

**the alliance**

the children and young people's  
voluntary sector working  
together for Hampshire



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## **Membership of The Alliance**

**Initially free, membership is open to any charity or voluntary organisation which has an established service within the area of Hampshire County Council and is currently providing services predominantly for children and/or young people within that area.**

**For information about The Alliance general meeting on 22 September 2010, when the first board of management of a newly incorporated Alliance (charitable company limited by guarantee) will be elected by the membership, click here <http://www.hants-alliance.org.uk/events/184>**

**The above link will also provide access to the following documents:-**

- **membership eligibility**
- **benefits of membership**
- **membership application form**
- **trustee nomination form**
- **trustee job description**

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## **blogs**

### **Charities and Big Society**

Nick Seddon, Deputy Director of the independent think-tank, Reform has blogged about why charities need to be prepared for a radical reorientation if they are to play their part in the Big Society.

He argues that nobody will be that interested in handing contracts to charities just because they are charities: they will need not only to add value but to demonstrate that they add value.

Read the blog at:

<http://newphilanthropycapital.wordpress.com/2010/07/06/politicians-occasionally-they-say-what-they-mean/>

## **consultations, surveys & calls for submissions**

### **Munro Review of Child Protection**

#### **Call for evidence**

#### **Closing 30 July**

The Government has commissioned Professor Eileen Munro to carry out an independent review to improve child protection. Read the call for evidence letter at:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/munroreview/downloads/Callforevidence.pdf>

#### **Munro review website**

<http://www.education.gov.uk/munroreview/>

### **Family justice system**

#### **Call for evidence**

#### **Closing 30 September**

Anyone with an interest in the family justice system can contribute their views on how it can work better in the future. Government has set in train a review which includes looking at how to improve use of mediation. This call for evidence is the first step in the review.

There is an online questionnaire at <http://www.justice.gov.uk/reviews/fjr-call-for-evidence.htm>

### **National Skills Strategy for the Voluntary Sector**

#### **Closing 1 October**

Skills Third Sector is developing a National Skills Strategy to support a skilled workforce for the voluntary sector. The online consultation is available at: [http://www.skillsthirdsector.org.uk/research\\_policy/skills\\_strategy\\_consultation](http://www.skillsthirdsector.org.uk/research_policy/skills_strategy_consultation)

## **Independent Review of the Office of the Children's Commissioner**

### **Call for Evidence Closing 4 October**

The Secretary of State for Education, Michael Gove, has invited John Dunford to conduct an independent review of the office, role and functions of the Children's Commissioner for England. The review is looking particularly at the powers, remit and functions of the Children's Commissioner, how this role relates to other functions supported by Government and value for money.

Further information at:

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1726&external=no&menu=1>

For news from the site of the Children's Commissioner see

[http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/content/external\\_news/content\\_4830](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/content/external_news/content_4830)

## **events**

- **local**

### **The Alliance General Meeting**

22 September 2010

7:00 – 8:30 (preceded at 6:15 by free buffet supper and networking)

#### **At Wide Lane Sports Pavilion, Wide Lane, Eastleigh, SO50 5PE**

The inaugural general meeting of the newly incorporated Alliance (charitable company limited by guarantee) when the new Board of Management will be elected by the membership.

For details of membership eligibility; benefits of membership; a membership application form; a trustee nomination form and a trustee job description click here <http://www.hants-alliance.org.uk/events/184>

### **Fun Day at The Grove**

Saturday 31 July and Saturday 14 August

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### **At The Grove, Hinton Fields, Church Lane, Kings Worthy, SO23 7QS**

This event is open to any child aged between 0-19 years with a disability and/or an additional need, their parents/carers and siblings.

Arranged by Basingstoke and Fareham Parent Voice Hubs.

For further details:

<userfiles/file/Flyers/GROVE%20FUN%20DAY%20JULY%20AND%20AUGUST.pdf>

### **Zoolab Educational Displays**

Tuesday 3 August – Space Explorer – 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Friday 6 August – The Rainforest – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Friday 13 August – Pets & other animals – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Friday 27 August – Mini Beasts – 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

### **At The Sycamore Centre, Sycamore Way, Basingstoke, RG23 8AB**

These events are is open to any child aged between 0-19 years with a disability and/or an additional need, their parents/carers and siblings.

