



The Voice of the Voluntary Youth Sector in Hampshire

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Opportunity to lead a Youth Volunteering Charity

Solent Youth Action are looking for a Chief Officer to cover maternity leave. Contact Donna Saville for more information

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Olympic funding

Culture Secretary, Tessa Jowell, has given assurances that, although the costs of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games is likely to be three-times the original estimate, Lottery 'good cause' money would be protected and existing projects need not be endangered.

http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Press_notices/archive_2007/dcms042_07.htm

However, Sport England has expressed concern that a further £55.9 million of their share of lottery income will be diverted between 2009 and 2012 to fund the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

http://www.sportengland.org/index/news_and_media/news_pr/setback_to_community_sport_legacy.htm

BASIS funding

The Big Lottery Fund has announced the 204 projects that have been shortlisted to receive funding from its BASIS infrastructure fund.

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/BASIS-applicants-shortlist>

Lottery funding

The Big Lottery Fund awarded £85m in grants to the voluntary and community sector in 2006, less than a third of the £310m awarded to the sector in 2005.

<http://www.professionalfundraising.co.uk/news/94/march2007/bfl.asp>

Big Lottery Fund

Participation Works, a consortium that includes NCVYS, is to facilitate young people to have more say on how £76 million is spent thanks to a partnership between the Big Lottery Fund and Participation Works consortium.

<http://www.childrennow.co.uk/news/index.cfm?fuseaction=details&UID=311a9d0a-788a-44cd-ba06-5df28559c30d>



National Programme for Third Sector Commissioning

The Office of the Third Sector has announced the IDeA will train 2,000 local commissioners on involving the third sector in delivering services.

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/news/news_releases/070314_idea.asp

Public benefit consultation

The Charity Commission has launched a consultation on the principles of public benefit, as part of implementing the 2006 Charities Act. It is calling for views on draft guidance which paves the way for a new public benefit requirement for all charities, which will come into force early next year. The consultation closes on 6 June 2007.

<http://www.gnn.gov.uk/environment/fullDetail.asp?ReleaseID=269200&NewsAreaID=2&NavigatedFromDepartment=True>

Compact scorecard

A Compact scorecard has been developed to help charities and councils assess how well they work together. The new tool helps the two sectors to improve their relationship by measuring their progress in several key areas. The scorecard contains 12 questions to measure performance in governance, communication and training.

www.thecompact.org.uk/C2B/document_tree/ViewACategory.asp?CategoryID=125

Youth Review

The Chancellor Gordon Brown attended the launch of an interim report on services for younger people which was co-chaired by former Labour MP Oona King and former young mayor of Lewisham Wilf Petherbridge on behalf of 4Children. Amongst concerns expressed by young people, was that fear of attack can put them off attending youth clubs and other out-of-school activities.

<http://www.4children.org.uk/information/show/ref/873>

'Charities and public service delivery'

The Charity Commission has published the first ever all-charity survey of charities delivering public services, covering areas ranging from full-cost recovery to length of funding agreements. Alongside the results of the survey, and following a public consultation, the Commission has published new guidance for charities on public service delivery. The document provides an introduction to public service delivery and is primarily aimed at smaller charities and those charities considering delivering public services for the first time.

www.charity-commission.gov.uk/publications/cc37.asp

'Towards a youth crime prevention strategy' consultation

The Youth Justice Board has set out plans for its future work, including reducing the demonisation of young people in the media and increasing public awareness of crime prevention work. The document also says the board should encourage and help youth offending teams in England and Wales develop local strategies and approaches to reduce offending; and will press for local area agreements between councils and central government to include a focus on youth crime.



<http://www.yjb.gov.uk/en-gb/News/PreventionTeamsToPushForGreaterAwareness.htm?area=MediaCentre>

National Youth Homelessness scheme

Housing minister Yvette Cooper has announced new measures to combat youth homelessness, including a new Centre of Excellence in every region where councils that have already made good progress in tackling youth homelessness will share expertise with neighbouring councils and agencies. A new partnership with YMCA England and Centrepont will deliver the National Youth Homelessness scheme, that includes developing a network of supported lodgings schemes across England and ensuring young people have access to them.

<http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=269340&NewsAreaID=2>

Faith organisations- Community cohesion grants

Communities Minister Phil Woolas has announced grants totalling more than £4.3 million to 343 organisations to promote a 'common sense of citizenship'.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1002882&PressNoticeID=2362>

Youth Opportunity Fund and Youth Capital Fund report

The National Youth Agency (NYA) has published the mid-year report on the Youth Opportunity Fund (YOF) and Youth Capital Fund (YCF). As well as the main report, it features examples of projects and good practice.

<http://www.nya.org.uk/Templates/internal.asp?NodeID=93268&ParentNodeID=89407>

"The Social Investment Bank - its organisation and role in driving development of the third sector"

The final report of the Commission on Unclaimed Assets, has recommended that at least £250 million lying unclaimed in dormant bank accounts should be used to fund a new financial body to help charities gain access to the financial markets.

<http://www.unclaimedassets.org.uk/press.php>

Integrated Qualifications Framework - consultation

The Children's Workforce Development Council, in partnership with the Children's Workforce Network, is developing common generic transferable units. These units will facilitate the integration of the children's workforce and support the movement of workers between job roles and sectors of the children's workforce. This also applies to the voluntary sector. The on-line consultation period is running from 12 March until 30 March 2007.

<http://www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/news/detail.asp?news=Integrated+Qualifications+Framework+%2D+draft+generic+units+consultation>

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Sharing experience and review of the youth work apprenticeship programme in England

A joint event from the National Council for Voluntary Youth Services and the National Youth Agency on 22 May 2007 in Leicester will aim to review and share experience with those involved in the delivery and take up of the youth work apprenticeship programme. It is hoped an action plan will be created, which will lead to improvements in the widening and take-up of the apprenticeship by young people and employers.

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Workforce reform and the experiences of the voluntary, community and faith sector - 10 May 2007, London

This free event, supported by Children's Workforce Development Council, aims to provide the voluntary, community and faith sector with a platform to raise issues with key players in workforce development; with the opportunity to network and share practice in workforce development; and to raise awareness of existing channels of communication between the CWDC and the voluntary, community and faith sector.

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