

Children's, Youth & Parenting Organisations' Network

Newsletter March 2010

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:

SAFER INTERNET

The Department For Children, Schools and Families has launched an internet safety campaign 'Click Clever, Click Safe'. The campaign launch comes alongside a new survey of young people which shows that many parents still aren't talking to their children about internet safety; and yet the average 6-14 year old communicates with more than 1,100 people online in a year. For more information go to http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2010_0034

VETTING & BARRING

The Department for Children, Schools and Families has published a Vetting and Barring Myth buster to give clarification on the new Vetting and Barring Scheme.

http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/news/index.cfm?event=news.item&id=vetting_and_barring_myth_buster

Source: NCVYS

STREETWISE - A NEW GANGS AND WEAPON CRIME EDUCATION RESOURCE

Streetwise is a new crime prevention resource which aims to educate children and young people about the dangers of gun, gang and knife culture.

The resource consists of six educational manuals with simple and easy to use lesson / session plans for practitioners working with young people aged 10 - 21 years.

For more information please visit: <http://www.streetwiseinfo.co.uk>

SUPPORT FOR ALL

The Families and Relationships Green Paper was published today by the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families, the Rt. Hon. Ed Balls MP – copies are now available to download for free from <http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/publications> Further information on the Green Paper and how you can respond to the consultation can be found at <http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/supportforall> the deadline for consultation responses is 21st April 2010.

The Prince's Trust Community Cash Awards

The Prince's Trust Community Cash Awards are for young people to design and set up projects on a voluntary basis that will benefit their local community. Past awards have included funding for start up youth cafes, asylum seekers improving perceptions in the community through photographic exhibitions, community radio stations, organic gardens kept for and by young people with mental health problems, and DVD's to raise awareness of crack dealing. Find out more at:

http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/grants/community_cash_awards.aspx

Playwork level 3 qualifications – funding

The Children's Workforce Development Council has injected a further £600,000 to support NVQ 3 in Playwork and NVQ 3 in Playwork for Early Years and Childcare Workers. Employers can download a funding application form and more information at <http://www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/playwork>

Community Tree Funding

Assistance from The Tree Council for community groups throughout the UK proposing to undertake well-planned tree planting projects starting in National Tree Week, which usually takes place in November/ December each year. The Fund is particularly keen to support projects that actively involve children in the planting of the trees (through formal groups, such as cubs, guides or youth clubs; or a community team assembled for the purpose of the project). Costs of trees, labour for planting, plus supports and aids, up to 75% of costs. Costs should be at least £100, up to a maximum of £700. Evidence that applicants are able to meet 25% of the funds is needed as the grant will be limited to a maximum of 75%. The planting site must be on land to which the public has access or which is for the use of a community. Funding is for voluntary, community and charitable groups, parish and community councils and private individuals. Deadline: 31st May 2010 Tree Council, 71

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Dividend Fund to benefit Local Communities

The Community Dividend Fund uses the "odd pence" donated from Co-operative Group Dividend cardholders to fund projects that benefit local communities. Community and voluntary groups as well as charities are able to apply for funding of between £100 and £5,000 to support projects that benefit the local community. To be eligible, the project must benefit a local community in which at least one Co-operative group business trades. The type of activities supported must fulfil a perceived need in the local community by addressing community issues such as combating crime and anti-social behaviour, promoting education and improving health. Activities must also target disadvantaged groups or areas and be in line with co-operative values and principals.

Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.co-operative.coop/membership/Community-Fund/>

DIY store with waste donation scheme

Schools, charities and community groups can apply for products and waste materials through the B&Q Waste Donate Scheme. B&Q operates this Scheme through all of its stores within the UK. B&Q donates products and waste materials they haven't been able to sell for re-use such as slightly damaged tins of paint, off-cuts of timber, odd rolls of wallpaper and end-of-range materials. Donated products should benefit the local community and the environment and cannot be resold. Due to its Health and Safety scheme, electrical, petrol and gas items are not available for donation. Applications must be made directly to B&Q stores. Applications to the scheme can be made at any time.

http://www.diy.com/diy/jsp/bq/templates/content_lookup.jsp?content=/aboutbandq/social_responsibility_2007/waste_donation.jsp&menu=aboutbandq

TRAINING:

24th March 10.00am – 1.00pm – Community Leadership

Good leadership is key to making things happen!