For further details: <userfiles/file/Flyers/Zoolab.pdf>

### **Cost Effective Ways of Increasing Your Workforce**

Tuesday 17th August 2010

10.00 - 12.30 followed by lunch

### **At Community Action Hampshire (CAH), Beaconsfield House, Andover Road, Winchester, SO22 6AT**

A free event in partnership with the Winchester Community Learning Form and funded by INVOLVE South East.

Hear about:

- How Apprenticeships can work for you as well as the Apprentice
- The Apprenticeship Grant and how to get Apprentices (the grant ends in October 2010 - so now is the chance!)
- How a Student Placement can benefit your organisation
- Recruiting and keeping volunteers

To book please complete the booking form available on the CAH website at [http://www.action.hants.org.uk/index.php?id=528&tx\\_ttnews\[tt\\_news\]=375&tx\\_ttnews\[year\]=2010&tx\\_ttnews\[month\]=07&tx\\_ttnews\[day\]=15&cHash=54052a63f4](http://www.action.hants.org.uk/index.php?id=528&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=375&tx_ttnews[year]=2010&tx_ttnews[month]=07&tx_ttnews[day]=15&cHash=54052a63f4)

***Places are limited so prompt booking is recommended.***

- **national**

## **Wednesday 4 August 2010**

### **Playday**

Playday is the annual celebration of children's right to play. On Playday and throughout the summer, thousands of children, young people and communities will get out to play at hundreds of locally organised events across the UK.

As well as a celebration of children's right to play, Playday is also a campaign that raises awareness about some serious issues affecting children's play. The Playday 2010 campaign is *Our place*. *Our place* puts children at the heart of our communities, and asks everyone, young and old, to help create better places for all of us to live and play.

<http://www.playday.org.uk/>

### **grants and tenders**

#### **New Fundraisers Group**

Hugh Thompson, Head of Fundraising at Brendoncare, is leading the way in establishing a new Fundraisers' Group ***for Winchester and the surrounding area***.

Hugh's idea is for the group to provide locally based fundraisers with opportunities to network and share ideas as well as the potential to hear from experts in the field.

***Brendoncare are hosting an initial networking meeting on Thursday 23 September from 12.30-1.30 at their offices, The Old Malthouse, Victoria Road, Winchester***

The meeting is to gauge wider interest, as well discussing the format and frequency of meetings and how the group will be supported. Lunch will be available (for a small contribution).

If you would like to attend and/or support the Fundraisers' Group for Winchester and the surrounding area, please contact Isobel Michael or telephone 01225 831334.

### **Supporting Hampshire's Black and Minority Ethnic Communities Grant Fund (2007-2010)**

#### **Closing 27 August**

In this final year of the fund just over £8,000 remains available to distribute to groups. Grants of up to £2,000 will be considered for support activities led by voluntary and community groups to achieve at least one of the outcomes listed below. However, smaller amounts may be granted depending upon demand, and applications from organisations that have not yet benefited from the fund will be prioritised.

- levels of BME-led community action locally and at a county-level
- understanding of needs and support provided for BME communities
- the capacity of BME communities and individuals to get more involved with local BME and diversity networks and with the Hampshire Independent Equalities Forum
- BME influence in shaping services delivered by public bodies and voluntary and community organisations

Further details at: <http://www.action.hants.org.uk/index.php?id=459>

## **GlaxoSmithKline Impact Awards**

### **Closing 24 September**

The IMPACT Awards are designed to recognise and reward charities that are doing excellent work to improve people's health. They are funded by GlaxoSmithKline and managed in partnership with The King's Fund. The awards are open to registered charities that are at least three years old, working in a health-related field in the UK, with a total annual income between £10,000 and £1.5 million. An overall winner will receive £35,000, nine other winners receive £25,000 and up to ten organisations that are highly commended or runners up receive £5,000 or £3,000.

