



The Voice of the Voluntary Youth Sector in Hampshire

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CAT marks out young people's services

The CAT mark is a stamp of approval for young people's services. It is awarded by young people who have been trained as CAT-mark assessors.

They assess services, organisations and projects against set conditions.

It was Hampshire's Care Action Team who recognised the need for young people to have their say and be involved in assessing young people's services.

See the attached leaflet for information about how to apply for the CAT mark or how to become an assessor.

'Implementation Plan: The Local Government White Paper'

The Department for Communities and Local Government has published an implementation plan giving further information on how the Government will implement the key proposals in volume one of the Local Government White Paper, Strong and Prosperous Communities.

<http://www.info4local.gov.uk/searchreport.asp?id=31493&heading=e-mail+alert>

Youth Opportunity Fund competition

The website has been launched for 'Actions speak louder', the Youth Challenge Competition, unveiled by Chancellor Gordon Brown in last year's Budget. This aims to promote and celebrate the achievement of young people in developing projects through the Youth Opportunity and Youth Capital Funds. The closing date for entries is 12 February 2007.

<http://c2b2005nya4.live.poptech.coop/>

Community payback

Home secretary John Reid has announced details of the 'Mayors' Community Payback Scheme 2007', which will allow mayors to nominate projects in their area that would benefit the community. The public, media and local community groups can also suggest projects that benefit the community.

<http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=256825&NewsAreaID=2>

Respect Areas

The Government has announced the first wave of 40 Respect Areas. The Department for Education and Skills is investing a further £6 million for parenting classes in the 40 areas in 2007/2008.

<http://press.homeoffice.gov.uk/press-releases/respect-programme-launch?version=1>



Lottery funding

A report from a cross-party committee of MPs has added their support to the voluntary sector-led campaign to ensure that further Lottery funds are not diverted to pay for the 2012 Olympics.

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/press/releases/index.asp?id=3899>

Cabinet Office funding

The Office of the Third Sector has committed £1.5 million for this summer's Centenary World Scout Jamboree.

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/news/news_releases/070122.asp

'Raising inter-agency working to a higher level'

The National Association of Connexions Partnerships are being funded through the Children's Workforce Development Council to run four one-day conferences for the different occupational groups who work with young people. It will be a chance for practitioners to reflect on the implications of the 'integrated working' agenda and have conversations with colleagues.

<http://www.nacp.co.uk/pdf/otherPublications/confinfo21dec06.pdf>

<http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=32440&SESSION=885>

Children and Young People's Plans

The Department for Education and Skills has published supplementary guidance on the production and review of Children and Young People's Plans (CYPP) to include the annual review process and new duties introduced in the Education and Inspection Act 2006, such to secure access to positive activities for young people.

<http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/IG00192/>

'Talking trusts'

The Community Sector Partnership for Children and Young People has published 'Talking trusts', a document aimed at supporting children's trusts engagement with voluntary and community organisations.

<http://www.ncvys.org.uk/docs/publications/publications.html>

Basis funding

The Big Lottery Fund has this week announced allocations under its BASIS programme for infrastructure organisations. NCVYS is collating information about which organisations have been successful, please email ellie@ncvys.org.uk

E-petition – paid youth leave

Number 10 has responded to an online petition calling for employers to be required to allow staff two hours paid leave per week to undertake voluntary work with youth organisations.

<http://www.pm.gov.uk/output/Page10840.asp>

Community assets



The Local Government Association has suggested the Quirk Review on community organisations taking over council assets such as youth clubs must cover support on putting bids, business plans and financial proposals together.

http://www.ypnmagazine.co.uk/news/index.cfm?fuseaction=full_news&ID=12999

Regional youth work units

England's nine regional youth work units have come together to form a national network for lobbying and bidding for national projects.

http://www.ypnmagazine.co.uk/news/index.cfm?fuseaction=full_news&ID=13001

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