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Introduction

Welcome to volume 49 of the Young Lives E-bulletin. In this week's issue make a note in your diaries of several events coming soon, and there are several funding opportunities for you this week. Do have a look at the training on offer and if you are interested contact the organisation direct. VAWD offer lots of training throughout the year and their training will become a regular feature of this e-bulletin. There is an opportunity for the young people you work with to become involved in an Advisory Group, so please pass on this information. This is followed by several resources for you to look at, useful websites and guides. The e-bulletin finishes with the usual "bits and bobs" which I hope are of interest to you. Please email me at sheila@ylc.org.uk if you have any items for the e-bulletin, for example you may want volunteers or Trustees, and these could also be advertised on our website. Young Lives are here to support you so do get in touch if you need our help. We look forward to meeting some of you at our Network Meeting on 22nd September or the Partnership Event on 24th September.

Dates for your Diary

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 McIntrye, Commissioners will be speaking.
Wednesday	19 th January	5.30 – 7.00	Thornycroft Centre Mick Scott, Commissioner will be speaking.

Partnership Event

The Young Lives Partnership Event will take place at the Old Quarry Playground, Castleford on the 24th September. More information and invitations will follow shortly. Do come along and meet the staff and Directors – we hope you can attend.

Local Hero's Family Fun Day

This event will take place on Saturday 11th September from 11.00 am to 9.00 pm at Queen's Park, Castleford. There is lots of fun for all the family, including Punch and Judy, Paintball, Cowboy Camp, Funfair, Donkey Rides, Diggerland, Local Bands, Birds of Prey and a Firework Display. Admission is free and there is free food and refreshments. For more information ring 0787 8550977 or visit the website at www.localheroscastleford.webs.com

Equals Music Fest

We are all Equals Music Fest is hosted by Next Generation. This year it will be about inequalities in race, religion, age, gender, disability and sexual orientation. The Festival will bring young people from around the district together to enjoy the music, share their differences, and just to get to get to know each other – regardless of their backgrounds. The workshops will be around poetry, music, dance and lyrics writing. After the workshops the young people will have the opportunity to perform finished pieces in the Equals Music Concert. The event will be held at Lightwaves Leisure Centre, Lower York Street, Wakefield on Saturday 23rd October. Workshops will be from 2.00 – 4.00 pm and the Concert from 6.00 – 10.00 pm.

Get Planning Now For Road Safety Week 2010

Road Safety Week 2010 is 22 – 28 November and they want you to get involved! To help you plan your Road Safety Week their website <http://www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk/> is full of tips and advice for activities to help children learn important road safety lessons and save their lives. You can order a [poster from

<http://www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk/index.php?/road-safety-resources.html>

Run a fundraiser in Road Safety Week

Lots of people choose to run their activities in Road Safety Week as a fundraiser for Brake. For ideas for fundraisers go to:

<http://www.roadsafetyweek.org/index.php?/fundraise.html> If you are holding a fundraiser, you can order a FREE fundraising pack from Brake too. Contact our admin team on 01484 559909 or email admin@brake.org.uk.

Funding

Innovation, Excellence and Service Development Fund

The Innovation, Excellence and Service Development Fund provides funding to voluntary sector projects in the health and social care field. The available funding is very limited and, to be successful, organisations will need to have a clear focus in their applications on how their proposed projects would support and drive forward new ideas, excellence or developments in services in health and social care. The scheme is open for applications for projects to start in April 2011 or later and the closing date is 1 November 2010 at noon. The fund is dependant upon the outcome of the spending review. The Information Pack provides third sector organisations with information to help them decide if this funding stream is applicable to both their organisation and the proposed activity they are seeking funding for. It details the funding themes for 2011-12, the priority areas for each theme and the criteria we will use for assessing applications. A timetable is provided for the whole process from application through to decision.

You can download all the documents from the website

SFP Only Connect visit scheme

The Only Connect visit scheme allows organisations to learn from colleagues in the sector about new income generation ideas. If you are new to income generation we believe you can learn a lot about what to do, or more importantly, what *not* to do from other organisations in the sector. The Only Connect scheme allows you to do just that.

