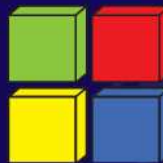


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the children and young people's  
voluntary sector working  
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## **consultations, surveys & calls for submissions**

### **Review into ending the detention of children for immigration purposes**

The government is hurrying this review through and welcomes comments by 1 July.

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/consultations/26-end-child-detention/>

### **Incorporation of The Alliance**

The consultation on proposals to incorporate The Alliance as a charitable company limited by guarantee closed on 30 April. All those who replied have received a written response. A composite letter detailing all the points raised, together with The Alliance response, can be viewed on The Alliance website

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

***See also under local news for latest developments on incorporation of The Alliance***

### **Public spending cuts**

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) is calling on civil society organisations to let it know how public spending cuts are affecting them, by inviting them to complete a rolling and publicly accessible survey on its website. The idea is that people enter data as they experience cuts in their funding. The information is publicly available so people can see the running tally as it mounts. NCVO intends that the data collected will help inform all organisations across the sector as they take forward programme and policy priorities with government.

Further information is available at:

<http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?hl=en&pli=1&formkey=dEV3cHFjS0YtZUgwS2FxVHBFY0hVcUE6MQ#gid=0>



### **The Department for Education has now confirmed the full list of ministerial appointments and responsibilities:**

- Michael Gove MP - Secretary of State for Education
- Sarah Teather MP - minister of state for children and families
- Tim Loughton MP - parliamentary under secretary of state for children and families
- Nick Gibb MP - minister of state for schools
- Jonathan Hill - parliamentary under secretary of state for schools

Further information is available at

<http://www.education.gov.uk/news/news/ministerialappointments>

### **Childcare**

The free entitlement to childcare for all three-and four-year-olds will continue and increase to 15 hours, but free school meal pilots will not be expanded. The new government will support plans to extend free childcare to the 20,000 most disadvantaged two-year-olds.

Further information is available at: <http://www.cypnow.co.uk/bulletins/Daily-Bulletin/news/1008411/?DCMP=EMC-DailyBulletin>

### **Review of children's social work and frontline child protection practice.**

Secretary of State for Education Michael Gove has written to Professor Eileen Munro to invite her to conduct an independent review of children's social work and frontline child protection practice. Children's Minister Tim Loughton and Professor Munro outlined the broad remit and length of the review which will look at how to remove the barriers and bureaucracy which prevent social workers spending valuable time with vulnerable children.

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

### **events**

- **local**

#### **Culture in the Park**

**Sunday 4th July 2010**

**Queen Elizabeth Country Park, Horndean**

**FREE**

This FREE event will include live music and dance from around the world for young people and the whole family, plus a whole host of activities and stalls.

The event is being organised by Community First East Hampshire, Hampshire County Council, East Hampshire District Council, Drum Housing and support from Havant Council of Community Service as well as others. The event will, in addition to embracing the area's cultural diversity, showcase the work of the local voluntary sector.

Further details at:

<http://www.cfeh.org.uk/component/content/article/3-newsflash/185-culture-in-the-park-2010>

**Empower yourself!**  
**Hampshire Independent Equality Forum meeting**  
**21 July 2010**  
**Carnival Hall, Basingstoke**  
**FREE**

The next Hampshire Independent Equality Forum meeting – 'Empower yourself!' - is to be held on the 21 July 2010 from 9.30am to 1.00pm at Carnival Hall in Basingstoke. The event will include an update on Forum progress and feedback on the issues raised at the 'Making Change Happen' event. The main focus of the meeting is on empowerment for diverse individuals, communities and voluntary and community organisations. The empowerment training session aims to give individuals and organisations practical tools to be able to challenge and influence effectively from a personal perspective. There will also be presentations given by expert speakers about race equality and empowerment. It is free to attend and includes refreshments and lunch. To book your place, contact Shirley Whitfield at Community Action Hampshire, 01962 857350 or email [shirley.whitfield@action.hants.org.uk](mailto:shirley.whitfield@action.hants.org.uk) by **14 July 2010**. We look forward to seeing you there!

