

# Young Lives E-bulletin

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## Introduction

Welcome to volume 45 of the Young Lives E-bulletin, which is a mixture of local, regional and national news and information that we hope will be useful to the voluntary and community sector working with children and young people. Please help us by providing up to date and relevant information, (in Word only please), including details of any local events, training and new services, or any news you would like to share. Information should be sent to [sheila@ylc.org.uk](mailto:sheila@ylc.org.uk).

Don't forget that you can come along to Thornes Park on 4<sup>th</sup> August and meet the staff at the Play Day Event. There is funding information, but unfortunately there is only one area in Wakefield eligible for the Big Lottery Fund money – the Warwick Estate in Knottingley. However there are 2 special offers worth reading about. There are lots of Government updates this week, some useful resources and a couple of reports to read. The e-bulletin finishes with a couple of guides and fact sheets and the usual Bits and Bobs.

During the summer months the flow of information is likely to reduce so the e-bulletin may be produced fortnightly.

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## Dates for your Diary

### Play Day

Playday is the biggest annual play celebration in the country. On Playday each year, thousands of children take part in free play celebrations across the UK. There are various events across the district.

#### Wakefield - Thornes Park, Wakefield

**Date:** Wednesday 4th August 2010

**Time:** 10am to 4pm

Young Lives will be at the PlayDay event in Thornes Park, so it would be great if you could come along and meet the staff.

#### Venue - Castleford - Queens Park

**Date:** 5th August 2010

**Time:** 10am - 4pm

## Featherstone - Purston Park Featherstone

**Date:** 4th August

**Time:** 10am to 3pm

**The next Young Lives Network Meetings are on the following dates:**

Day	Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> September	5.30 – 7.00	Micklegate Methodist Church, Pontefract Damien Hartley, Commissioner will be speaking.
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup> November	12.00 – 1.30	Arthouse, Wakefield Caroline Slater and Tracy McIntrye, Commissioners will be speaking.
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup> January	5.30 – 7.00	Thorneycroft Centre Mick Scott, Commissioner will be speaking.

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## Funding

### Man Group plc Charitable Trust

The Man Group Charitable Trust supports charitable activities that support disadvantaged groups and charities in the UK. Groups can apply for either Small Grants of up to £50,000 or Large Grants for up to £250,000. The Trust focuses on supporting disadvantaged youth, in arts and culture, sport, education and promoting inclusion, as well as projects managing literacy and numeracy. To find out more visit the website:

<http://www2.mangroupplc.com/CR/charitabletrust>

### Henry Smith's Charity

The Henry Smith Charity is a large grant making charity who make grants totalling approximately £25 million each year to up to 1,000 organisations and charities for initiatives and projects that address social inequality and economic disadvantage. The Main Grants Programme and Small and County Grants Programmes make grants in the following categories, and provide examples on the website of the type of work they fund under each category: Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME); Young Carers; Drugs, Alcohol and Substance Misuse; Family Services; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender; Refugees and Asylum Seekers; Young People.

Their **Main Grants Programme** is for grants of £10,000 or over.

Capital Grants - One off grants for purchase or refurbishment of a building or purchase of specialist equipment.

Revenue Grants - Grants of up to three years for things like core costs (including salaries and overheads), or the running costs of a specific project (including staffing costs).

The **Small Grants Programme** is for grants of under £10,000 per year for small UK registered charities. To be eligible to apply for a Small Grant, your annual income must be below £150,000. Full details including any deadlines are on Website:

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

### Big Lottery Fund announces 50 areas that can apply for new Big Local money

Community groups in each area will be able to apply for a share of £200m. The Big Lottery Fund has announced the 50 areas where community groups will be able to apply for funding from its new £200m funding stream, Big Local. The areas, spread

across most of England, will each be given at least £1m from the fund. The BLF will set up an independent charitable trust to give out the money and is looking for a partner organisation to run the trust. Expressions of interest must be submitted to the BLF by 12 August. The local grants, which will last for 10 years, will be targeted at neighbourhoods that have a history of difficulty in obtaining resources, including BLF funding. **The only area listed in the Wakefield area is Warwick Estate, Knottingley.**

Read more:

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/News/DailyBulletin/1018715/Big-Lottery-Fund-announces-50-areas-apply-new-Big-Local-money/A394358C8A0D527856D2CD6D95D44FB8/?DCMP=EMC-DailyBulletin>