You do not need to present a new project. The awards are designed to recognise success and achievements for existing work.

[http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/current\\_projects/gsk\\_impact\\_awards/gsk\\_impact\\_awards\\_1.html](http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/current_projects/gsk_impact_awards/gsk_impact_awards_1.html)

## **Social Investment Business**

Social Investment Business helps community groups, charities and social enterprises by providing innovative financial solutions, business support and long term strategic thinking. They manage the following funds:

- Communitybuilders Fund
- Futurebuilders England Fund
- Modernisation Fund
- Social Enterprise Investment Fund

Further details at <http://www.thesocialinvestmentbusiness.org/>

### **Funding for children's palliative care**

Use the link below to access details of £30 million funding for children's palliative care in 2010/11, what sorts of projects will be funded and what criteria they will have to meet.

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_117172](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_117172)

### **Understanding Contracts: the legal implications**

#### **A training day to help you understand the common clauses and the potential pitfalls in public service delivery contracts**

Wednesday, 6 October 2010

9.30am - 4.30 pm

#### **At Winchester Discovery Centre**

Cost: National Association for Voluntary & Community Action (NAVCA) Members £50.00. Non-members £60.00

In partnership with [NAVCA's Local Commissioning and Procurement Unit](#), this one-day training has been developed by [Michelmores law firm](#), a leading provider of legal services to charities. The training will be delivered by [Shivaji Shiva](#) their Head of Charities and Social Enterprise.

By the end of the day you will:

- have a basic awareness and understanding of the legal status of contracts
- understand common contract clauses, legal terms and implications for voluntary sector organisations
- be aware of potential pitfalls and 'danger signs' in order to know when to seek clarification or further notice
- understand how contracts might be negotiated following a tender process

Further details at

[http://www.action.hants.org.uk/index.php?id=186&tx\\_seminars\\_pi1%5BshowUid%5D=114](http://www.action.hants.org.uk/index.php?id=186&tx_seminars_pi1%5BshowUid%5D=114)

### **Partner Finder**

The Community Action Hampshire 'Partner Finder' service is a quick and easy tool linking not-for-profit service providers, helping them come together to tender for public sector contracts in Hampshire and the south east, or to offer a range of personalised services.

You may be looking to:

- form a consortium to bid for a complex range of services;

- join with others to provide a complementary package of services, e.g. to personal budget holders or self funders;
- develop new relationships with partners in your area of interest; or
- find a partner organisation willing to deliver in a geographic area outside of your own area of benefit.

Registering your organisation on Partner Finder couldn't be simpler – just complete and submit the online form which will then be available for other organisations to view via the Community Action Hampshire website. Organisations will be able to view your details and the types of work you are interested in developing via this website and contact you directly.

Further details at <http://www.action.hants.org.uk/index.php?id=634>

### **Public sector cuts and the voluntary sector**

The Empowering the Voluntary Sector (EVS) project, run by the National Association for Voluntary & Community Action (NAVCA), Compact Advocacy, based at National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO), and the Public Law Project, has produced a special edition of its newsletter to provide information about challenging cuts.

The newsletter gives information about the processes and remedies, such as the Compact, public law and equalities duties, that voluntary organisations and community groups can use when challenging cuts.

Download the special edition at:

<http://www.navca.org.uk/NR/rdonlyres/499BABE5-9AA8-4085-8CE3-B87EBF94E8DD/0/Cutsbriefing.pdf>

### **news**

- **local**

### **Membership of The Alliance**

The Alliance is incorporating as a charitable company limited by guarantee.

Membership of the incorporated Alliance will initially be free and open to any charity or voluntary organisation which has an established service within the area of Hampshire County Council and is currently providing services predominantly for children and/or young people within that area.

Further details on how to join are available under **events** on page 4. above.

### **Hampshire Children's Trust website**

The new Children's Trust website has been launched and is live on Hantsweb at [www.hants.gov.uk/childrens-trust](http://www.hants.gov.uk/childrens-trust)

## Local Children's Partnerships

Local Children's Partnerships (LCPs) are the 'delivery arm' of Hampshire Children's Trust at a local level. They are responsible for implementing the priorities of Hampshire's Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) through the development and implementation of LCP delivery plans.