This interactive workshop looks at the skills required to play an active role in leading community-based action. It aims to develop the leadership potential of individuals and groups working in communities, and to demonstrate how to get the most out of people from many different backgrounds. Course takes place at Flax Bourton Village Hall, Old Weston Road (just off A370/B3130), Flax Bourton, Bristol BS48 1UR. For further details and booking forms please contact; Beverley Crocker – on 01275 333701 or beverley@community-action.org.uk

Wednesday, 21st April 10.00am – 1.00pm – Making Projects Happen

It doesn't matter what the project is, careful planning makes all the difference. Included in this workshop are some useful prompts to making sure you are proposing a specific, sustainable service or development which the community has shown it demands. Work this through a sequence of stages to ensure that the job is do-able, and relates to external agencies requirements, then find some useful ideas to help with the reporting back. Bring notes for your scheme with you, and go home with some good work done! Course takes place at Winscombe Community Association, Winscombe BS25 1AS. For further details and booking forms please contact; Beverley Crocker – on 01275 333701 or beverley@community-action.org.uk

Thursday, 29th April 10.00am – 1.00pm – Figuring Out Finance

Managing money is a critical aspect of staying afloat – but does your organisation have the skills and knowledge required? This particular workshop is aimed at individuals with some financial responsibility (including Trustees) and gets to grips with some of the real issues of managing money within charitable organisations, including budgets, cash flow, and financial statements. We will also look at Charity reporting requirements (SORP) and how to approach that all important issue of fund raising. Course takes place at Congresbury Old School Rooms, Orchard House, Station Road, Congresbury, Bristol BS49 5DX. For further details and booking forms please contact; Beverley Crocker – on 01275 333701 or beverley@community-action.org.uk

Tuesday, 18th May 10.00am – 1.00pm – Community Engagement

An interactive workshop to explore some of the ideas and practicalities around community empowerment. What is community engagement and empowerment, and why are they so important now? What principles lie behind involving communities and what practical tools can be used? What are the best ways of using communication to get your organisation's message across to encourage more community involvement? What goes in to a communication plan? If these questions are of interest to you and your organisation, either as a voluntary group or statutory agency then this workshop is for you. Course takes place at Jubilee Pavilion, Long Ashton Community Association, Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton, Bristol BS41 9DR. For further details and booking forms please contact; Beverley Crocker – on 01275 333701 or beverley@community-action.org.uk

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

EVENTS:

LEAD PROFESSIONAL NETWORKS

Calling all lead professionals, we are establishing locality based networks for all practitioners who have the Lead Professional Role. Lead Professionals co-ordinate the action planning with a child/young person and their family following a Common Assessment Framework meeting. The aim of the network is to provide peer support for Lead Professionals, offer the opportunity for professional development and the moderation of practice across Lead Professionals. It can also be a place to bring your questions and your issues and to tell us what support you would find helpful.

The arrangements for the network meetings are as follows:

Weston South with Jenie Eastman
9:30-11, at the 'Healthy Living Centre'
24th February, 18th May, and 5th October

Weston East with Tim Blasdale
9:30-11, at 'The Campus'
3rd March, 19th May, and 20th October

Central with Jeannie Osmond
9:30-11, at '4Oaks', Nailsea
25th March, 11th May, and 14th September

North with Jan Harper-Shea
9:30-11, at 'St Barnabus' Portishead
2nd March, 6th May, and 16th

Full details are available on CPD online. Any questions to: Louise Lynch, 01934 426373

NORTH SOMERSET PARENT PARTICIPATION FORUM

Parents Forum Open Meeting at the Royal Hotel, Weston Super Mare

Tuesday 20th April; 9.30am – 2.30pm

Includes lunch, shopping voucher* and free parking

Free to parents and carers of children with complex additional needs and to professionals

To register contact: enquiries@nsppf.org.uk

*** shopping voucher incentive reward available to all parents & carers who attend the full day programme**

FEEDBACK:

CONSULTATION ON NEW PLAYWORK STRATEGY

SkillsActive has launched a consultation on its UK strategy for playwork education, training and qualifications and is urging the playwork sector to get involved. It follows the first playwork strategy Quality Training, Quality Play (QTQP), which is founded on the principle of Article 31 of the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child, recognising play as a right and being fundamental to children's quality of life. To complete the survey please visit:

<http://www.voscur.org/newsandconsultations#consult>

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

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