How does it work?

We pay £150 for your time and travel to visit another organisation to learn about how they have diversified their income into trading or public service delivery or by using loan finance. We will pay the host organisation £200 as a consultation fee for their time spent with you.

All we ask in return is that you write a report of the visit so we can allow others to share your learning.

So, if you would like to:

- Pursue a new trading idea
- Learn about the delivery of public services under contract
- Use a loan to increase the capacity of your organisation to do either of the above then apply to Only Connect and learn from colleagues in the sector.

To find out more visit the NCVO website at:

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/onlyconnect>

LankellyChase Foundation - Arts programme

The Foundation values the contribution made by the arts to people's mental, physical and economic health. For this Arts Programme the Trustees are focussing on three specific areas: promoting the use of the arts by people with severe mental ill health, encouraging vulnerable young people to participate in arts activities and, through a closed programme, helping young artists to pursue a career in the arts. In all three of these areas, they place excellence in the arts as a core goal.

- Unlocking Creativity - Arts and Severe Mental Ill Health
- Young People and the Arts
- Excellence in the Arts

The Foundation will only work with registered charities, industrial and provident societies, exempt charities and community interest companies or organisations applying for charitable status.

There are detailed guidelines and application forms available from the website

Grants are generally in the region of £10,000 - £15,000 a year for up to three years. In exceptional cases we will consider larger grants.

The LankellyChase Foundation, 1 The Court, High Street, Harwell, Didcot, Oxfordshire OX11 0EY Tel: 01235 820044 Fax: 01235 432720 Email: enquiries@lankellychase.org.uk

Website: www.lankellychase.org.uk

Foyle Foundation - Small Grants

The Foyle Foundation Small Grants Scheme is designed to support smaller charities in the UK, especially those working at grass roots and local community level, in any field, across a wide range of activities. Applications are welcomed from charities that have an annual turnover of less than £100,000 per annum. They plan to make one year grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 to charities which can demonstrate that such a grant will make a significant difference to their work. If you cannot demonstrate this, your application will be declined. No multi-year funding awards will be made. There are no deadlines for submission. All applications will be acknowledged but in order to reduce administration, usually we will not send declination letters. If you have not heard from The Foundation within four months of

your application being acknowledged, you should assume that your application has been unsuccessful. Full details and application procedure are on Website:

www.foylefoundation.org.uk

Kids Fund

The Kids Fund is part of the Field Studies Council (FSC) which is a registered charity (number 313364) aiming to 'Bring Environmental Understanding to All'. The FSC is an independent educational charity committed to raising awareness about the natural world. We work through a network of 17 residential and day Centres in the UK providing courses for schools and colleges at all levels in addition to adult Individuals & Families courses, outreach education, training and consultancy. We also publish many titles to support our work. The Kids Fund is funded by donations, mainly from FSC members who commit part of their membership subscription to the Fund but also through donations and fundraising events.

http://www.field-studies-council.org/supporters/kidsfund_application.aspx

Tenders

Workers providing Intense Support to Families with Multiple Problems

Published: 20 August 2010

Application closing date: 17 Sep 2010 at 13:00

CWDC wishes to tender for a service provider to develop training and support materials for family intervention key workers and their managers. Family intervention key workers form an important part of provision designed to improve outcomes for vulnerable children, young people and their families. Supporting families who have multiple problems is a priority for local authorities.

In outline, the requirement will involve undertaking a gap analysis of existing training provision for the family intervention workforce, agreeing and developing new training provision, resources and materials and building on good practice.