Members of LCPs retain accountability to their existing governance and management arrangements; coming together to agree common priorities and action to improve outcomes for local children and young people.

Details of membership of LCPs (which are grouped under the geographical areas of Western Hampshire, South East Hampshire and North and East Hampshire), **including voluntary sector representatives**, can be found at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/childrens-trust/local-childrens-partnerships.htm>

See page 17. of this ebulletin, under **situations vacant** for information about voluntary sector representative vacancies on LCPs.

## CAT Mark Award

The CAT Mark is a mark of quality, awarded by young people, for any organisations providing services to young people.

Being awarded a CAT Mark shows a commitment to providing a good-quality service, which successfully meets the needs of all young people.

You may be interested in getting involved in CAT Mark in two capacities:

- Your organisation may like to apply for a CAT Mark, where 3 young assessors will visit your youth provision, speak to you and your young people and undertake an assessment. (The CAT Mark can be awarded to your organisation as a whole, or if applicable, a specific youth provision that you run).
- You may be working with young people aged 13-25 who would like to become assessors for the CAT Mark.

If you are interested in either of these opportunities, and would like to find out more, please contact:

Caroline Dolan, CAT Mark Development Worker  
 Youth Clubs Hampshire and Isle of Wight  
 The St Thomas Centre, 20 Southgate Street, Winchester, SO23 9EF  
 Telephone: 01962 852307  
 Email: [ac3.ychiow@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:ac3.ychiow@ukonline.co.uk)  
 Website: [www.ychiow.org.uk](http://www.ychiow.org.uk)

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### **New Health White Paper**

The White Paper 'Equity and excellence: Liberating the NHS' is now available on the Department of Health website. It sets out the Government's vision "...for health outcomes – and quality services – that are among the best in the world. We have in our sights a unique combination of equity and excellence"

Under the plans 10 strategic health authorities would be abolished by 2012 and the 150 primary care trusts (PCTs) scrapped by 2013.

At present, the National Health Service works via PCTs, with the Department of Health determining each PCTs spending priorities, which involves managing GPs' surgeries. Under the new proposals, consortia of family doctors would take over the purchase of care on behalf of patients and would be overseen by an independent commissioning board and a new economic regulator.

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH\\_117360](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH_117360)

Read minister for care services Paul Burstow's speech to ACEVO\* "Charity funding and the new Government" conference, 1 July 2010 at

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Speeches/DH\\_117377](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Speeches/DH_117377)

\*Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations

*For views on the proposed NHS reforms visit Healthcare Republic (an online information portal for healthcare professionals)*

[http://community.healthcarerepublic.com/blogs/editors\\_blog/archive/2010/07/13/health-white-paper-begs-more-questions-than-it-answers.aspx](http://community.healthcarerepublic.com/blogs/editors_blog/archive/2010/07/13/health-white-paper-begs-more-questions-than-it-answers.aspx)

*and The Kings Fund Blog [http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/blog/equity\\_and.html](http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/blog/equity_and.html)*

### **Protecting services for disabled children**

The government recently launched a website, the 'Spending Challenge' calling on the public to help shape the way government works by providing ideas on 'getting more for less'. The government says it will consider as many ideas as possible and the best ones will be considered as part of the Spending Review 2010, which will be concluded on October 20th.

The charity Contact a Family, which works with families with disabled children, is calling on families to use the Spending Challenge website to make their views heard about the importance of investing in and protecting services for disabled children and their families.

Contact a Family will be raising the following issues:

- The importance of investing in services to support disabled children and their parents

- The importance of easing the financial pressures on families by making the right benefits available and also taking steps to help parents take up jobs if appropriate (affordable childcare, flexible working etc)
- The importance of investing in parent participation so that families can drive the development of services locally

Click on this link to have your say <http://spendingchallenge.hm-treasury.gov.uk/>

### **Teaching assistant training cut as Teach First expands**

The Training Development Agency (TDA) has revealed that the budget for training higher level teaching assistants (HLTA) has been cancelled for the next academic year.