**The Alliance General Meeting**  
**22 September 2010 (evening, times to be confirmed)**  
**Wide Lane Sports Pavilion, Wide Lane, Eastleigh**  
**FREE**

This will be the inaugural general meeting of the newly incorporated Alliance (charitable company limited by guarantee) when the new Board of Management will be voted in.

See under **consultations, surveys & calls for submissions** page 3 and **News**, page 8, for further information about incorporation of The Alliance

- **national**

**National Childcare Week**

The Daycare Trust's National childcare week is taking place between 12-19 July. The week aims to promote the importance of investing in childcare, out-of-school activities and early years' provision for children to strengthen and contribute to children's play and learning providing a good foundation for their future. Activities planned for the week include a national children's art competition.

Further information is available at:

<http://www.daycaretrust.org.uk/news.php?id=32>

## **Infrastructure over the next decade (and the state we are in)**

**Location & Date: Manchester 30 June 2010, 12:00-15:00**

**London 09 September 2010**

**Liverpool 12 October 2010**

**Birmingham 28 October 2010**

**Sheffield 23 November 2010**

**Durham 01 December 2010**

**Time: 09:30 - 14:30**

**Price: £15.00**

**Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary  
Organisations (ACEVO) Member Price £10.00**

Income Generation and Leadership and Governance workstream's, funded by Capacitybuilders are proud to announce the first session of their joint Special Interest Strategic group that will offer infrastructure leaders the opportunity to lead the debate about the future of sector and help them make the bold choices that are need to secure a future for infrastructure.

<http://www.acevo.org.uk/Page.aspx?pid=1801>

## **grants and tenders**

### **Funding for Community Wildlife Projects**

The Big Lottery has teamed up with the BBC's Wildlife Go Wild campaign to offer communities the opportunity to bid for funding for community wildlife projects.

Community Wildlife will fund projects that bring local people together to discover, enjoy or protect the wildlife in their local area. The programme will fund between £300 and £10,000 for projects that:

Improve rural or urban environments for people to enjoy, for example by:

- protecting wildlife habitats
- creating a nature trail, woodland walk or wildlife garden for people to enjoy
- Improving natural community spaces, such as rivers, ponds and woodlands.

get people more active and healthier, for example by:

- exploring parks, rivers and the countryside to look for rare or endangered species
- encouraging people to take up gardening or go on nature walks
- Providing opportunities for children to learn about nature through play.

For more information on how to access the funding, go to the [Big Lottery website](#).

### **New charity fundraising website**

See the Difference, the charity video-sharing website with a fundraising target of nearly £500m in its first five years, has gone live.

The site shows videos of charity projects in the UK and abroad and promises that donors can see the difference their gifts make through feedback from charities on how projects are progressing.

The Children's Society and Macmillan Cancer Support are among the charities with videos on the site.

<http://www.seethedifference.org/about-us>

### **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>

### **news**

- **local**

#### **Incorporation in sight for The Alliance**

The Alliance has moved one step closer to incorporation, having successfully registered at Companies House. An application to register as a charity has also been submitted to the Charity Commission. On successful completion of the registration process The Alliance will become a charitable company limited by guarantee.

Membership of The 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; and which is registered as a charity or is an excepted charity or is recognised (by Hampshire County Council OR by The Alliance) as a voluntary children's or youth organisation. Organisations working solely within Southampton and Portsmouth will not be eligible. Membership is open only to organisations, not individuals.

Further details and a membership application form available at:

<http://www.hants-alliance.org.uk/news/176>

### Street Reach

Street Reach are now located at Bradbury House in Durngate Place (Trinity building), Winchester. Their new office telephone number is 01962 828621. With a variety of new facilities on offer at Bradbury House this is the beginning a new chapter for Street Reach.

### CAMHS

The latest edition of the CAMHS Commissioning Partnership Business Bulletin is now available at:

[http://www3.hants.gov.uk/hants\\_camhs\\_business\\_bulletin\\_june\\_2010.pdf](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/hants_camhs_business_bulletin_june_2010.pdf)



### BE FEARLESS ABOUT FIGHTING CRIME

Young people are at risk of being victims of crime and can be drawn into criminal or anti-social activity by their peers. [www.Fearless.org](http://www.Fearless.org) is a new website which provides a wide range of information about all types of crime, the law and links to other sites to help young people by offering non judgemental advice to make responsible decisions. It also provides the opportunity for passing on information about crime anonymously, protected by a sophisticated encryption system.