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## Special Offers

### Microsoft donate Office 2010 and Windows 7 to UK charities

UK charities can receive a donation of Microsoft software, including Office 2010 and Windows 7, through CTX (subject to eligibility). They are one of a number of major technology companies, including Cisco and Symantec, who use CTX to manage their donation programmes in the UK. To see the full range of donors, available products and how to apply for a donation, go to

[http://www.ctxchange.org/?dm\\_i=6S7,745P,29I7I3,IOES,1](http://www.ctxchange.org/?dm_i=6S7,745P,29I7I3,IOES,1)

### New In Kind Direct scheme offers cut-price office supplies

Charities are being offered heavily discounted stationery and office supplies via a new initiative from In Kind Direct, one of The Prince's Charities, and office supplier Staples Advantage. The scheme will allow charities registered with In Kind Direct to receive preferential pricing on a wide range of goods in the Staples catalogue. Current promotions include A4 paper and fair trade tea, coffee and hot chocolate at below cost price. For more information and to join the scheme visit:

[http://www.inkinddirect.org/?dm\\_i=6S7,745P,29I7I3,IUD5,1](http://www.inkinddirect.org/?dm_i=6S7,745P,29I7I3,IUD5,1)

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## Safeguarding

### Khyra Ishaq death due to lack of information sharing, says SCR

The death of Khyra Ishaq was "preventable" and largely due to a lack of information sharing, according to the serious case review. The first serious case review to be published in full stated: "This finding concurs with judgements made within the care proceedings that, the death of the child is the responsibility of the mother and the adult male, but can only conclude that had there been better assessments and effective inter-agency communication over a period of time it could have been prevented." The review cited faults within social services, the child's school, police and the health visiting service. It recommended Birmingham Council commission work to identify how agencies across the city can increase effective professional communication within safeguarding.

Education minister Michael Gove said: "It is beyond anyone's comprehension that a child could die under such tragic circumstances. It is extremely difficult to prevent random and isolated incidents of violence against children, but the tragedy is that Khyra Ishaq endured a painful abuse over many months and eventually died, and this could and should have been prevented. Today's serious case review confirms that all the agencies in Birmingham failed to protect this vulnerable child." (From Community Care). You can download the full report from:

<http://www.lscbbirmingham.org.uk/downloads/Case+14.pdf>

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## Government Updates

### **Government will consider Compact when making cuts, Nick Hurd tells Commons**

Minister for Civil Society says his colleague Francis Maude has written to other ministers stressing this point. Francis Maude, the Minister for the Cabinet Office, has written to ministerial colleagues asking them to consider the Compact when making cuts, according to Nick Hurd, the Minister for Civil Society. Speaking at Cabinet Office questions in the House of Commons, Hurd said the government was "fully committed to the Compact", the agreement that sets out how public and voluntary sector organisations should treat each other. Read more at:

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/News/GovernanceBulletin/1016399/Government-will-consider-Compact-when-making-cuts-Nick-Hurd-tells-Commons/8C1323D978B4D152CC6B303E21F2075B/?DCMP=EMC-GovernanceBulletin>

### **Government to switch off ContactPoint in August**

The ContactPoint database is to be shut down on 6 August, children's minister Tim Loughton has confirmed. Loughton says that the government is still committed to information sharing among children's professionals, particularly those in different council areas, however, a "more proportionate approach" is needed. ContactPoint would have held records on every child, a system that Loughton says was unjustifiable. Any new information-sharing system needs to focus only on the most vulnerable children, he added. He said: "We are exploring the practicality of a new national signposting service, which would focus on helping practitioners find out whether another practitioner is working, or has previously worked, in another authority area with the same vulnerable child. "Social workers in particular, and potentially other key services like the police or accident and emergency departments, may need this information very quickly. Read more at:

<http://www.cypnow.co.uk/bulletins/Daily-Bulletin/news/1018055/?DCMP=EMC-DailyBulletin>

### **Councils to foot capital youth projects bill after government withdraws funds Councils have been left to foot the bill for completed capital youth projects after government funding was unexpectedly withdrawn last week.**

Government has halved the youth capital fund - which gives councils money to fund new facilities developed in consultation with young people - to £13m half-way through the final year of the programme. Read more at:

<http://www.cypnow.co.uk/news/ByDiscipline/Youth-Work/1018447/Councils-foot-capital-youth-projects-bill-government-withdraws-funds/>

### **Extra funding for Neet courses**

The government is set to increase funding for pre-apprenticeship courses aimed at young people not in employment, education or training, according to the Association of Learning Providers (ALP). Aidan Relf, spokesman for ALP, said that Department for Business, Innovation and Skills ministers want to invest in training to prepare young people for apprenticeships. Under Labour, such training was referred to as programme-led apprenticeships.