Meanwhile, Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Education, has announced that a £4m grant has been handed to Teach First, the charity that targets high-performing graduates, to expand its reach. Teach First will develop a primary school recruitment programme in addition to its work in secondary schools.

<http://www.cypnow.co.uk/news/ByDiscipline/Education/1014207/Teaching-assistant-training-cut-Teach-First-expands/>

### **Change4life**

The, Secretary of State for Health, Andrew Lansley MP, has announced he will cut £75m from the Change4Life campaign.

The Change4Life campaign was set up under the Labour Government to tackle obesity among children and families. It provided funding for free play opportunities for children as well as marketing healthier lifestyles to children and families through TV advertising and web-based support and advice.

The Health Secretary said: "There has been a change of government and there will now be a change of approach. We will be progressively scaling back the amount of taxpayers' money spent on Change4Life and asking others, including the charities, the commercial sector and local authorities, to fill the gap."

Further information is available at:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2010/jul/07/andrew-lansley-change4life-obesity>

### **Free school meals**

A coalition of senior doctors and nurses have written to the education secretary, Michael Gove, expressing "deep concern" at his decision to axe plans for free school meals for half a million primary school children from low-income families.

The Royal College of Nursing, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health and Royal College of Physicians say the scheme would have lifted 50,000 young people out of poverty and cut education and health inequalities by giving them more nutritious lunches.

The plan to extend eligibility for free school meals to all primary school children who are living below the poverty line was announced last December. They are currently only available for families receiving unemployment benefit. The poverty line for a couple with two children is calculated at £374 a week, or £19,500 a year.

The Education Secretary has said he had to ditch the expansion to ensure the government did not make "unaffordable promises for the future", claiming his predecessor, Ed Balls MP, had underestimated the costs.

Further information is available at:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2010/jun/22/free-school-meals-health-backlash-cuts?&>

### **Green paper on Special Educational Needs (SEN)**

The government has announced it will be publishing a green paper on special educational needs and the lives of disabled children this autumn. Sarah Teather, the children's minister, said the paper will be based on evidence from work with parents, young people and the disabled children's sector over the summer.

Further information is available at:

<http://www.cypnow.co.uk/news/1014733/Teather-announces-green-paper-SEN-disabled-children/>

### **A new kind of health visitor**

The government is to introduce a new kind of health visitor to children's centres to focus more on supporting and advising families as opposed to the traditional clinical role. Speaking at the Association of Directors of Children's Services' annual conference, children's minister Sarah Teather told delegates that the 4,200 extra health visitors due to be rolled out in children's centres would be trained with a new set of skills

<http://www.cypnow.co.uk/bulletins/InPractice/news/1015091/?DCMP=EMC-InPractice>

### **Contactpoint**

The Department for Education has written to all Local Authorities setting out the next steps for the Contactpoint database, which they have committed to scrapping. Key messages are that those authorities already using Contactpoint can continue to do so in the interim, and the responsibility for clearing the databases will fall centrally.

However, the government does recognise the reasoning behind Contactpoint, and will be seeking an alternative.

The full letter can be read at:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/news/news/~media/Files/lacuna/news/ContactPointv2.ashx>

### **Social Fund review scrapped**

The government has revealed that it has scrapped the review of the Social Fund, which provides loans and grants to low-income families.

The fund exists to help low-income families with one-off expenses, such as new school uniforms and maternity grants.

The previous government was in the process of consulting on a review of the fund after child poverty campaigners said it failed to reach enough disadvantaged families.

Further information is available at:

<http://www.cypnow.co.uk/news/ByDiscipline/Social-Care/1011093/Deprived-families-fund-review-axed/>

### **Cap on housing benefits**

In an article in the Independent newspaper, charities predict the cap on housing benefit will trigger the steepest rise in families living in unsuitable accommodation and individuals sleeping rough since the 1980s.