Fearless has been produced by the youth department of the Crimestoppers charity, which has been protecting the identity of those who use their services for over twenty two years. Currently anonymous information sanitized and passed to the police results in twenty one arrests every day with the name of a murderer being passed on every eight days. In Hampshire and the IOW every five pieces of information leads to two crimes being cleared up and every seven reports leads to one arrest. Last year nearly nine hundred cases

were solved and 316 people were arrested by Hampshire Constabulary – thanks to Crimestoppers.

Crimestoppers and The Alliance would like to encourage youth organisations to visit the site and comment on it. The most interesting and valuable ideas submitted will win £250 for the organisation which sends them. The deadline for comment is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July and the winner will be notified by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. All comments should be sent to [simon.theobalds@crimestoppers-uk.org](mailto:simon.theobalds@crimestoppers-uk.org)

- **national**

### **Vetting and Barring Scheme - registration halted**

Voluntary registration with the VBS for new employees and job-movers working or volunteering with children and vulnerable adults was due to start on 26 July. This registration has now been stopped.

The Government has announced its intention to remodel the Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS) back to proportionate, commonsense levels. More details at:

[http://www.crb.homeoffice.gov.uk/media/press\\_releases/vetting\\_and\\_barring\\_scheme\\_reg.aspx](http://www.crb.homeoffice.gov.uk/media/press_releases/vetting_and_barring_scheme_reg.aspx)

### **Children's services to decide which services to cut**

Children's services leaders have been left to agonise over where the axe should fall after the Department for Education (DfE) confirmed councils must decide how to distribute the £311m cuts to the overall area-based grant.

Further details at <http://www.cypnow.co.uk/bulletins/Daily-Bulletin/news/1009790/?DCMP=EMC-DailyBulletin>

### **Young Person's Guarantee**

The guarantee, which was first announced in last year's Budget, promises a job or training to every 18-24 year-old who has been out of work for six months or more. It was due to be extended into 2011/12 at a cost of £450m. But Chief Secretary to the Treasury Danny Alexander said this extension will no longer go ahead.

<http://www.cypnow.co.uk/bulletins/Daily-Bulletin/news/1010708/?DCMP=EMC-DailyBulletin>

### **Future Jobs Fund**

The Future Jobs Fund, an employment programme for young people, is to end in March next year, although the government has committed to honour the grants for the 60,000 work placements already funded.

<http://campaigns.dwp.gov.uk/campaigns/futurejobsfund/index.asp>

### **Policy paper sets out key areas of policy**

In a policy paper sent to Education Secretary Michael Gove, the Association of Directors of Children's Services Ltd (ADCS) sets out priorities and key areas of policy and practice. The paper includes references to the ability of communities to address and find solutions to problems and highlights the importance of support for families within communities with reference to the growth of integrated working achieved through Children's Trusts.

<http://www.adcs.org.uk/download/position-statements/june-10/key-policy-priorities-for-ADCS-and-new-government.pdf>

### **Award for work with children and families**

Barnardo's has partnered with the Marsh Christian Trust to launch a new initiative called the Marsh Trust Award. The award aims to recognise the outstanding achievements of individuals or groups who work with children and families. The deadline for submitted nominations is 31 July.

Further information is available at:

[http://www.barnardos.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/marsh\\_trust\\_award.htm](http://www.barnardos.org.uk/news_and_events/marsh_trust_award.htm)

### **Child poverty**

The Improvement and Development Agency has published guidance on child poverty. The guidance is on the new duty for local authorities to conduct worklessness assessments as part of local economic assessment duties to reduce child poverty, outlined in the Child Poverty Bill.

Further information is available at: <http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/aio/19229298>

## **resources**

- **film**

### **Young carers**

School can be a challenge for Britain's young carers. Domestic duties may leave them exhausted and unable to keep up. Problems with teachers or other pupils can add to the pressure of home. In some cases, things get so bad that they drop out of education altogether. In 2007, government guidance recommended that schools develop a policy on young carers and designate a member of staff to look after their needs, but weaknesses persist.

