

**the alliance**

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



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## **campaigns**

### **Palliative care**

The children's palliative care charity ACT has launched its manifesto - *Living Matters for Dying Children* - and is calling on the UK's new MPs to support seven key actions to help all children who have a health condition that is life-threatening or will shorten their life. ACT's manifesto is based around two key principles. Firstly that every life-limited child deserves a tailor made package of care and support that is right for their individual journey regardless of where they live in the UK, and secondly that families need help too. Parents and carers often provide 24/7 care for their children and the pressure of caring for a child with complex health needs can sometimes be emotionally unbearable and physically exhausting.

Further information is available at:

<http://www.act.org.uk/page.asp?section=364&sectionTitle=Working+with+a+new+government>

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

### **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**

## **Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF)**

### **Department renamed**

The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) has been renamed the **Department for Education**, responsible for education and children's services. Michael Gove (Conservative) has been appointed as Secretary of State for Education, Tim Loughton (Conservative) as parliamentary under-secretary of state for children and families and Sarah Teather (Liberal Democrat) as minister of state for children and families. Elsewhere in the Department for Education, Nick Gibb has been appointed as schools minister. <http://www.education.gov.uk/>

## **events**

### **Find out about Funding for Training**

**Date: Thursday, 1 July 10am - 12.30pm, followed by lunch**

**Venue: Community Action Hampshire, Winchester**

**Cost: Free**

Looking for Funding for Training? If so this FREE event is for you!

Come and hear more about The Leadership and Management Grant Programme from Train to Gain, which offers up to £1,000 for organisations with between 5 and 250 full time or equivalent employees, funding and services available through Train to Gain and a £500 training bursary and free Training Needs Analysis Service from Community Action Hampshire.

Book online at

<http://www.action.hants.org.uk/index.php?id=185#c240>

### **The Alliance General Meeting**

**Date: Wednesday (evening, times to be confirmed) 22 September 2010**

**Venue: Wide Lane Sports Pavilion, Wide Lane, Eastleigh**

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

## **grants and tenders**

### **Tesco Charitable Trust Community Awards Scheme**

Provides one-off donations of between £500 and £4,000. The funding they give goes towards providing practical benefits, such as equipment and resources for projects that directly benefit children, the elderly and adults and children with disabilities, living in the local communities around their stores in the UK.

**Children's awards closes 30 June 2010**

[http://www.tescocorporate.com/plc/corporate\\_responsibility\\_09/community/making\\_difference/charitablegiving/tesco\\_charity\\_trust/cagapr09.pdf](http://www.tescocorporate.com/plc/corporate_responsibility_09/community/making_difference/charitablegiving/tesco_charity_trust/cagapr09.pdf)

### **Wakeham Trust Small Grants**

Hampshire based trust with grants to help people rebuild their communities, neighbourhoods, community arts projects, projects set up by those who are socially excluded or involving community service by young people.

<http://www.wakehamtrust.org>

### **Basingstoke only**

#### **GAME GROUP UK Grants**

This is a small grant scheme (£250) funded by GAME GROUP UK and run locally by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation.

Eligible groups will be not-for-profit voluntary and community groups working in the Basingstoke and Deane area with a focus on improving employment prospects and community involvement for young people including Sports; Arts; Educational Projects and Skills Development. Applications must be to benefit children and young people pre-school to 20 years. Groups can apply for a grant for £250 and schools can apply for non statutory projects or equipment.

<http://www.hantscf.org.uk/default.aspx?id=155>

### **Big Lottery Fund**

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) has introduced a series of improvements to the ***Reaching Communities programme*** for England, designed to make it easier for groups to apply. Grants will be awarded for projects that: offer people better chances in life; build strong communities; develop improved rural and urban environments; and create healthier and more active people and communities. The improvements are intended to make the application process simpler, increase the success rates of applications and provide more support throughout the process.

[http://www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_reaching\\_communities](http://www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities)

### **Kids Fund**

The Kids Fund is part of the Field Studies Council (FSC) which is a registered charity aiming to 'Bring Environmental Understanding to All'.

The Kids Fund aims to bring environmental understanding to disadvantaged young people by attending a course at an FSC centre, and help disadvantaged young people to attend a course who may otherwise be excluded due to some form of disadvantage - health, mobility, deprivation or financial.

