those concerned with developing services for children.

A Guide to the Development of Children's Palliative Care Services can be purchased through the ACT website www.act.org.uk by emailing Susannah@act.org.uk or calling 0117 916 6422. ACT members receive a 25 per cent discount.

Young People

The Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) IPPR has published two new resources relating to young people.

The first is a quarterly newsletter about the challenges facing young people not in employment, education or training ('NEETs') in the midst of a recession:

<http://www.ippr.org.uk/research/teams/project.asp?id=3481&pid=3481>

The second is a collection of essays addressing the key questions about the role of museums and other institutes of material culture in young people's well-being and learning. The resources explore what museums should be doing to inspire learning and creativity among all young people:

<http://www.ippr.org/publicationsandreports/publication.asp?id=665>

- **reports/surveys/discussion papers**

Third Sector survey results

The largest-ever government-sponsored survey of third sector organisations has produced an average national score for how effectively local statutory bodies help them achieve their aims, of just 16 per cent. The low scoring has prompted charities minister Kevin Brennan to urge local authorities, primary care trusts and other local government bodies, to redouble their efforts to improve their performance under the National Indicator 7 – 'An environment for a thriving third sector'.

Further information and responses by area are available at:

<http://www.nstso.com/results/>

National survey of parents' views of services for disabled children

The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) has announced the results of the first ever national survey of parents' views of services for disabled children. On average, parents rated the services for their disabled child as 59 out of 100, providing the Government and local areas with the first ever tangible base point from which to track progress or changes in perceptions and experience on services for disabled children, covering health, education and social care. In June the Government will publish the breakdown of this national score and each local area's score against the three services areas of education, health and social care.

Further information is available at:

http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2009_0097

Attitudes towards disability shocking say UK families with disabled children

Contact a Family has published results of a survey which finds that six out of 10 families with disabled children feel ignored by care and health professionals.

The survey also highlighted that families were facing problems accessing services and support, such as short breaks, a key worker and childcare.

Contact a Family is calling for a government campaign to raise awareness of the needs of families with disabled children. The organisation also wants to see mandatory disability equality training for all professionals that deal with the public and schools to do more to promote disability awareness.

Further information is available at:

<http://www.cafamily.org.uk/index.php?module=newsmodule&action=view&id=296&src=@random4864ff40710ee>

Ethnicity and Poverty

The Department of Work and Pensions has produced a report which aims to develop the evidence base on ethnicity and child poverty. The child poverty rates observed for most ethnic minority groups are higher than the national average, and the report asks whether this is due to increased levels of poverty risk factors amongst families from these groups or whether it requires further explanation.

Further information is available at:

http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/report_abstracts/rr_abstracts/rra_576.asp

Child Well-Being

The Department for Communities and Local Government has published the Local Index of Child Well-Being. Available online, it represents the first attempt to create a small area index exclusively for children in England covering, where possible, the age range 0 to 16 (or 18 if in full-time education). The index reports on material well-being, health, education, crime, housing, environment and children in need.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/childwellbeing2009>

Mental Health

Early diagnosis of mental health problems should be a key priority to prevent children from ending up in custody, a review has found. Lord Bradley's Report of the Independent Review of People with Mental Health Problems and Learning Difficulties in the Criminal Justice System found that too many people pass through the criminal justice system without their mental health needs or learning disabilities being recognised.

The report predominantly focused on adults in the justice system, although Lord Bradley called for a separate piece of work to be done specifically about children. Further information is available at: http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_098694

Engaging children and young people with learning

The think tank Demos has published their report, A Stitch in Time, which looks at preventing children and young people becoming disengaged from learning. Further information is available at: <http://www.demos.co.uk/publications/a-stitch-in-time-tackling-educational-disengagement>

Intergenerational learning

The National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE) has produced a discussion paper entitled, Thinking Community, which outlines the policy background and development of intergenerational practice. With case study illustrations, it shows the contribution that intergenerational learning can have on individuals, families and whole communities. Further information is available at: <http://www.niace.org.uk/more-opportunities-for-intergenerational-learning>

Councillors and the Third Sector

Urban Forum, a membership body which supports the community sector to influence decision-makers, has published a new research report called Leading Lights: Research into councillors and third sector representatives in community leadership.

The report presents research findings exploring the roles of councillors and third sector representatives in community leadership. It includes recommendations to strengthen relationships between the two groups to address the major differences in perception that exist.