To raise awareness of these problems the Young Carers Revolution, a movement set up by York Carers Centre have made a short film about their experiences. The hope is that the film will help teachers understand the daily stresses for young carers and identify "hidden" young carers.

The film was funded through Mediabox by the then Department for Children, Schools and Families, and made by Inspired Youth. It is planned to roll out the film nationally through young carers' networks.

Further information is available at:  
<http://youngcarersrevolution.blogspot.com/>

- **publications**

**The Coalition: our programme for government**

Section 14 of the programme sets out the priorities for Families and Children  
[http://www.direct.gov.uk/prod\\_consum\\_dg/groups/dg\\_digitalassets/@dg/@en/documents/digitalasset/dg\\_187876.pdf](http://www.direct.gov.uk/prod_consum_dg/groups/dg_digitalassets/@dg/@en/documents/digitalasset/dg_187876.pdf)

**Community Action Hampshire** has published a briefing on the key measures in the Coalition programme likely to be of interest to the not-for-profit sector and communities.

[http://www.action.hants.org.uk/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Document\\_Library/BriefingPaperNo67.pdf](http://www.action.hants.org.uk/fileadmin/user_upload/Document_Library/BriefingPaperNo67.pdf)

**HM Treasury - Total place: a whole area approach to public services**

Total Place is based on a simple concept: add up all the public spending in a locality, identify the duplications, and then get rid of them.

Pilot schemes have been run by 13 local authorities to try to gauge what savings might be made from taking a "whole area" approach to specific problems or services. It has been claimed that the programme could save up to £20bn in the next 10 years.

[http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/d/total\\_place\\_report.pdf](http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/d/total_place_report.pdf)

**Career information sheets**

National Council for Voluntary Youth Services (NCVYS) has produced seven career information sheets (PDFs) for individuals interested in paid or voluntary work connected to working with young people in the voluntary and community youth sector. Each information sheet covers areas such as what it is like to be in the role, the work, routes in, qualifications and training. The seven are:

- Young People's Housing Support Worker
- Youth Worker
- Youth Volunteer Co-ordinator
- Youth Health Worker
- Youth Participation Worker
- Youth Sports Worker
- Youth Advice Worker

They can be downloaded from the web page  
<http://www.ncvys.org.uk/index.php?alias=carinfoshe>

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

### **Cutting the Children's Plan: A £5 billion experiment gone astray**

This Centre for Policy Studies report provides background to some facts and figures around key areas of service including Sure Start, children's play and extended schools

[http://www.cps.org.uk/cps\\_catalog/Cutting%20the%20Children.pdf](http://www.cps.org.uk/cps_catalog/Cutting%20the%20Children.pdf)

### **Grandparents**

Grandparents Plus, the Beth Johnson Foundation and the Institute of Gerontology at King's College London have published a report which finds that the UK is lagging behind the rest of Europe in bringing in laws to recognise grandparents' increasing role as childcarers. The report, *Grandparenting in Europe*, finds that unlike other European countries, the UK does not have a system of transferring parental leave to grandparents. The report calls on the UK government to allow parents to transfer leave and to provide financial support to grandparents who provide care, especially those who support teenage parents.

Further information is available at:

<http://grandparentsplus.org.uk/reports.php>

### **'v' evaluation**

The National Centre for Social Research has published an evaluation of v, The National Young Volunteers' Service. The report gives an overview of the key successes and challenges highlighted by the evaluation so far and draws out the implications of the research for v and its stakeholders.

Further information is available at:

[http://vinspired.com/uploads/admin\\_assets/datas/485/original/v\\_Interim\\_Formative\\_Evaluation\\_Report.pdf](http://vinspired.com/uploads/admin_assets/datas/485/original/v_Interim_Formative_Evaluation_Report.pdf)

### **Young offenders**

Young offenders leaving custody are not receiving enough support to establish themselves back into society, a report by Ofsted has found. The report finds that children and young people leaving secure units are unprepared for life in the outside world and often struggle to reintegrate into their communities. The education watchdog criticised the "weak relationships" between young offenders' institutions and local authorities, saying young people are often left feeling "unsettled" and "unwanted" by the lack of a clear plan for their release.