Read the article at:

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/osbornes-cap-on-housing-benefits-will-drive-poor-families-into-ghettos-2024372.html>

### **Cuts put Big Society agenda at risk**

Nick Hurd, Minister for Civil Society, has acknowledged that the scale of public sector cuts jeopardize the Big Society agenda.

The minister said that cuts will impact on the sector but that he will be pushing for a limited impact on charities. But, he added, "The sector must respond to the times."

Read more at:

[http://www.civilsociety.co.uk/finance/news/content/6911/cuts\\_put\\_big\\_society\\_agenda\\_at\\_risk\\_says\\_hurd](http://www.civilsociety.co.uk/finance/news/content/6911/cuts_put_big_society_agenda_at_risk_says_hurd)

### **CWDC revise remit**

The Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC) has agreed savings of £15m for 2010-11 with the Department for Education (DfE) and has confirmed a revised remit with a strong emphasis on cost-effective delivery to support front-line services.

[http://www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/news/3848\\_revised-remit-for-cwdc](http://www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/news/3848_revised-remit-for-cwdc)

## **resources**

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### **Hampshire Domestic Abuse Forum**

The Hampshire Domestic Abuse Forum and the Honour Based Violence Strategic Action Group have produced a guidance document for all agencies in Hampshire (excluding police) on how to deal with cases (or suspected cases) of Honour Based Violence (HBV).

Use this link <userfiles/file/Flyers/HBV%20Guidance%20Note.pdf> to view a briefing note with details of what the guidance is about, who it is aimed at and what you should do with it.

The full guidance can be viewed at:

<http://www.hdaf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/Hampshire%E2%80%99s-Honour-Based-Violence-Multi-Agency-Guidancev2.pdf>

You can also visit the new Hampshire domestic abuse website at [www.hdaf.org.uk](http://www.hdaf.org.uk). If you are not already a member, you can register for free and have access to a wealth of information to help you in your practice.

### **Shelter Advice Sheet**

*Know your rights – 16-17 and homeless?* is an easy to use advice sheet produced specifically aimed at this age group.

[http://england.shelter.org.uk/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0005/274874/Rights\\_of\\_homeless\\_16\\_and\\_17\\_yr\\_olds.pdf](http://england.shelter.org.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0005/274874/Rights_of_homeless_16_and_17_yr_olds.pdf)

### **National Child Minding Association**

NCMA has launched a new engagement tool to help children's centres engage with childminders to provide better child care services. The tool is a good practice check list template that can help a children's centre make the most of working relationships within the local area.

For more information see:

[http://www.ncma.org.uk/partnerships/childrens\\_centres/engaging\\_childminders.aspx](http://www.ncma.org.uk/partnerships/childrens_centres/engaging_childminders.aspx)

### **A guide to mutuals**

A free guide to establishing mutuals for public service delivery has been produced by TPP Law, a specialist provider of legal services to social enterprises.

The guide responds to a resurgence of interest in the use of mutuals to deliver public services ranging from education to health and social care, leisure and childcare services. This interest may increase as the Coalition Government's Big Society agenda seeks to transfer power from state institutions to community-led organisations.

Further information is available at:

<http://www.tpplaw.co.uk/news/newsitems/News0137.aspx>

### **Equality and Diversity**

Click on the link below for the Hampshire Diversity Support Project July ebulletin which includes information about equality and diversity events, training, news, funding, etc. from around the county.

[http://www.action.hants.org.uk/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Document\\_Library/Equality\\_DiversityBulletin14.doc](http://www.action.hants.org.uk/fileadmin/user_upload/Document_Library/Equality_DiversityBulletin14.doc)

### **Connect – the Hampshire Children's Trust newsletter**

The summer edition is now available at

<Http://www3.hants.gov.uk/connectissue9.pdf>

Connect are now looking for content to include in the next issue and would like to request that you forward any articles or suggestions for articles to [childrens.services.enquiries@hants.gov.uk](mailto:childrens.services.enquiries@hants.gov.uk) by **Monday 13 September**.

Articles should be between 100 and 300 words. Accompanying photographs, with full consents obtained, will also be very much appreciated.

