



The Voice of the Voluntary Youth Sector in Hampshire

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Frontline hopscotch research

Research from NAVCA has found children's services, formerly provided by local voluntary and community sector organisations are being taken in house by local authorities, and commissioning practices are discouraging voluntary and community organisations from applying.

<http://www.navca.org.uk/news/hopscotch.htm>

NCVO backs the Sustainable Communities Bill

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) has given its backing to the Sustainable Communities Bill, the private members bill that aims to reform local government by empowering local people to make their own decisions and to drive policies on sustainable communities.

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/press/releases/?id=4842>

Local government

A partnership between three children and young people's services providers has been set up to take over Stoke-on-Trent's children's services department. Serco, Shaftesbury Young People and Care and Health won the contract, worth just over £5 million. It was the only bid to include a partnership with a voluntary organisation.

<http://www.childrennow.co.uk/news/index.cfm?fuseaction=details&UID=7971b961-3b5b-4a83-a2f4-22904b237098>

Arts, sports and heritage unite to fight Olympic lottery raid

Together with NCVO, a coalition of arts, sports and heritage organisations are campaigning together to press the Government to reconsider its Lottery raid to fund the increasing cost of the games. The diversion will mean that the Arts Council of England will lose £62 million over four years, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) £90 million and Sport England £55 million.

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/press/releases/?id=4824>



Community Strategies: Working at different levels

This paper focuses on how community strategies are being developed in two-tier authorities and link in with the regional agenda. Drawing on a range of evidence, it argues that whilst there are emerging roles for district and county level community strategies, clearer guidance is needed on two-tier working and more resources are needed for community planning at district level.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1509550>

Opportunities for Volunteering Scheme (OFV)

A Department of Health initiative to provide grants to local health and social care organisations in England has been launched by Volunteering England.

<http://www.volunteering.org.uk/aboutus/mediacentre/Community+volunteer+projects+to+get+over+half+a+million+in+grants.htm>

Connexions brand

A document entitled: "Connexions Brand Guidelines for Local Authorities" is suggested to contain recommendations that the scope of the brand could be widened to cover other youth support services.

http://www.ypnmagazine.co.uk/news/index.cfm?fuseaction=full_news&ID=14017

Recruiting young trustees

Recent research by Third Sector and not-for-profit think tank nfpSynergy found that boards across the sector include more individuals over the age of 74 than under 34.

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/Resources/Governance/Article/652597/Keep-legal-Recruiting-young-trustees/>

MPs support a better deal for third sector

A poll from think tank nfpSynergy, designed to identify changing local authority attitudes and behaviour towards charities, with a cross-section of over 150 MPs found that only 54% believe that charities were being treated fairly; a number which fell to 49% among Labour MPs.

http://www.charitytimes.com/pages/ct_news/May_07_news/030507_mps.htm

Evaluation of the effectiveness of new Local Safeguarding Children Boards

The Department for Education and Skills and Department of Health are inviting research proposals to contribute to a programme of studies on Safeguarding Children. The aim of the new study will be to consider how effectively the newly established Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB's) are fulfilling their core functions, namely: to co-ordinate local work and promote the welfare of children, to



ensure the effectiveness of the that work; to evaluate effectiveness and advise on ways to improve.

<http://www.dfes.gov.uk/research/>

Alcohol consumption amongst children

A report published by Alcohol Concern offers a wide-ranging assessment of the impact of the Government's National Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy. According to the report, the amount of alcohol consumed by girls aged between 11 and 13 has increased by 82.6% between 2000 and 2006, while for boys the number has gone up by 43.4% during the same period.

<http://www.alcoholconcern.org.uk/servlets/doc/1189>

Children strengthen local communities

Contrary to popular opinion, children play a key role in strengthening local communities and making people feel safe in their neighbourhoods, according to a study funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC).

<http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/PO/releases/2007/april/children.aspx?ComponentId=19628&SourcePageId=96>

THIS WEEK IN PARLIAMENT

All Party Group on Youth Affairs

Third Sector minister Ed Miliband and young people who have developed their own project in Camden spoke to a meeting of the All Party Group on Youth Affairs about young people's expectations from the Comprehensive Spending Review on children and young people.

http://www.ypnmagazine.com/news/index.cfm?fuseaction=full_news&ID=14051

Volunteers Week

An Early Day Motion has been put down to recognise 23rd annual Volunteers' Week from 1st to 7th June.

<http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=33186&SESSION=885>

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