Further information is available at: <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/News/Press-and-media/2010/May/Young-people-leaving-the-justice-system-unprepared-for-outside-world>

- **websites**

**Information on the law for children & young people**

The Children's Legal Centre has launched 'Lawstuff', a new website with information on the law as it affects children and young people.

Further information is available at: <http://www.lawstuff.org.uk/>

**Office space**

MyCommunitySpace is a place for community and voluntary sector organisations to find or advertise premises for hire. The website also includes advice and resources on all aspects of finding and managing premises.

Further information is available at: <http://www.mycommunityspace.org.uk/>

**safeguarding**



Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB) is a statutory body which is responsible for co-ordinating and ensuring the effectiveness of local work to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

The Voluntary Sector is represented on the Board, and the sector's representative also chairs the HSCB Workforce Development sub group.

For further information visit the HSCB website at

<http://www.4lscb.org.uk/hampshire/>

**HSCB Model Safeguarding Policy, Procedure & Guidance for Private, Independent, Voluntary, Community and Faith Organisations**

This policy, procedure & guidance is approved by the member agencies of Hampshire Local Safeguarding Children Board. It is designed to complement and provide a context for the more detailed Child Protection Procedures and does not replace them.

<http://www.4lscb.org.uk/documents/Hampshire%20Docs/Model%20procedure.doc>

**Working Together to Safeguard Children:  
A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard  
and promote the welfare of children (March 2010)**

This sets out how organisations and individuals should work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in accordance with the Children Act 1989 and the Children Act 2004. Part 1 of

the document is issued as statutory guidance. Part 2 of the document is issued as non-statutory practice guidance. For more details or to download a copy:

<http://publications.dcsf.gov.uk/default.aspx?PageFunction=productdetails&PageMode=publications&ProductId=DCSF-00305-2010>

### **Children England Why Sheets**

These factsheets include the following topics:

- Vetting and Barring Scheme – Fact sheet 4
- Safeguarding – Fact sheet 8
- Children’s Trusts – Fact sheet 9

<http://www.childrenengland.org.uk/whysheets/428>

### **The Vetting and Barring Scheme Guidance**

The new guidance contains details on:

- The scope of the Scheme
- Barring arrangements
- Responsibilities and duties for both employers and volunteer organisers, and the duties for those individuals you take on
- Timescales for the phased implementation of the Scheme
- Explanation of transitional arrangements around Scheme introduction.

The document can be viewed/downloaded at:

[http://www.isa.homeoffice.gov.uk/pdf/VBS\\_guidance\\_ed1\\_2010.pdf](http://www.isa.homeoffice.gov.uk/pdf/VBS_guidance_ed1_2010.pdf)

### **Safe Network**

Managed by NSPCC and Children England, the Safe Network has produced a number of on-line resources for the Vetting and Barring regulations to help groups working with children and vulnerable adults.

[http://www.safenetwork.org.uk/help\\_and\\_advice/employing\\_the\\_right\\_people/Pages/Vetting\\_and\\_Barring\\_scheme.aspx](http://www.safenetwork.org.uk/help_and_advice/employing_the_right_people/Pages/Vetting_and_Barring_scheme.aspx)

### **Safety and wellbeing of children**

Safe Network has launched *Keeping our children safe* to promote the safety and wellbeing of children in black and minority ethnic (BME) groups.

Further information is available at:

[http://www.safenetwork.org.uk/RESOURCES/Pages/bme\\_communities\\_cd\\_rom.aspx](http://www.safenetwork.org.uk/RESOURCES/Pages/bme_communities_cd_rom.aspx)



### **Safer recruitment**

The Children’s Workforce Development Council (CWDC) has developed an e-learning tool and comprehensive safer recruitment guidance for the children and young people’s workforce. Alongside this training they are hosting online

training that was developed by the National College (formerly NCSL) for the education sector.

The safer recruitment materials consist of modules and information which identifies what abuse is, what recruitment processes should be followed, information on the Vetting and Barring Scheme and the role of the Criminal Records Bureau and the Independent Safeguard Authority and how to manage allegations.