- **reports/research findings/surveys/discussion papers/briefings**

### **Minimum Income Standard for the UK**

Since 2008, the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) has published annual updates on a 'minimum income standard', based on what members of the public think people need to achieve a socially acceptable standard of living.

The 2010 update finds that a single person in Britain needs to earn at least £14,400 a year before tax in 2010, to afford a basic but acceptable standard of living. A couple with two children needs £29,200.

Tax allowances and tax credit thresholds not being updated in 2010 means people need to earn a lot more to afford the increased cost of living. The Budget has raised tax allowances for 2011, but for some families with children, other Budget measures will potentially offset all of the gain from higher allowances.

Further information is available at:

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/minimum-income-standard-2010>

### **Britain awarded C minus for family friendliness**

A new report by the Family and Parenting Institute (FPI) has found that the increasing costs of raising children, a crisis in elderly care, a lack of affordable homes and the commercialisation of childhood are making Britain a deeply unfriendly place for families.

The FPI's UK Family Friendly report card 2010 awards school-style grades to policy-makers for a range of different factors affecting the lives of parents and children.

Overall, it concludes that Britain would gain no more than a C minus for family friendliness.

Further information is available at:

<http://www.familyandparenting.org/press>

- **websites**

#### **Measuring the impact of your work**

New Philanthropy Capital (NPC) is producing a *Well-being Index* for charities to demonstrate the impact of their work. This impact assessment measure will take the form of a short online survey, available later in 2010 as an online subscription. The survey will be looking at children's self-esteem, relationships with peers or satisfaction with school, amongst other things. NPC state "The tool provides organisations with a simple, reliable and academically-robust way of understanding the difference they make to young people's lives"

Further information is available at

[http://www.philanthropycapital.org/how\\_we\\_help/big\\_ideas/Wellbeing\\_project.aspx](http://www.philanthropycapital.org/how_we_help/big_ideas/Wellbeing_project.aspx)

**N.B. This site is currently experience security problems and may not be immediately available, or may carry a warning message.**

### **safeguarding**

#### **Alliance website**

Visit the new safeguarding page for a range of safeguarding information

<http://www.hants-alliance.org.uk/node/167>

### **situations vacant**

#### **Dreamwall - Part Time Programme Innovator**

#### **Closing 30 July**

### **£20,000-£22,000 Pro Rata**

To lead a staff team in delivering creative and dynamic residential programmes for various boys groups. You will be expected to organise elements of the residential programme plans, ensuring it complies with all generic and specific risk assessments, and that activities remain fun, diverse and contribute to the emotional and social development of vulnerable young people.

This position requires weekend working from 1pm Friday through to 6pm Sunday and the role will also require a minimum commitment of 8 residential programmes per annum.

For more information, and to request an application pack please contact:  
Ian Gosling (Operations Manager) or Rachel Benjamin (Course Facilitator) on  
023 80839000  
[www.dreamwall.org.uk](http://www.dreamwall.org.uk)

### **Street Reach - Youth Worker**

#### **Closing 30 July**

This position is open to anyone who wishes to work with young people. Experience is desirable but training is provided if necessary.

6 hours per week (Monday & Wednesday afternoon/evening).  
Rota may include some Fridays in future.  
Starting hourly rate £7.50 increased to £8.00 after 3 months,  
then up to a maximum £10.50 p/hr.

The appointed person will work with our other youth workers to identify needs and issues facing young people, liaise with other organisations and enable young people to represent themselves in their communities.

Successful applicants will be required to undergo an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check.

Expected start date: Monday 16th August, interviews held week commencing 2nd August.

For further details & an application pack  
please contact Project Manager, Daisy Brookman at the address below.

Winchester Detached Youth Work Project (aka Street Reach)  
Bradbury House, Durngate Place, Winchester SO23 8DX  
01962 828621 / 075454 89403

[winch.youth@gmail.com](mailto:winch.youth@gmail.com)

## **Children & Young People's voluntary sector - representative vacancies**

### **Local Children's Partnerships (LCPs)**

The Alliance is managing the process of ensuring that there is appropriate representation of the children and young people's voluntary sector on all LCPs, and will also act as the link between the Hampshire Trust Board and voluntary sector representatives on the LCPs.