<http://www.cypnow.co.uk/news/ByDiscipline/Education/1018442/Extra-funding-Neet-courses/>

### **Government response to report on young people not in education, employment or training**

The Government's response to the Children, Schools and Families Committee's report on young people not in education, employment or training has now been published and is available on the [UK Parliament website](#). The Committee's original report is also available on the [UK Parliament website](#).

### **Cuts will 'decimate' Connexions**

Universal advice and guidance for young people in England is being "decimated" as Connexions services brace themselves for cuts of at least 20 per cent, a CYP Now investigation has revealed. A survey of Connexions services, which provide careers advice and guidance to young people, reveals more than one in 10 face budget cuts of up to 50 per cent, with one in seven stating they are suffering reductions of £2m or more. Out of 65 heads of Connexions, 56 responded to the survey. More than one in five said universal services will come under the most strain, with high street Connexions centres and guidance in schools particularly at risk.

<http://www.cypnow.co.uk/bulletins/Daily-Bulletin/news/1018449/?DCMP=EMC-DailyBulletin>

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## **Resources**

### **B&Q Waste Donation Scheme**

Every B&Q store is striving to be a 'good neighbour' by forming partnerships within its local community. They operate a waste donation scheme through all their stores. It allows donation of waste materials, for example slightly damaged tins of paint, off-cuts of timber, odd rolls of wallpaper and end of range materials, to community groups, charities and schools. The waste donation scheme is co-ordinated in store either by the environmental champion, duty or Warehouse manager who will keep a Waste Donation Form on file for interested groups. Visit the website for more details:

<http://bit.ly/bqwaste>

### **Volunteer Management Portal**

The Volunteer Management Portal is a signposting tool for people managing volunteers. It aims to provide greater access to a wide range of information on support, training and development opportunities.

<http://www.volunteering.org.uk/WhatWeDo/Projects+and+initiatives/volunteer-managers/index>

### **Cuts – to challenge or not to challenge**

NAVCA have produced a special edition of the Empowering the Voluntary Sector (EVS) Newsletter in which they explore the processes and remedies that voluntary and community organisations can use when challenging cuts. The Government has announced significant cuts to most departments' budgets, and all local authorities are making cuts to public services and grant programmes. This is already having an effect on voluntary organisations around the country and there will inevitably be those whose entire funding is cut. You can download the newsletter from:

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

### **PreVISIBLE! – legal compliance**

This is a FREE tool that looks at whether an organisation is fit for purpose, legally compliant and provides help on how on to become so via an online question and signposting and will benefit community groups, voluntary sector groups, community associations, charitable trusts, incorporated charities. For further information on PreVISIBLE please visit the website at the following address:

<http://www.visiblecommunities.org.uk/index.php?page=10>

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## **Reports**

### **Public services and civil society working together (March 2010)**

A report published by the Young Foundation in March 2010: Public services and civil society working together: promising ideas for effective local partnerships (March 2010). The report gives anecdotal and empirical evidence to suggest outcomes are improved when public services and civil society work hand in hand, and develops five new ways to do just that - from community entrepreneurs to asset sharing, new performance measures to community dividends. The report, commissioned by the Cabinet Office and backed by Chief Secretary to the Treasury Liam Byrne MP, was launched on Thursday April 1st in the Guardian Society. The government has already committed to acting on the ideas to improve the relationship between civil society and the state, in both the budget (page 105) and the Smarter Government action plan - Putting the Frontline First. Download the report:

[http://www.youngfoundation.org/files/images/Promising\\_Ideas.pdf](http://www.youngfoundation.org/files/images/Promising_Ideas.pdf)

### **Compact baseline survey findings published**



The results of the Commission for the Compact's baseline survey are now available. This national survey was the first comprehensive assessment of the Compact at government and non-departmental public body level. The findings provide a snapshot of levels of awareness, knowledge and use of the Compact from September to December 2009 and set a series of baseline figures. High levels of awareness of the Compact partnership working agreement exist across government and

public bodies a baseline survey by the Commission for the Compact has found. This national survey was the first comprehensive assessment of the Compact at government and non-departmental public body level. The findings provide a snapshot of levels of awareness, knowledge and use of the Compact from September to December 2009 and set a series of baseline figures. Subsequent surveys will measure change and set an agenda for the Commission's future work with government and non-departmental public bodies. Download a copy of the report:

<http://www.thecompact.org.uk/files/141590/FileName/CompactBaselineSurveyReport.pdf>

or if you prefer a summary:

<http://www.thecompact.org.uk/files/141593/FileName/CompactBaselineSurvey-Summary.pdf>

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## **Guides, Factsheets and Support**

### **Equality Act 2010: What do I need to know?**

The Equality Act brings together nine separate pieces of legislation into one single Act simplifying the law and strengthening it in important ways to help tackle

discrimination and inequality. **Equality Act 2010: What do I need to know?** is a series of summary guides and "Quick Start" guides to the key changes in the law, produced by the Government Equalities Office in partnership with the British Chambers of Commerce, Citizens Advice and the Equality and Diversity Forum, to support implementation of the Act. These simple guides set out clearly what the new laws will mean for business, the public sector, the voluntary sector and the public, helping people understand their new responsibilities and rights. Implementation of majority of the Equality Act will begin on 1 October 2010.

[http://www.equalities.gov.uk/equality\\_act\\_2010/equality\\_act\\_2010\\_what\\_do\\_i\\_n.aspx](http://www.equalities.gov.uk/equality_act_2010/equality_act_2010_what_do_i_n.aspx)

### **Free 'Future Focus' guides from NCVO**

This series of guides, written by NCVO Third Sector Foresight, is designed to help small and medium-sized third sector organisations think about likely changes in their external environment and how these trends could affect them. Each pocket guide focuses on a different topic and provides a ready-made analysis of the future changes we will probably see in the coming years in that particular area. Inside, they pose some strategic questions to help you think through these likely future changes, and how you can prepare for them. They are full of useful information and small enough to be accessible. There are as tips and suggestions that organisations can build into their planning. The series aims to help organisations to be more sustainable and more effective.

- Future Focus 1: What will our funding be like in five years' time?
- Future Focus 2: What will our volunteers be like in five years' time?
- Future Focus 3: How will we use new technologies in five years' time?
- Future Focus 4: How is local democracy changing?
- Future Focus 5: How are social attitudes changing?
- Future Focus 6: What will the UK population be like in 5 years' time?
- Future Focus 7: What will campaigning be like in five years' time?
- Future Focus 8: What will membership be like in five years' time?

The publications are available to download for free from:

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/products-services/publications/future-focus-series>

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## **Bits and Bobs**

### **Failure to address financial issues is a recipe for disaster, says the treasurer of Trustee Networks**

The words 'finance' and 'financial management' have a peculiar effect on large swathes of the population. Unfortunately, the reaction tends to range from indifference to terror.

Smaller not-for-profit organisations recruit trustees in the hope that they can plug the gaps in management's skills and knowledge. Recruiting a treasurer remains difficult. If the role is left unfilled, this often leaves a major hole in the organisation's governance. It leaves trustees with poor understanding of finances and financial management, and therefore unable to set and monitor the organisation's financial strategy

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/News/GovernanceBulletin/1016543/Uday-Thakkar-top-finances-find-its-late/1E389765A1350F32754A60E3A1AE2B6D/?DCMP=EMC-GovernanceBulletin>

### **New Quality Framework Launched for Integrated Services for Young People**

The Integrated Services for Young People (ISfYP) Framework and Quality Mark is the only externally validated process available, tailored to assess all aspects of integrated youth support, from universal through to targeted and specialist services.

Sue Quinn, National Youth Agency national programme manager said: "Working closely with local authorities as we do, we have gained a tremendous insight into the challenges they are facing in delivering integrated services or in showcasing their successes.

"The ISfYP Framework and Quality Mark have been designed, with the help of four integrated services around the country, to give local authorities a single route map for improving the quality of their provision and a mechanism to celebrate good practice internally and externally, and provide external validation of achievements." Read more at:

<http://www.nya.org.uk/news/new-quality-framework-launched-for-integrated-services-for-young-people>

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## Network Advertisements

### Chrysalis Youth Project

#### Motor Vehicle Mechanics Tutor

Chrysalis Youth Project requires an enthusiastic Motor Vehicle Mechanics Tutor. The ability to relate to young people is essential, as is City & Guilds part 1& 2 or equivalent. P.T.T.L.s qualification is desirable or willingness to train.

The closing date is Monday 16th August and interviews will be in mid August.

Please contact James or Karen on 01977 736284 for more information visit the website at:

[www.chrysalisyouthproject.co.uk](http://www.chrysalisyouthproject.co.uk)

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