



The Voice of the Voluntary Youth Sector in Hampshire

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Common Assessment Framework (CAF) and Locality Teams – Eastleigh Stakeholders Seminar: Invitation.

Learn about the CAF and the new locality teams coming soon to Eastleigh at a Stakeholders Seminar on Monday 18th June 2007 at 9:15 am. Venue Fleming Park Bowls Club, Passfield Avenue, Eastleigh

The focus of the seminar will be

- to inform participants of the context, background and requirements of the CAF and Locality Teams.
- to identify who will require training in the CAF process and how this will be supported during the duration of the project.
- to consider the Lead Professional role and the infrastructure required to support this function.
- to consider how the statutory, voluntary and community sector will work together to achieve the best outcomes for children, young people and their families .
- to inform participants how the Pathfinder Projects are being monitored and evaluated.

Contact Shaun Bernath by 8th June 2007 either on 01962 847176 or email Shaun.Bernath@hants.gov.uk
ContactPoint consultation

The draft ContactPoint guidance sets out the key statutory requirements of section 12 of the Children Act 2004 and regulations made under it. The deadline of the consultation is 27 July.

<http://www.dfes.gov.uk/consultations/conDetails.cfm?consultationId=1482>

Low Cost Computers available

A training venue providers has a number of PCs up for sale at £50 each (there are around 15 or so, but they are available individually. Contact Richard Franklin rfranklin@eastpointcentre.co.uk or on 023 80489256



Capacitybuilders

Capacitybuilders' trustees will vote next week on whether to give grants to private companies, which could then add donations and provide services for charities.

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/Article/655992/Capacitybuilders-private-cash-move/>

CWDC fund to engage the third and private sectors

This year, the Children's Workforce Development Council has allocated £3.3 million to support the engagement of the Third and Private Sectors in the development, implementation, delivery and review of local and regional integrated children's workforce strategies and their action plans. The fund is not open for competitive bidding but interested organisations should make contact with their local children's trust. Last year, many local youth infrastructure organisations were awarded funding.

<http://www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/news/detail.asp?news=CWDC+launches+fund+to+support+the+third+%26+private+sectors>

Big Lottery Fund grant recipients

BIG has announced funding for many local and regional projects involving children and young people nation-wide through their Reaching Communities and Playful Ideas programmes.

Recipients include Nacro, the national crime reduction charity for training mentors and the Saheli Women's Group in Birmingham for an outdoor adventure project targeted at young Asian/Muslim women.

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/newsroom-eng>

£3.6 million for gifted and talented learning

Gifted and talented secondary school children will be able to access learning through 'Excellence Hubs' partnering up leading universities with schools and other education providers, announced Schools Minister Andrew Adonis. Starting this summer and continuing on throughout the year, higher education institutions will run residential and non-residential events and online courses. Excellence Hubs will provide free or subsidised places for G&T learners from disadvantaged backgrounds, including those eligible for free school meals and those on the NAGTY 'Goal' programme.

http://www.dfes.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2007_0074

Carers response

The Princess Royal Trust for Carers welcomes the current media attention to the issues faced by young carers with plans to cooperate with Government departments.

<http://www.carers.org/news/call-for-more-support-for-young-carers,2033,NW.html>



Children's Commissioner: new strategy

The Children's Commissioner announced a change of name and a five year strategy.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.org/>

Party conference bursary scheme

Small organisations with incomes of less than £100,000 will have the chance to put their concerns directly to a Minister or Senior MP at party conferences with bursaries from a new scheme provided by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations.

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/press/releases/?id=4986>

Giving and philanthropy research centre

The Office of the Third Sector and the Economic and Social Research Council, among others, are providing funding for the research centre. Due to begin work this summer, the centre is now expected to open the end of the year due to difficulties with the tendering process for finding a consortium to run it.

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/Article/655983/Giving-research-centre-delayed-six-months/>

'State of the sector' report

Research conducted by nfpSynergy on behalf of Third Sector has found that the public rates trustworthiness and honesty in charities much more highly than the sector does.

<http://www.nfpsynergy.co.uk/pressandmedia/presscoverage/1877/>

NYA's new chief executive

Regional director for the Learning and Skills Council in Yorkshire and the Humber, Fiona Blacke has been selected as the next chief executive of The National Youth Agency. She is a former chief executive of Connexions Tees Valley, as well as a trained youth worker.

http://www.ypnmagazine.com/news/index.cfm?fuseaction=full_news&ID=14098

Youth service funding

Ahead of this summer's Comprehensive Spending Review, 4Children and The National Youth Agency have submitted a joint call for £580 million to create 1000 youth hubs.

http://www.ypnmagazine.com/news/index.cfm?fuseaction=full_news&ID=14099



NFER launches website

The National Foundation for Educational Research has launched a web site to help children and young people's professionals implement the Every Child Matters reforms.

<http://www.nfer.ac.uk/childrenservices>

Guide for transsexual young people

The Department of Health has published a guide for transsexual young people, after groups complained that guidance was not meeting their needs. The guide has been produced in conjunction with transsexual youth project, Sci:identity and Gay and Lesbian Youth in Calderdale.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_074258

Lincolnshire to launch 'teenage services' unit

Lincolnshire is to merge its Connexions and youth services to form a unit termed as 'teenage services' within its children's services department. The council said young people would benefit from the greater integration of services.

http://www.ypnmagazine.co.uk/news/index.cfm?fuseaction=full_news&ID=14114

NCVYS seeks contributions to influence Children's Workforce Strategy

Nichola Brown, NCVYS' Workforce Development Officer, is asking for assistance in formulating a NCVYS response aimed at influencing further youth workforce reform within the strategy, in particular with respect to funding and planning. Email: nichola@ncvys.org.uk.

Additional Vetting and Barring Scheme information sessions

These free DfES events have been designed to help employers and volunteer organisers around the country to come to grips with the new responsibilities which will be introduced under the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act in the autumn next year.

<http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/events/?asset=Event&id=50521>

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