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Introduction

Welcome to volume 50 of the Young Lives E-bulletin. By now you should have all received your copy of the invitation to the Young Lives Partnership Event on Friday 24th September and the Young Lives Network Event on Wednesday 22nd September. Please respond as soon as you can, either by email or in the FREEPOST envelope provided. The Local Authority has also arranged two networking events which you can see in 'Dates for your Diary'.

There are several items in the funding section, which this week includes Grants, internships, Social Care Fund and regular funding. There are also several training opportunities, and if you are looking for something for young people have a look at the Hear By Right Award Scheme. There are no Government Updates this week, which is perhaps the calm before the storm and the spending review due in October. We have a couple of resources and a link to a website which looks rather useful, as well as a report titled 'Supporting Young People' which you may like to download.

Lesley Wood from VCSengage would like your help with the final item. She is looking for vivid and inspiring stories from the sector, so please read this item and if you are able to help, respond direct to Lesley.

If you have any items or news you would like to share, or you are looking for volunteers, trustees or staff, then email me at sheila@ylc.org.uk and we can put it on our website or in the e-bulletin – the deadline is every Wednesday. Don't forget that the staff at Young Lives are here to help, so do get in touch if you need any help or support. The telephone number is 01924 304345.

Dates for your Diary

Voluntary and Community Centre Networking Events

Two network events taking place on

Thursday 30 September 2010, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm at Glasshoughton Healthy Living Centre, Leeds Road, WF10 8AA

Thursday 25th November 2010, 10.00 am to 1.00 at St Georges Healthy Living Centre, Broadway, Lupset, Wakefield, WF2 8AA

A marketplace of stalls will be attended by representatives from the voluntary and community sector to provide information about their services. You can download more information from the Young Lives website at:

<http://www.ylc.org.uk/events/>

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

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

Funding

ESRC internships pilot

The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) is running a pilot to provide internships for PhD students within a business or third sector organisation, to develop their user engagement and knowledge exchange skills and apply their research experience to business-led projects. Internships last from one to three months and could involve the student looking at areas such as:

- Marketing strategy
- Research and analysis
- Business Planning or evaluation
- Website design
- Database development.

The ESRC will fund around £8,000 per intern, with a contribution of up to £1,000 a month being required, up to a maximum of £3,000.

The deadline for host organisations to apply by is 30 October 2010. The deadline for students is 30 September 2010.

For more information see the ESRC website

http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/KnowledgeExch/Pilot_Internship_Scheme.aspx

Increasing Skills in Social Care fund

The Increasing Skills in Social Care fund from the Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC) opens for new registrations on 20 September 2010.

The fund is for independent, private and voluntary social care organisations to access funding for their staff to gain the following qualifications:

- Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce (Children and Young Peoples Social Care Pathway)
- NVQ in Health and Social Care (Children and Young People) at level 3
- NVQ in Health and Social Care (Children and Young People) at level 4
- NVQ in Leadership and Management for Care Services at level 4.

For more information see the CWDC website

<http://www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/social-care/tsi>

Mothercare Foundation

The Mothercare Group Foundation makes grants in the following areas:

- Ensuring the good health and well-being of mums-to-be, new mums and their children
- Special baby-care needs and premature births
- Other parenting initiatives relating to family well-being.

The Foundation also has an Area Manager's Fund which local charities can apply to by approaching their Group Area Manager. For more information on the Foundation and how to apply, and for examples of recent grants, see the Mothercare plc website <http://www.mothercareplc.com/charity>

Aiming High Grants

Wakefield Council will be funding Aiming High Grants and a Family Activities Scheme for Parents caring for a Disabled Child. This will be administered by KIDS through Wakefield Early Support Advice Information and Liaison Service. Aiming High Grants are available for local voluntary providers and support groups to plan and provide opportunities to give carer's breaks or to provide activities for disabled children and young people who reside in the Wakefield District. There is still also money available for groups to promote inclusion, - again this is only available till March 2011.

Calling all Community groups who want to make a difference to the leisure choices of disabled young people. Don't lose your chance to apply for grants which are available for Community groups across the Wakefield District. These grants can help to make activities more accessible to disabled young people.

