

Children's, Youth & Parenting Organisations' Network

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If you lead or help run a voluntary/community organisation in North Somerset that works with children, young people or their families, read on.....



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NEWS:

Good Neighbour Awards scheme

The annual Good Neighbour Awards scheme is for organisations and projects in the Bristol and North Somerset area that actively contribute to their local community. A total of £1,100 prize money is shared between the winning entries. The scheme is now in its 18th year and is supported and judged by leading authorities such as Bristol City Council, Avon & Somerset Constabulary, Avon Fire Brigade, Bristol Evening Post, Kiss 101 radio, and St Peter's Hospice. It is administered and sponsored by local fast-food business Miss Millie's Fried Chicken. If your group helps the community send your organisation's entry – before the closing date of **February 28, 2010**. Ken Harrison, Good Neighbour Awards 151 Clevedon Road, Tickenham, N Somerset BS21 6RG, 07801 649045 kharrison@hprmarketing.co.uk

The Children's Plan - 2 Years On

The Children's Plan built on the enormous achievements of the Every Child Matters framework and a decade of reform and investment in schools, health and children's services. Much has been achieved. In this Two Years On [document](#) the Government takes the opportunity to chart the progress that has been made so far and share their next steps. The Children's Plan Expert Groups were asked to review the progress that has been made and advise on the challenges ahead, both for Government, and for all those working with children and young people.

Youth volunteering charity v reveals details of schools scheme

Youth volunteering charity [v](#) has announced details of a new scheme that it will run for the Department for Children, Schools and Families, designed to encourage schools to set up volunteering programmes for 14 to 16-year-olds. The scheme will allow schools to make community work part of their curriculums. In the schools that choose to implement the programme, it will be compulsory for students to take part in the community work, a spokesman for v said. He said the scheme could involve pupils working for charities, but that students would also be able to set up their own community projects. The charity has appointed more than 100 new staff as school advisers. They will audit schools' existing community schemes and offer suggestions for new volunteering projects. They will start work in April, with contracts lasting until the end of March 2011. The spokesman said the scheme would be available to all state secondary schools in England. He said the scheme had not yet been given a final title, although it has been called the Student Community Action Programme in job adverts. The move follows [the announcement by Prime Minister Gordon Brown](#) in April last year that he wanted all teenagers to complete 50 hours of volunteering before the age of 19.

BBC Children in Need Small Grants Programme

BBC Children in Need funds not-for-profit organisations (including registered charities, voluntary organisations, schools, local authorities, churches, social enterprises, community interest groups, universities etc) who work with disadvantaged children and young people 18 years and under, living in the UK, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands.

- Small grants are grants of £10,000 or less per year.
- Funding can be awarded for between one and three years, depending on the nature of the request but cannot exceed £10,000 in a given year.

Disadvantages experienced by children and young people include:

- Illness
- Distress
- Abuse or neglect
- Any kind of disability
- Behavioural or psychological difficulties
- Living in poverty or situations of deprivation

Organisations can apply at any time. There are four deadlines in the year, each with a 14 week turnaround: 15 January; 15 April, 15 July and 15 October 2010. Further information and application forms are available online at www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants.

Youth Sector Development Fund 4th Round

The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) has invited voluntary and community organisations, charities, social enterprises and cooperatives, etc to bid for a share of up to £10m to raise the aspirations of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. The fourth round of the Youth Sector Development Fund (YSDF) will focus on supporting the aims of the Government's Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) Strategy published last month, by raising the aspirations of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. DCSF are particularly interested in proposals that will develop mentoring provision and enable young people from families with low aspirations to experience the professions and higher education. Partnerships with schools and colleges are acceptable but they should focus on students with low aspirations rather than a whole-year or class approach. The grants available will normally range between £200,000 and £500,000. Organisations already receiving YSDF funding and support are not eligible to apply for this funding round. Around 25 third-sector organisations are expected to benefit from the fund. Examples of past projects include:

- Young People Cornwall – a project that provide music, arts, cooking, outdoor pursuits, sports, film, photography and volunteering advice and guidance on Friday and Saturday nights.
- MaD – Make a Difference: Delivering in Milton Keynes activities carried out on Friday and Saturday nights to attract disadvantaged young people, engaged particularly from areas of anti-social behaviour, teenage drinking and drug use.
- Creative Industry in Salford (CRIS): an intensive 12 week programme of film making, radio, music, theatre and digital imaging to improve key transferable skills during weekday evenings and week-ends.