[http://www.field-studies-council.org/supporters/kidsfund\\_application.aspx](http://www.field-studies-council.org/supporters/kidsfund_application.aspx)

### **Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust**

The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust awards grants to charitable organisations in the United Kingdom and overseas. Funding Priorities for 2010 are: children, youth, the elderly and medical. Grants are usually between £1,000 and £10,000, with the majority being £5,000 or less.

#### **Application deadlines 1 November**

[www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk](http://www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk)

### **Bodfach Trust**

Makes grants to charities involved in five areas: affordable housing, care for the elderly, helping young people, preservation of old buildings, and supporting green spaces and public parks. **Application deadlines 30 June or 31 October.**

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

### **Youth Music**

The Youth Music's Open Programme is now open. Grants of £5,000 to £30,000 are available to any not-for-profit organisation over a year old, committed to music-making activities (out of school hours) for children and young people up to 18 (or up to 25 if they have special educational needs, disabilities or are in detention). **Application deadlines are 10 Sept, 10 Dec 2010 & 10 March 2011**

[www.youthmusic.org.uk](http://www.youthmusic.org.uk)

### **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>

### **Purchasing power**

Seven County Councils known as SE7 are joining together in the South East in a bid to get cheaper deals by acting as a Consortium hoping that by combining its purchasing power the authorities will be able to save money through bulk buying and hiring services. The group includes Brighton and Hove, East Sussex, Hampshire, Kent, Medway, Surrey and West Sussex and they are looking at highways construction and maintenance, special education facilities, waste management and information technology. The combined

annual budget of the seven councils amounts to some £3.4 billion, serving around 5.3 million people.

## **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>



### **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)

## **YOUTH OPTIONS & DREAMWALL WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP**



Dreamwall and Youth Options are delighted to announce that they have started working together in partnership. This is with a view to potentially affecting a full merger by the end of the year. This exciting development will allow the two organisations to draw upon each others' skills, expertise and networks to deliver an even better service to the young people of Hampshire and surrounding areas. The combined organisation will now be able to provide a fuller offering across all tiers of need. Both organisations, their management teams and their boards are committed to continuing to provide all the outstanding services with which all you stakeholders are familiar.

The Dreamwall board has been examining options to extend the reach of its services for some time. The scale, service offering and similar culture of Youth Options provides the ideal partner. This compatibility, coupled with the departure of Brett Rennolds to take up new challenges in the third sector, has led to this announcement. Brett has done an outstanding job in championing the cause of Looked After Children since founding Dreamwall in 2003 and will remain closely involved in a non-executive capacity. Mark Dixon, CEO of Youth Options will provide the strategic management support to the

Dreamwall staff team, with Ian Gosling remaining as Dreamwall Operations Director.

Set out below is some further confirmatory details of activities over the coming months:

- Debbie Burns, (Youth Options Deputy CEO) and Ian Gosling (Operational Director Dreamwall) will provide day-to-day management of Dreamwall and be the points of contact for all issues that will include: operational, communications with funders, commissioners and professionals.
- Ian will continue to provide the management of the dedicated staff team and ensure Dreamwall continues to meet the expectations of funders and young people.
- Rachel Benjamin will remain the point of contact for all communications, in and out, of the Dreamwall pertaining to logistics and participants for all funders, commissioners and professionals.
- Colin Wyatt will remain the point of contact for finance in relation to Dreamwall for funders, commissioners and professionals
- Youth Options will provide additional safeguarding and risk management support to the existing Dreamwall team
- The trustees of both organisations remain in place and will work closely, carrying out necessary due diligence, to affect a full merger as soon as is practicable
- Please feel free to contact any of the Dreamwall or Youth Options team if you would like to discuss this further.

**MARK DIXON**  
**YOUTH OPTIONS**

**BRETT RENNOLDS**  
**DREAMWALL**

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### **Workforce development almanac**

Children England, with support from the Children's Workforce Development Council, is collating an 'ultimate almanac' on workforce development publications and resources. When complete, this will be available to inform organisations in the children's voluntary sector about the wealth of resources currently available on workforce development. If you would like to suggest any resources or publications which you feel could be beneficial to the sector, please contact Audie Muller: [audie@childrenengland.org.uk](mailto:audie@childrenengland.org.uk)

## **resources**

- **publications**

### **Supporting Young Carers**

The Princess Royal Trust for Carers and The Children's Society has launched a resource pack for schools with young carers. The *Supporting Young Carers: a resource for schools* information pack will feature alongside a poster campaign in secondary schools across the UK.