Capital Grant: This grant is open to all voluntary and non profit making groups who can apply for amounts of up to £3000. The main focus of the grant is to make sure that children and young people with complex health needs can be involved in leisure and social activities. Funds can be used for equipment or adaptations not covered by the Disability Discrimination Act.

Small Grant Scheme: This grant is specifically for mainstream groups. It can be used for virtually anything that makes their activity more accessible for disabled young people. This grant is for amounts up to £500. (Hurry- last few grants available!)

HOW TO APPLY?

'Get Started', Wakefield's Out of School Leisure/Activity Inclusion Service is administering the grants.

Please contact 'Get Started' on **01924 239250** or email

Christine.ashworth@barnardos.org.uk for further information

Go to the Young Lives website funding page to download a pack you need to scroll down to Local Funding:

<http://www.ylc.org.uk/funding/>

You can also download a newsletter with more information.

Training

Kidz Aware

The following training courses are available from Kidzaware who work with disabled children and their families:

- Understanding the needs of disabled children and their families
- Being a disabled Childs advocate
- Understanding children's behaviour

All these courses will be delivered in October.

Kidzaware have received some funding to enable them to offer these courses at the reduced rate of £10.00 per delegate. From the parent/carers point of view these courses provide the skills, knowledge and support needed to speak on behalf of themselves and their children. We believe that by you attending these training courses we can all start to Work Together to make a difference in the lives of these families and make way for positive changes in the future. We provide the attendee with the skills and knowledge required [Emma Leonard] to carry out responsibilities in relation to supporting families of disabled children. Download more information from the Young Lives website on our training page:

<http://www.ylc.org.uk/training-2/>

Disabled Living Allowance (DLA for children)

This training is on offer from Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB).

Course outline

This course will give those working with children and families an understanding of the DLA rules as they apply to children. You will explore potential problem areas in a way which seeks to maximise your success in submitting DLA claims for children. Basic DLA knowledge, familiarity with the claim form and experience of its completion would be helpful. It would also be beneficial to have attended our 'DLA & attendance allowance' training course.

Date and location

01 December 2010 in Leeds

Cost £95.00

Full course details, an online booking form and pricing information can be found at:

www.citizensadvice.org.uk/advisertraining

Holistic Partnership Training

First Steps in Monitoring

A half day workshop to help you identify ways of monitoring your projects, so that you can prove what you have achieved. It includes information on a variety of ways of monitoring projects and the advantages and disadvantages of using some methods; It some of the possible issues with confidentiality and how to ensure that that you meet your equality standards when monitoring.

Thursday 4th November 2010 , 10:00am till 1:00pm

Cardigan Centre 145 – 149 Cardigan Road, Leeds, LS6 1LJ

Voluntary £25 Statutory £40

First Steps in Evaluation

A half day workshop to help you understand how to evaluate your project and share that information with others, including funders. It will explore different ways of evaluating projects and assist with designing an approach to evaluation across your organisation or project.

Thursday 18th November 2010, 10:00am till 1:00pm

Cardigan Centre 145 – 149 Cardigan Road, Leeds, LS6 1LJ

Voluntary £25 Statutory £40

Monitoring and Evaluation (accredited by OCN at Level 2)

Open College Network accredited course at level 2. For accreditation both workshops (Monitoring + Evaluation) need to be completed and some additional tasks. The accreditation costs an extra £20. Please let us know during the first workshop if you wish to complete accreditation, as you would then get priority on booking for the second workshop. To book call 07745764789 or email

admin@holistic-partnership.co.uk

There are still a few places left on the PQASSO workshop for October

Are you planning to use PQASSO? Or looking for extra information about this quality assurance scheme? PQASSO provides a flexible, step-by-step approach to working

out what your organisation is doing well and what could be improved. PQASSO is the leading quality system in the third sector. It encompasses all aspects of an organisation from governance through to how it delivers its services and enables organisations to improve their performance and become more effective and sustainable. An additional benefit for organisations considering PQASSO Peer Review is the Charity Commission has endorsed the PQASSO Quality Mark at Level 2 and Level 3 of PQASSO 3rd edition. The endorsement means that organisations achieving the PQASSO Quality Mark will receive the Charity Commission's badge of approval confirming that they meet the Hallmarks of an Effective Charity. The Charity Commission endorsed logo can be used alongside the PQASSO Quality Mark logo to demonstrate the achievement. By using the self-assessment work pack, the system helps you to set priorities for your organisation's future and improve your organisation's performance.