The closing date for applications is the 4th February 2010 <http://ysdf.ecotec.com/index.asp?pID=13>

Funding Central Dating Agency Launched

Funding Central, the web guide to over 4,000 grants, contracts and loan finance now enables you to search for potential organisations to collaborate with. In the [Find a Partner](#) area, you can search for organisations that are looking to work together on a project or who are looking to put in joint bids for funding opportunities and contact them directly. For further information and to sign up visit the [Funding Central website](#) <http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/>

The Hilton Foundation

Organisations that work with young people have the opportunity to apply for grants of up to £50,000 per year through the Hilton Foundation. During 2006, the Foundation made grants totalling over £1.3m to numerous organisations including registered charities and schools for activities and projects that meet one of the Foundation's three chosen areas of focus;

Young People - Education; Young People - Health; and Disaster Relief and International Fund.

Previously supported projects by the Foundation have included the Palmer Junior School, which received a grant of £2,740 to help send 11 young people on a school field trip, who could otherwise not afford it and the Red Gates School, which received a grant of £750 for specialist equipment at the school. The next closing date for applications is the **16th February 2010**.

<http://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/home.htm>

The Tesco Charity Trust Community Award Scheme

The Tesco Charity Trust Community Award Scheme supports local community projects whose core work supports the welfare of children, elderly people and people with disabilities, which are based in areas where Tesco has stores. Grants range from between £500 and £4,000. The Trust also gives one-off donations ranging between £4,000 and £25,000. This funding is targeted towards practical equipment and resources which leave a lasting legacy in the local communities where Tesco operate locally, nationally and internationally. Applicants are expected to show what other sources of funding have been sought and secured. Grants are given to non-profit making bodies such as Community

Groups, charities or Local Authority Departments which will not profit from a successful application. Organisations must be based within the United Kingdom in areas where Tesco has stores. The next deadline for Children's welfare and education (including special needs schools) is 31st January 2010. Application forms are available to download from the website. Website:

<http://www.tescopl.com> for applications over £4,000, applicants should contact: Michelina Filocco Secretary Tesco Charity Trust, Tesco House, Delamare Road, Cheshunt, Herts EN8 9SL

Funding for playground partnerships

The Kids Trust has announced that schools within the UK that wish to improve their play spaces have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Playground Partnerships Awards. The First prize is a grant of £10,000 and there are 10 runners up prizes of £250. Schools wishing to apply will initially have to register with the Award Scheme to access further information and the application pack. To be considered for an award, schools need to submit a folder of work (Design Portfolios) and completed application form . Applicants are encouraged to develop a pupil-led approach; involve the whole school; encourage input from the wider school community and include pupils with special educational needs. The closing date for applications is the **19th March 2010**.

<http://www.playgroundpartnerships.org/index.php?ID=488>

The Noel Buxton Trust

Small grants available for charities working with children in care, prisoners and their families, and young people at risk of offending. The Trust supports organisations promoting social change and improvement and has supported befriending and mentoring programmes. The Trust is a small one and rarely makes grants of more than £4,000. Applications can be made at any time. The Trust prefers to award grants to areas outside of London and south east England. [The Noel Buxton](#)

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TRAINING:

21st, & 28th Jan -Working more effectively with Young People

A 3 day training course, for anyone working with young people. Split over three-days, delegates will explore and gain further understanding of working with children and young people and how to effectively engage with clients - particularly those who display difficult and challenging behaviours. The training will take place on 14, 21 and 28 January 2010. The venue will be Fairbridge West, 22 Stokes Croft, Bristol, BS1 3PR. For further information contact Fairbridge Training (0207 902 1248 or go to www.fairbridgetraining.co.uk

2nd March 2010 - Successful Commissioning:

An introduction to developing your health tender - Bishops Hull, Taunton

This one-day training course will provide an introduction to health commissioning for third sector organisations working with children and young people. If you want to bid for tenders, are unclear about the commissioning landscape and are looking for an introduction to what commissioners want and how to put together your tender, this is the course for you. The course is free to voluntary organisations and £299.57 per delegate for statutory organisations.

Places are limited, for more information and to book online, please go to <http://hc03b.eventbrite.com> or email training@ncb.org.uk

Parentwise are offering a 'Time out from Anger' course for parents of children 4 yrs – teens. This course will help you gain understanding about the process and triggers of anger, learning new ways to help yourself and your family manage and express their frustrations of life in more positive and healthy ways. The course will run for 4 sessions starting on **Tuesday 2nd March**, 9.30 ~ 11.30am at St.Paul's Church Hall. Walliscote Road.