<http://www.carers.org/professionals/young-carers/articles/schools-resource-pack,6282,PR.html>

### **Big Society**

Community Action Hampshire have published more information about the details of what Big Society will mean in practice, based on Office for Civil Society briefings. Click on the link below to read more and to see a video of Nick Hurd's speech to the Community Action Hampshire and SCA Institute's pre-election event in March.

<http://www.action.hants.org.uk/index.php?id=639>

### **Total Place Practitioners' Guide Launched**

The Leadership Centre for Local Government has published a guide that brings together the lessons learned from the thirteen Total Place pilots. The aim of the practitioner's guide is to provide a range of resources from which people interested in undertaking Total Place work can pick and choose.

<http://www.localleadership.gov.uk/totalplace/news/total-place-a-practitioners-guide/>

### **Domestic violence - working with child victims**

Women's Aid is updating its *Safe and Sound* resource manual that addresses all aspects of providing services for children who have experienced domestic violence, ranging from record keeping and safety planning, to group work, circle games and using art and IT. The manual also looks at disclosures of abuse, advocacy and child contact.

<http://www.womensaid.org.uk/page.asp?section=0001000100140010&sectionTitle=Childrens'+Resources>

If you would like to be involved in this project as a 'content champion', please email Fiona Dwyer [f.dwyer@womensaid.org.uk](mailto:f.dwyer@womensaid.org.uk)

National Children and Young People Officer, for more information.

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

### **Children's Trusts**

Statutory guidance on co-operation arrangements, including the Children's Trust Board and the Children and Young People's Plan

The purpose of this statutory guidance - published by the now superseded Department of Children, Schools and Families - is to set out in one place what a Children's Trust is, what it does and how, by promoting co-operation between partners, it improves the lives of local children, young people and families.

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/everychildmatters/download/?id=8153>

### **Equality Act**

The Office of the Children's Commissioner for England has published a briefing on the recently passed Equality Act 2010. The briefing explores what the new Act means and provides the Children's Commissioner's view on how the Act will impact on children and young people in relation to the age discrimination measures.

[http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/content/publications/content\\_402](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/content/publications/content_402)

### **Integrated children's services and the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) process**

The National Foundation for Educational Research has published a report on integrated children's services and the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) process. The report contains the collective findings of the 24 authorities involved in the Local Authorities Research Consortium project, which undertook local research projects in order to explore how the CAF is contributing to the effective integration between targeted and universal services. It found that although the CAF process appears to be supporting improved outcomes for children, young people and families, the evidence suggests that more needs to be done to embed the CAF as a tool to support early intervention and prevention, nationally and locally.

<http://www.nfer.ac.uk/nfer/publications/LAQ01/LAQ01.pdf>

### **Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)**

The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) has published statistics on the effectiveness of child and adolescent mental health (CAMHS) services. These concern NI (National Indicator) 51, which measures key aspects of service provision that should be in place locally to effectively meet the needs of children and young people with mental health problems.

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/STR/d000932/OSR13-2010-NI51.pdf>

- **websites**

### **Cash Counts**

A new online service from Contact a Family dedicated to ensuring families with disabled children are receiving the benefits they are entitled to

<http://www.cafamily.org.uk/cashcounts>

### **safeguarding**

#### **Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board**

#### **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)



### **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**

### **Training bursary**

Community Action Hampshire (CAH) is offering a bursary of up to £500 to voluntary and community organisations and social enterprises for any training.

Evidence of the need for the training must be provided through either an Organisational Training Needs Analysis (a service CAH offer FREE) or the minutes of a meeting at which the needs were discussed.

The bursary is offered on a first-come-first-served basis, so be sure not to miss out! The training must be completed by 30th September 2010. For more information telephone 01962 857381 or e-mail [learn@celdlearning.co.uk](mailto:learn@celdlearning.co.uk)

**See also above under 'Find out about Funding for Training'**



### **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>



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/>

### **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%20Calendar%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 FULLY completed 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.

The Alliance, together with Hampshire County Council, will be providing training for LCP voluntary sector representatives.

The Alliance has now received expressions of interest for children's and young people's voluntary sector representatives for all LCPs.

However, 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