More details about the training and support materials, and access to them, can be found at: [www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/safeguarding/safer-recruitment](http://www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/safeguarding/safer-recruitment)

### **Safeguarding toolkit**

The NSPCC has published a toolkit to help ensure that all children and young people engaged in Sport Unlimited activities are effectively safeguarded. The toolkit provides background information on safeguarding and introduces the mandatory safeguarding standards, in addition to examples of child protection policies, procedures and good practice guidance. The toolkit is continually updated to respond to the needs of users, who are encouraged to submit examples of best practice. Further information is available at: [http://www.nspcc.org.uk/inform/cpsu/nss/sport\\_unlimited/sport\\_unlimited\\_wda74033.html](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/inform/cpsu/nss/sport_unlimited/sport_unlimited_wda74033.html)

## **training/workforce development**

### **Young People's Workforce Leadership and Management Development Programmes: Management Development Programme For front line managers**

The Management Development Programme for front-line youth service managers, funded by the Young People's Workforce Reform Programme (managed by CWDC and delivered by FPM) is still available this financial year and is fully funded.

To find out more go to <http://www.fpmonline.co.uk/getdoc/b1146d5e-41b3-499e-a973-14eba11cb61e/MDP-Brochure-2010.aspx> or call Sarrah Ahmed on 0116 2495000.



### **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.

The Children's Services Department courses available free of charge to the voluntary sector are detailed on The Alliance website, together with a booking form  
<http://www.hants-alliance.org.uk/training>



### **HSCB Training**

The HSCB co-ordinate a range of interagency training opportunities including seminars, workshops, conferences, training packages and its well-regarded interagency training programme. A copy of the HSCB Inter-Agency Safeguarding Training Calendar for 2010-11 can be viewed/downloaded at  
<http://www.hants-alliance.org.uk/userfiles/file/Hampshire%20Safeguarding%20Children%20Board/HSCB%20Training%20Calender%202010-2011.doc>

Free places for the voluntary sector are provided at each training event and course.

There are now two ways to nominate for a course in the HSCB Training Calendar 2010-11.

- Via the on line booking system <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/learningzone>

OR

- By completing the nomination form <http://www.hants-alliance.org.uk/userfiles/file/Hampshire%20Safeguarding%20Children%20Board/Course%20Nomination%20Form.doc>

(Please return the nomination form to:  
 Jeanette Barber, Children's Services  
 Workforce Development Team  
 Northfields House, Humphrey Farms  
 Twyford, Winchester, S021 1QA  
 Fax: 01962 713546)

## **volunteering opportunities**



### **Children's and young people's voluntary sector representation on Local Children's Partnerships**

Local Children's Partnerships (LCPs) will support Hampshire Children's Trust in delivering against the priorities set out in the Children and Young People's Plan and will be responsible for the implementation of action plans in their areas.

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)

### **Representatives Vacancies X 2**

#### **Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB)**

#### **Multi Agency Safeguarding Forum (MASF) Western, and South East**

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

## Hampshire Voluntary Sector Children and Young People's Alliance Membership Outline

### Membership (Definition)

Full membership of The Alliance shall be 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 and which is:

- registered as a charity or is an excepted charity or is recognised (*by Hampshire County Council OR by The Alliance*) as a voluntary children's or youth organisation, and

In respect of local branches of national, regional and/or umbrella organisations, the body or branch eligible for full membership *shall be the body or branch recognised by that national, regional or umbrella organisation as constituting the highest level of management within the county of Hampshire*. Organisations which work wholly within the cities of Portsmouth and Southampton are not eligible for membership.

The Alliance has determined six categories of organisational membership which are explained below. This will enable organisations to decide themselves which **one** category of membership is most appropriate.

*Each member organisation must name an individual officer or post/job title of the person who will represent the member organisation and exercise its voting rights, along with a deputy to stand in when necessary. Attendance at meetings and voting rights will only be able to be exercised by the named individual.*

<b>Membership category</b>	<b>Includes:-</b>
Early years (0-5 years)	organisations <b>whose main purpose</b> is the provision of services to children from 0 – 5 years, and their families.
Care Providers	Organisations <b>whose main purpose</b> is to provide health & social care services; or who provide services for children and young people aged 5 -19 years who are carers.