For further information please contact julie.lanham@lighthouse-weston.org.uk

31st March 9.30-4.30 -Building Bridges: Eyewitness Theatre Company

Safeguarding Children and Young People from the Impact of Parental Mental Health

Target Group: Managers and practitioners from statutory, voluntary and independent agencies who work with children and families and from adult mental health agencies and hospital staff. This is the first of the *Think Family* multi-agency, adult and children's services training events. There are 60 places at this event. To ensure fair representation across agencies, requesting a place does not guarantee your booking. **The deadline for initial applications is 26th February 2010** and places will be allocated and bookings confirmed ASAP after that date. To request a place please contact **Sarah Taylor** sarah.taylor@n-somerset.gov.uk or 01934 426349. There is no charge for this event and lunch and refreshments will be provided.

NB: Voluntary Action is happy to provide information on relevant training courses but is not responsible for content; please contact individual providers for full details.

TRAINING FOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES:

Are you a community pre-school group run by a Management Committee that would welcome brushing up on your skills?

If so, then you could become "Coffee break trustees".....

In six short coffee break sessions, which could be run just before or after your usual meetings, all the key areas crucial to running your group more effectively are covered.

Contact: nicci.appelqvist@vansmail.org.uk

TACKLING BULLYING IN THE COMMUNITY

FREE one-day conferences. Over recent years, the Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) has become increasingly aware of how bullying in the wider community can impact on the well-being of children and young people. To support local practitioners to get to grips with the new Safe from Bullying guidance on tackling bullying in a range of community settings, ABA is organising a series of one-day conferences in each of the nine government regions. The South West conference will be on **2 March 2010** at the Bristol Marriott. Details to follow soon

North Locality Network Lunch in the ST Barnabas Centre, West Hill, Portishead, BS20 6LN

All staff, volunteers & parents who work in the north locality supporting children & Young people are welcome to attend. Everyone is encouraged to bring some food to share. Hot & Cold drinks, fruit & biscuits provided. Pop in and join us between 12:30 – 1:30pm on Friday 29th January, Friday 26th February, Friday 26th March, 2010. For more information Tel: 01275843449/399881

lara.smart@n-somerset.gov.uk

Junior Activity Club - Wednesday's 5.30-7.00pm term time only.

An opportunity for 8 - 13 year olds to have some fun and get creative. Skilled and experienced workers from the Play Forum run this group with crafts, games and computer activities. There are also occasional outings. The group will also be supporting the youth rep to the Preanes Green Residents Association Management Committee. Contact Linda Shaw - preanesgreen@tiscali.co.uk

THE BIG NETWORK MEETING:

for all Children and Young People's Voluntary Sector networks is being held at the Canalside in Bridgwater on Thursday 4th March 2010. To secure a place please email hayley_lazarus@learning-southwest.org.uk

Survive and Thrive:

is a **free** programme of training, events and 'learning journeys' for rural community organisations and social enterprises in the South West to help you build a better business, make more money and achieve better social and environmental impacts. It is delivered by the Development Trust Association and funded by Capacity Builders. Please click on the links below to find out more about our current trips and make a booking. Please note that places are limited. For more information about the programme, visit www.thrivingenterprises.net

Proposed VANS Courses.

- Introduction for Marketing in the Voluntary Sector 26th Feb
- Managing Conflict & Aggression in the Workplace 12th March
- Fundraising (exact content to be confirmed) 26th March

If you require further information or to book a place please contact carrie.newton@vansmail.org.uk

FEEDBACK:

Help inform Play England's future plans:

As Play England approaches the final year of its original 5-year plan, it is asking for your views on the work so far and the direction future plans might take.

Play England has commissioned NCB's research and evaluation department, to consult widely on the emerging priorities.

The findings of this survey will help the development of Play England's strategic plans for 2010 - 2015, as well as contributing to the ongoing evaluation of their impact.

To complete the Play England stakeholder survey, visit: <http://www.playengland.org.uk/news>

Provision of Parenting Groups:

Do you run a Parenting Group?

The North Somerset Children's Strategy Group is collating information on existing provision in the form of a short questionnaire; please contact us for a copy: sally.buddle@vansmail.org.uk or nicci.appelqvist@vansmail.org.uk

CYP Vacancies within Voluntary Action North Somerset:

In the very near future VANS will be advertising to fill the positions of Support Worker & Development Worker within CYP.

Please keep an eye on our website for details or contact nicci.appelqvist@vansmail.org.uk

Finally, If you have articles or information that you would like to see included in future editions of our Bi-monthly e-newsletter, or would like to give us your feedback, please contact:

sally.buddle@vansmail.org.uk or nicci.appelqvist@vansmail.org.uk

Don't forget to view the Voluntary Action North Somerset website: www.vansweb.org.uk for regular updates on funding news, events and information.