Further information is available at: <http://www.urbanforum.org.uk/research-reports/leading-lights>

Governance

New Philanthropy Capital has published its latest report, Board matters: A review of charity trusteeship in the UK. It questions the strength of trustee boards in the charity sector, and argues that recruitment, training and

evaluation of board members is frequently neglected because charities and funders do not prioritise governance. Further information is available at: http://www.philanthropycapital.org/research/research_reports/other/trusteeship.aspx?dm_i=59B,10TQ,KFR8J,2D71,1

Office for National Statistics (ONS)

Social trends

ONS has published an annual report on social trends. The underlying themes are households, families and children.

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=13675>

- **research**

Health Visitors

How often a child sees a health visitor is still a postcode lottery, according to new research by the Family and Parenting Institute. Further information is available at: <http://www.familyandparenting.org/item/document/2203/1>

- **services**

Futurebuilders

Futurebuilders have launched two new services. The first one is merge-maker, an online match-making service for third sector considering working together through merger, collaboration, or forming consortia. Interested organisations will be displayed on the Futurebuilders website.

The second one is a pilot consortium which will provide core services such as bid writing, financial modelling, contract negotiation and performance management – for third sector organisations wishing to bid for public sector contracts in the fields of welfare reform, education and training, and health and social care. Further information on merge-maker is available at:

<http://www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk/what-we-offer/services/merge%11maker/>

- **websites**

For those working in Early Years

The Family and Parenting Institute has launched a new Department of Children, Schools and Families funded website to support those who work with families with very young children, helping them to engage parents in providing the best start to their children's learning. The website, www.earlyhomelearning.org.uk provides advice for parents, detailed information for practitioners who work with parents and information for organisations that would like to set up a service on early home learning for parents.

Every Child Matters

The Department for Children Schools and Families (DCSF) has launched a new Every Child Matters (ECM) website.

The new site provides a single channel for information aimed at professionals within the children's workforce. It incorporates the most useful information from each of the three former sites: Every Child Matters, Local Authorities and Sure Start. These three original websites will be kept online for a short period to ensure a smooth transfer for users to the new site.

Further information is available at: <http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/everychildmatters>

safeguarding**The protection of Children in England: action plan – The Government's response to Lord Laming**

This action plan sets out the Government's response to Lord Laming's recommendations. It outlines how all of central Government will work together with local government and front line services including teachers, teaching assistants, school governors, staff in Children's Centres and early years settings, child care workers and other partners working with children to drive forward reform of child protection services across England.

<http://publications.teachernet.gov.uk/default.aspx?PageFunction=productdetails&PageMode=spectrum&ProductId=CM+7589&>

training/workforce development

Hampshire County Council/the alliance/The Treloar trust

'Skills to Work with Disabled Children (SWDC)'

At the end of 2008 the alliance was asked by Hampshire County Council to produce a brief for a project to identify, co-ordinate and meet, wherever possible, the training needs of people working with disabled children and young people in Hampshire.

The need for this project has grown out of the development of services for disabled children and young people and their families/carers under the Hampshire implementation of Aiming High for Disabled Children.

The alliance, on behalf of Hampshire County Council, invited applications from suitably experienced voluntary organisations to fulfil the requirements of the Skills to Work with Disabled Children Project.

The alliance is pleased to announce that The Treloar Trust were successful in their bid to deliver the project, and that this work is now well under way.

Kaz's contact details: **Kaz Lodge**, SWDC Project Worker, direct on **01420 547720** or email karen.lodge@treloar.org.uk

Clore Social Leadership Programme

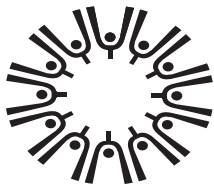
The Programme is a new Fellowship Programme targeted at aspiring leaders in the third sector. To be eligible, potential Fellows must be working in or closely with the wider third sector and will have demonstrated their leadership potential in some of the work they have already undertaken. Applications for the 2010 Fellowships open in the last week of May 2009; the deadline for completed applications is 30 June 2009. Further information is available at: www.cloresocialleadership.org.uk

Harbourside Training

Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) Briefing

Wednesday 23rd September, 10-12, Community Action Fareham. £40 for the course, reduced to £15 for voluntary & community organisations.

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



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

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



Training calendar can be accessed at
<http://www.roseroad.org.uk/?f=Training/Calendar.htm>



WACA Learning

For details on latest courses <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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