Counselling/employment/ accommodation	Organisations <b><i>whose main purpose</i></b> is to provide counselling and advice services to children and young people from 5 – 19 years, and/or to provide training for those engaged in counselling and advice services for children and young people. Organisations <b><i>whose main purpose</i></b> is to provide employment, education and training guidance and support to young people aged 16-24. Organisations <b><i>whose main purpose</i></b> is to provide housing and/or housing advice to young people aged up to 19 years.
Disabled Children & Young People (0-26)	Organisations <b><i>whose main purpose</i></b> is the provision of services to children and young people with disabilities from 0 – 26 years, and their families
Representative & umbrella organisations	Organisations <b><i>whose purpose includes</i></b> providing representation and/or support at a strategic level for other organisations working with children and young people.
Children & Youth Services (5-19)	Organisations <b><i>whose main purpose</i></b> is to provide positive activities for children and young people aged 5 – 19.

The decision of The Alliance Board in all matters of determining membership and any membership fees shall be final and without appeal.



## **Hampshire Voluntary Sector Children and Young People's Alliance (The Alliance)**

### **Benefits of membership of an incorporated Alliance**

#### **Some history**

The Alliance was formed in 2006 to be a self-help network, enabling voluntary & community sector (VCS) organisations working in the same field to discuss issues of mutual interest with an aim to finding their own solutions.

The objectives ('objects') of The Alliance are:-

- To promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of children and young people and their families within the area of Hampshire County Council (hereinafter called the area of benefit) and in particular to ensure their safety, the advancement of their education, the protection of their health and well-being, and the provision of positive activities and of opportunities for them to make a positive contribution to their communities.
- To develop the capacity and skills of voluntary and community organisations in such a way that they are better able to improve outcomes for children and young people and their families
- To promote and organise co-operation in the achievement of the above purposes and to that end to bring together representatives of voluntary and community organisations and statutory authorities engaged in the furtherance of the above purposes within the area of benefit.

At its inception The Alliance had a number of aims. These are listed in Table form in the appendix, together with evidence of how each aim has been achieved.

#### **What we provide now**

An incorporated Alliance will continue to provide a range of practical support services directly to Hampshire's Children & Young People's Voluntary Sector, keeping the sector informed on matters of policy and practice, and building capacity to enable it to deliver effective services for children and young people.

Resources available to members include:

- a high quality information service which includes e-mail news bulletins and policy briefings

- free or subsidised training
- consultation events, e.g. on planned changes to the way services are delivered
- briefing events

Representing the views articulated by Hampshire's Children & Young People's Voluntary Sector is perhaps the most important role of The Alliance. The Alliance carries out this role through regular dialogue with Hampshire County Council Children's Services and by means of a network of representatives on Hampshire Children's Trust Board and its themed partnerships.

However being unincorporated has its drawbacks. We cannot hold our own bank account, our grant has to be held by another organisation, we cannot employ staff directly and we cannot bid for local authority contracts for children's services.

### **What an incorporated Alliance can do in the Future**

The main drivers for being incorporated are:

- we will be able to apply for grants and contracts in our own name and hold those funds ourselves
- we will be able to employ staff ourselves
- we will be able to lease facilities
- we will be able to bid for contracts for services to children

Depending on the level of membership growth, the availability of appropriate finance/funding and the sharing of member resources, it may be possible to give consideration to developing new services to meet the evolving needs of members. These could include:

- mentoring & consultancy (for example, in the implementation and maintenance of quality assurance systems)
- access to lower cost insurance
- access to lower cost legal, personnel, employment law, health & safety and IT support services

**We hope that this key milestone in the development of the Alliance will enable us to build on the foundations we have laid so far, and that all voluntary organisations working with children and young people in Hampshire will support us to make this happen.**