<http://www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/tenders/show/156>

Training

Level 2 in Community Sports Leadership

Date: Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October, 9.00 - 15.30

Venue: Wakefield Sports Club

Cost: £150.00

The Level 2 Award in Community Sports Leadership is a nationally recognised qualification that enables successful candidates to independently lead small groups of people in sport and recreational activities. The qualification teaches generic leadership skills such as organisation, planning, communication and teamwork through the medium of sport. It is a fun and practical qualification with no entrance requirements or final examinations to sit. To complete this qualification, all candidates must attend 9 hours work experience followed by a one hour leadership demonstration. All candidates must also gain a First Aid (Emergency Aid) qualification. A Level 2 is the minimum requirement to work for TSC and any coaches who demonstrate high standards of leadership may be offered paid work. For more details contact r.pacey@totalsportscoaching.co.uk

Leadership Training Courses

Northern College is running three courses through the Academy for Community Leadership. These are funded by the Train to Gain Enhancement Fund and the European Social Fund and co-financed by the Learning and Skills Council and

Yorkshire Forward". Any third sector organisations employing at least 1 member of staff may qualify for the 60% discount.

- ILM L4 Leadership Award
- City & Guilds L4 Preparing for the Coaching Role
- ILM L5 Understanding Social Enterprise Award

If you are interested in these courses the contact is Liz Pickering on 01226 776000 ext 6118 or via email mailto:liz@afcl.ac.uk.

Voluntary Action Wakefield District (VAWD)

These are the courses that are coming up at VAWD. Please use the VAWD contact details if you are interested in attending any of these courses.

- 7th September - Finding Funding
- 14th September - Introduction to Commissioning and Procurement for the VCS
- 21st September - Applying for Small Grants
- 27th October - Monitoring and Evaluation
- 16th November - Finding Funding
- 9th December - First Steps to Sustainability

VAWD are taking bookings for all these events. If anyone wants to book a place they should contact fit4funding on 01924 239063 (between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm) or e-mail - info@fit4funding.org.uk or please download Booking Form with Terms and Conditions from http://fit4funding.org.uk/assets/uploads/files/f4f_booking_form.pdf

Artsplan Youth Arts Training in Yorkshire

With Kala Sangam in Bradford this autumn:

- Behaviour Management and Youth Arts - 15th October 2010, 10 am- 4.15 pm
 - Partnership Working and Youth Arts - 11th November 2010, 10 am- 4.15 pm
- They are currently offering a special half price course fee of £75 on both of these courses. See website for more details:

<http://www.rywu.org.uk/artsplan-youth-arts-training-programme-for-the-north-east-springsummer-2010/>

Government Updates

Online membership for community development organisation

Community Development Exchange, the membership organisation for community development, has a new e-membership category "for the princely sum of nowt". This provides a monthly e-zine, policy updates and occasional CDX news. To find out more go to:

<http://www.cdx.org.uk/news/become-e-member-cdx>

Opportunities for Young People

Children's Commissioner's Children and Young People Advisory Group

The Diana Award has been commissioned to set up the Children's Commissioner's Children and Young People's Advisory Group to advise on her projects, policies and practice. They are looking for eighteen children aged 8-18 years who are passionate about changing the lives of other children and young people to take part – see flyer below for more information. Please encourage any young people you work with to apply or distribute it amongst your own channels/networks. Double click the icon below for more information.



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Resources

Public liability insurance for smaller organisations

Public liability insurance for small voluntary organisations and community groups which costs less than £10 a month or £75 a year has been developed by Zurich Insurance in collaboration with sector support umbrella NAVCA and charity specialists Tennyson Insurance. Tennyson Insurance at <http://www.tennysoninsurance.co.uk/>

Proving your worth to Whitehall

In this document produced by New Philanthropy Capital in preparation for the tough Comprehensive Spending Review this autumn, the Treasury has posed a series of 9 questions to government departments to force them to focus on which services are essential and which can be cut. The questions are not designed with charities in mind, but charities should be capable of answering them. Charities are concerned about the prospects for public spending and many are facing cuts already, so it may be useful to read the document and answer the questions which, in effect, will subject the charity to the same scrutiny faced by government spending departments. If charities can successfully answer the questions being asked of Whitehall departments, they could build a stronger case for survival. They might become more resistant to departments looking to make cuts. Their case could be more compelling to local authorities. You can download the document from the Young Lives Website at: <http://www.ylc.org.uk/resources/>

UK online Centre

Voluntary Action Wakefield District hosts a UK online centre which is open to anyone who wants to learn about using computers and the internet. They can show you how to use computers and the internet at your own pace. This is done through myguide courses. You can learn how to use the internet to carry out practical tasks, such as how to find a job, shop or send email. They can also show you how to save time by using online services provided by a range of organisations including the Council or the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority. The courses are free and you don't need to know anything about computers before you start.