Areas covered include:

- Introduction to the concepts of quality assurance and the main standards within PQASSO.

- Information on the PQASSO Quality mark

- Where to find additional support for the PQASSO system

- Introduction to the basic steps required to implement the system.

Wednesday 13th October 2010 10:00am till 1:00pm

Cardigan Centre 145 – 149 Cardigan Road, Leeds, LS6 1LJ

Voluntary £25 Statutory £40

To book call 07745764789 or email admin@holistic-partnership.co.uk

Training Bursaries

For Leeds based organisations with an income of under £20,000, you can apply for support with the cost of training. Please contact us for further information

For more information please contact

Holistic Partnership Limited

Tel 07745764789

email admin@holistic-partnership.co.uk

PERS EMPLOYMENT ADVICE SURGERY

Does your organisation need advice on an employment issue? Would you prefer to speak to someone face to face? PERS (Pay & Employment Rights Service) is joining forces with VAC to offer a day of free advice on employment to voluntary organisations in Calderdale. This will take place on Wednesday 15 September 2010 at VAC in Halifax. As well as the PERS employment adviser, a VAC development worker will also be present to help and advise your organisation.

Worried about tackling an employment problem? PERS can advise on issues including: disputes and grievances, disciplinary matters, sickness, holidays, redundancy, recruitment, discrimination.

Concerned that your employment contract may not comply with the law? PERS can check that your employment contract is up to date and meets legal requirements.

Are your employment policies adequate and up to date? We can also offer an employment policies healthcheck – just come along with a list of your policies, and any that urgently need reviewing.

Interested? Please ring VAC on 01422 348777 to book an appointment. The appointment will last up to half an hour. For more information about what PERS can help with ring Irene on 01924 428030 or email admin@pers.org.uk. There will also be a drop in session from 1 pm to 2 pm.

Opportunities for Young People

Participation

Hear by Right Award Scheme - The National Youth Agency has launched the Heart by Right Award. The Award has been developed to help organisations that take the

voice of young people seriously showcase their achievements and the contribution of the young people they work with. Organisations applying for the Award measure themselves against different indicators across each of the seven Hear by Right Standards, depending on which level they want to achieve. Achieving the Hear by Right award proves to service users, funders and your community that your organisation takes the voice of young people seriously and that participation is at the heart of service delivery and development. The Hear by Right award scheme is flexible and you can access it at any level. You could decide to start at Bronze and work up to achieving Gold. Or, if you have already got evidence of excellent participation, you might go straight for Gold. The National Youth Agency assesses your portfolio of evidence and if you are successful, you will receive a detailed report, highlighting the good practice within the organisation and also any recommendations on areas for future development. Visit the website for more information:

<http://webmail.ylc.org.uk/reademail.php?id=490&folder=Inbox&newwin=1&cache=4270CB8ED29E234D87B98CE9EFD180D05552BE8@nya-ex01-01.nyadomain.nya.org.uk>

Resources

Make Space

Make Space is a campaign with a clear mission: to transform opportunities for young people aged 11-19 across England via a network of contemporary out of school centres that provide exciting places to go and things to do. Make Space for Health provides lively, interactive and challenging programmes for young people, delivered in youth centres and other settings, to support them to manage their lifestyles in an enjoyable way. There are plenty of downloads such as eat well, physical activity and emotional health. Visit the website at:

<http://www.makespace.org.uk/home>

Big Society

NCVO now has a web area “The Big Society – the evidence base” <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/big-society-evidence> which aims to bring together key sources and materials, as well as inform the debate and thinking. This focuses on the five themes which are set out in the document “Building the Big Society”. This area of their website is intended as a living document, which will be constantly updated with additional sources and analysis. They want the pages to be as collaborative as possible, and would like people to comment on what they have done. They would also like you to provide links to additional sources of evidence. Visit the website to read or contribute at:

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/big-society-evidence>

Useful Websites

Charity Evaluation Service (CWS)

CES is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. We were established in 1990 to strengthen the voluntary sector through offering free and below-cost support and services to charities and community organisations.