Some vacancies remain for deputy voluntary sector representatives on some LCPs. Additionally some LCPs will have sub clusters and these present further opportunities for representatives of the children's and young people's voluntary sector.

If you are interested in any of the above opportunities, please contact Ian Milsom 01962 857367 email [ian.milsom@action.hants.org.uk](mailto:ian.milsom@action.hants.org.uk)

For information about LCPs visit <http://www.hants-alliance.org.uk/partnerships/190>

### **Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB) Multi Agency Safeguarding Forums (MASF) – additional voluntary sector representatives North & East, and South East Forums**

The Multi Agency Safeguarding Forum (MASF) reports to the HSCB through the Monitoring and Effectiveness Scrutiny Committee (MESC). There are three area fora: Western, North and East and South East and the Areas are coterminous with a number of District Council boundaries.

The chair is from one each of Children's Services, Police and Health. The groups are multi-agency and are designed to bring in locally based managers in order to promote joint working, identify local issues, resolve difficulties or issues at a local level, manage locally based audit activity, and organise awareness raising or training sessions for local staff as appropriate.

Meetings are held about 5 times a year but the fora may set up small task groups for specific actions if required, for example to undertake audit work. The chairs report on the work that they do through regular meetings of the MESC, and they may be tasked by the MESC to undertake specific pieces of work or research.

Further information about Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board Can be found at <http://www.4lscb.org.uk/>

If you are interested in these opportunities please contact Ian Milsom email [ian.milsom@action.hants.org.uk](mailto:ian.milsom@action.hants.org.uk) Telephone 01962 857367

## **training/workforce development**

### **NSPCC On-Line Training: 'An Introduction to Safeguarding Children' Level 1**

**Discount to the Third Sector - just £7.50 per person.**

Sefton Council for Voluntary Service has negotiated a 75% discount for online safeguarding training, and are now able to make this available to all. If you are interested, please contact Margaret Sadler by email on [Margaret.sadler@seftoncvcs.org.uk](mailto:Margaret.sadler@seftoncvcs.org.uk) or call 0151 928 2233 ext 312

### **Training day: Understanding Contracts: the legal implications (NAVCA)**

**A training day to help you understand the common clauses and the potential pitfalls in public service delivery contracts**

Wednesday, 6 October 2010 9.30am - 4.30 pm

### **At Winchester Discovery Centre**

Cost: NAVCA Members £50.00, non-members £60.00

Further details under **grants and tenders** on page 6 above.



### **Learn Together Work Together**

The Alliance has worked closely with Hampshire County Council Children's Services to launch 'Learn Together Work Together'. This initiative has opened up Hampshire County Council Children's Services training to the voluntary sector. This initiative not only contributes to voluntary sector capacity-building; through integrated training it adds significantly to the achievement of a unified local children's workforce.

A minimum of two free places are available for the voluntary sector on most Children's Services courses. Details of the learning opportunities available, together with booking information, can be found on the Children's Services section of The Learning Zone <http://htlc.hants.gov.uk/courses/provhome.asp?p=LDCS>

As learning opportunities information is being updated, individual course details may not necessarily reflect that the voluntary sector can access the training. If in doubt, please contact the Children's Services Workforce Development Admin team via email: [cs.nominations@hants.gov.uk](mailto:cs.nominations@hants.gov.uk) or call 01962 715669

There may be a charge for non-attendance at training, where no apologies are given, in order to reduce the number of no-shows on the day, which leads to considerable waste of resources.

### **The Change Collective**

The Change Collective is a community organisation that runs arts-based projects to help young people at-risk and vulnerable adults achieve positive change, be it personal, social or artistic.

Further details at <http://thechangecollective.com/training.php>

### **Not Just Talking**

Not Just Talking trains parents and professionals in non-verbal communication and how it affects children's emotional, social and behavioural development.

For further details visit their website at [www.notjusttalking.co.uk](http://www.notjusttalking.co.uk)