Sessions run at the following times:

- Tuesdays 10am - 12pm
- Wednesdays 2pm - 4pm
- Thursdays 10am - 12pm

For more details telephone Ann Ablett or Liam Slevin on 01924 367418. You can also email them at ann.ablett@vawd.org.uk or liam.slevin@vawd.org.uk

<http://www.vawd.org.uk/?idno=7145>

Useful Websites

Charity Evaluation Service (CWS)

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

They 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/>

Charity Builder UK

Charity Builder UK is a unique interactive service that will help you to manage the essential, but sometimes tricky, subjects of HR and Health & Safety. It is provided free of charge to all charities and not-for-profit groups. CBUK doesn't just signpost advice. It actually helps you produce documents such as contracts, policies and job descriptions and because the content is written by lawyers you'll be kept up to date with any changes in legislation. You'll also find practical guides to insurance, governance and volunteering. Register now and benefit from the peace of mind CBUK brings. CBUK is funded and managed as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility Programme by Tennyson Insurance, the experts.

<http://www.charitybuilderuk.com/>

Guides, Factsheets and Support

Manager role in 'return to work'

The CIPD has joined with the British Occupational Health Research Foundation (BOHRF), the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and Healthy Working Lives to develop new guidance on the key behaviours managers need to support successful and lasting returns to work after long-term absence. This follows the introduction of 'fit notes' to encourage those on long-term sick leave to make an early return to work with the support of their organisation. Line managers will have greater responsibility to provide appropriate support to employees to remove some of the challenges they may face when returning to work. This guidance includes a competency framework to help employers equip their managers with the necessary skills.

http://www.cipd.co.uk/subjects/hrpract/absence/manager_support_long_term_sickness

Practical thoughts from research on mergers

The Institute for Voluntary Action Research has published the first of a new "Thinking about" series, which draws on previous research (their own and that of others) to provide practical, useful information for staff and trustees of small to medium-sized voluntary organisations. This title is 'Thinking about merger'. To download go to:

<http://www.ivar.org.uk/publications/reports-and-publications/thinking-about-merger>

Bits and Bobs

Gove fury after Balls accuses him of failing social work

(Community Care)

Education secretary Michael Gove has defended the government's record in children's social work after Labour accused him of failing the profession. Shadow education secretary Ed Balls told Community Care that the coalition government's "reckless" public spending cuts were damaging morale within the sector and putting vital reforms at risk. Balls, children's secretary in the last Labour government, also attacked Gove for failing to show "visible leadership" in children's social work. But Gove pledged his full support to children's minister Tim Loughton, who has responsibility for social work reform in the Department for Education.

"Ed Balls might not have trusted his ministers to do a good job but the secretary of state certainly does," a spokesperson for Gove said. "Having held the brief for social workers and child protection since 2001, Tim Loughton is highly experienced and is already doing an outstanding job. He has achieved more in the past 100 days than Ed Balls ever did." Gove also rejected Balls's claim that the decision to publish serious case reviews in full was misguided. The spokesperson said this policy "will go a huge way to ensuring transparency and improvements in social work and child protection. Ed Balls said it could never be done. The minister has already published one and there will be many more."

Big Society plans 'threatened by third sector funding cliff edge'

Community organisations face a "funding cliff edge" in March next year which could undermine the potential of voluntary bodies to fulfill the coalition Government's Big Society plans, according to a report. The study, published today by think-tank the Institute for Public Policy Research North, says that the Government's Big Society policies envisage a key role for social enterprises in public service delivery, but warns there is a large gap between ministers' expectations and the capacity of the sector. The study warns of a "funding cliff edge" in March 2011, when many grants, service agreements and contracts are due to end. A possible move to even larger contracts out of the reach of smaller organisations may worsen the situation, according to the report. Read more at:

<http://www.regen.net/bulletins/Regen-Daily-Bulletin/News/1013671/>.

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