We offer:

- free advice, customised information packages, assessment and referral
- free technical coaching for small organisations
- free customised training programmes for small community organisations serving marginalised communities

- free 'entry-level' publications for very small organisations
- subsidised open training in self-evaluation and quality assurance
- customised 'in house' training in self-evaluation and quality assurance
- mentoring programme for infrastructure organisations
- research and external evaluations
- publications such as PQASSO for small, medium and large voluntary and community organisations
- promotion and dissemination of research and good practice in evaluation, quality and capacity building.

CES works with many hundreds of groups in any given year, frequently working in partnership with infrastructure networks. PQASSO is the leading quality assurance system in the voluntary and community sector and winner of The Charity Awards 2008 award for Effectiveness. Over 13,000 copies of PQASSO have been sold.

<http://www.ces-vol.org.uk/>

Reports

Supporting Young People

This survey from Ofsted examines the progress made in 11 local authority areas in developing new arrangements to integrate the work of various youth support agencies. The report shows that targeted support from local authorities and their partners is helping to meet the needs of vulnerable young people in England. But it finds that local authorities have made 'limited progress' in involving voluntary, community, and private groups in providing youth services, and the focus on providing services for 'at risk' young people risks undermining the youth activities available to all young people. Download Report from:

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Publications-and-research/Browse-all-by/Documents-by-type/Thematic-reports/Supporting-young-people-an-evaluation-of-recent-reforms-to-youth-support-services-in-11-local-areas>

Bits and Bobs

Volunteering

Interim findings from the first year of the v Talent Year has revealed that 93 per cent of young people, surveyed after completing their placements in June, said their confidence had increased as a result. v Talent Year is a national scheme developed by youth volunteering charity v to get young people aged 16 to 25 to volunteer full-time in local authority children's services and colleges, with a view to gaining a qualification at the end of a 44-week placement. The findings also indicate that 94 per cent came away from the scheme with a Level 2 qualification, while 26 per cent have since gained full-time employment and 48 per cent have returned to education.

What are the options to replace Contactpoint?

CommunityCare.co.uk has reports on two possible replacements for Contactpoint. Firstly, an improved common assessment framework and secondly Safeguarding 2.0, which is a system based on social networking sites. Read about it at:

<http://www.communitycare.co.uk/Articles/2010/08/24/115141/what-are-the-options-to-replace-contactpoint.htm>

Network Advertisements

Please respond direct to Lesley Wood for this important request form information

Showcasing the Sector

In the current political and economic climate it is important that our sector is highly visible and making its vital contribution clear. In particular we need to show how we align with the new government drivers, for example:

- How we deliver the 'Big Society' (which we might understand a bit more deeply than government! See <http://grou.ps/bigsocietynorth/home> for interesting debate and discussion about how this new network is trying to set our own distinctive Big Society agenda up here in the North)
- As one of a wider range of public service providers- achieving results with the most disadvantaged and vulnerable people
- As a sector which is re-organising in response to the changes- for example through consortium development, sub-contracting arrangements, and preparing for personalisation

I need your help to gather vivid and inspiring stories to set out our role to a range of new audiences in this challenging new situation. I have the capacity to research, write up and publicise information and urgently need your help. Just contact me with bare bones information, including contact details and I will do the rest. The work is ongoing but we need to gather the information right now and through the autumn and winter because of the pace of change. I intend the information to be freely available for you to use locally so please get in touch.

I also have been asked to provide ideas for Ministerial visits by Sarah Teather, from DfE (see <http://www.education.gov.uk/team/sarah-teather> for her specific responsibilities), and Nicholas Hurd, Minister for Civil Society, who is visiting our region in November so please put ideas forward for these as well.

Many thanks

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