## Appendix

### Aims and achievements

<b>Aims</b>	<b>Evidence of achievement</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing and supporting links between voluntary organisations</li> <li>• Providing networking opportunities to encourage partnership working and the sharing of resources and expertise.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alliance disabled children's sub group brings together voluntary organisations working with disabled children, young people and their families, and provides structured engagement with Aiming High for Disabled Children</li> <li>• Information &amp; training events</li> <li>• Facilitated early formation of VCS tendering consortium</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representing the voluntary sector in strategic and multi-agency partnerships.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Alliance has representatives on:-           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hampshire Children's Trust Board</li> <li>▪ Children's Centre Board</li> <li>▪ County Parenting Strategy County Group</li> <li>▪ Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board Local Multi-agency Safeguarding Forums</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing input to joint commissioning and procurement, strategic planning and the development of services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dialogue with Children's Services Commissioners</li> <li>• Alliance Representatives on key Children's Trust partnerships</li> <li>• VCS consultation events</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing access to training and encouraging shared learning across sectors.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An extensive programme of free training provided by the Alliance between 2007-10</li> <li>• Free places available for the</li> </ul>

	VCS on training courses provided by Hampshire Children's Trust partners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disseminating information and good practice advice.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of the Alliance website to provide a portal to a range of information on policy and practice.</li> <li>Regular ebulletins and updates direct to subscribers' email inbox</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Linking with other relevant bodies at local, regional or national level.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alliance representatives on Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board Local Multi-agency Safeguarding Forums</li> <li>Collaborative working with VCS Engage/SAFE Network</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promoting equality of opportunity and celebrating diversity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using the Equality &amp; Diversity Toolkit for the Voluntary and Community Sector in Hampshire, the Alliance is working to make its services available to people and groups from all communities across the county</li> </ul>



## Hampshire Voluntary Sector Children & Young People's Alliance

*(The Alliance)*

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2010-11

**The Alliance** has applied to become a charitable company, limited by guarantee, providing specialist support to the children and young people's voluntary sector in the Hampshire County Council area.

The objectives ('objects') of the alliance are:

- 1) To promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of children and young people and their families within the area of Hampshire County Council (hereinafter called the area of benefit) and in particular to ensure their safety, the advancement of their education, the protection of their health and well-being, and the provision of positive activities and of opportunities for them to make a positive contribution to their communities.
- 2) To develop the capacity and skills of voluntary and community organisations in such a way that they are better able to improve outcomes for children and young people and their families
- 3) To promote and organise cooperation in the achievement of the above purposes and to that end to bring together representatives of voluntary and community organisations and statutory authorities engaged in the furtherance of the above purposes within the area of benefit.

#### **Membership eligibility**

This is explained in the **Membership Outline** document issued with this application form.

#### **Liability of members**

As a charitable company limited by guarantee:-

- (1) The liability of the members is limited.
- (2) Every member organisation of the charity promises, if the charity is dissolved while it is a member or within twelve months after it ceases to be a member, to contribute such sum (not exceeding £10) as may be

demanding of it towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the charity incurred before it ceases to be a member, and of the costs charges and expenses of winding up, and the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

### **Membership categories**

The categories of membership are explained in the **Membership Outline** document issued with this application form.

### **Membership fees**

Initially membership of The Alliance will be **free**. The Memorandum and Articles of Association provides for the Board to re-visit the issue of fees which will, of course, involve full consultation and input from members.

Hampshire Voluntary Sector  
Children & Young People's Alliance

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2010-11

Name of organisation [Please print]			
Membership category – please refer to ‘Membership Outline’ document [Please place X in <u>one</u> appropriate box]			
Early Years (0-5 years)		Care Providers	
Counselling/employment/ accommodation		Disabled Children & Young People	
Representative & umbrella organisations		Children & Youth Services	
Details of nominated representative who will speak and vote on behalf of your organisation at general meetings of The Alliance [Please print]		Details of deputy representative who will speak and vote on behalf of your organisation at general meetings of The Alliance [Please print]	
Name		Name	
Post Title		Post Title	
Contact address		Contact address	
Post Code		Post Code	
Contact telephone number		Contact telephone number	
Email		Email	
Signature		Signature	

Please return\* your completed membership form to **The Alliance**, C/O CAH, Beaconsfield House, Andover Road, Winchester SO22 6AT, Fax 01962 841160 e-mail [ian.milsom@action.hants.org.uk](mailto:ian.milsom@action.hants.org.uk)

***\*Please return your completed application form prior to the first general meeting of The Alliance, which will take place on 22 September 2010***