



*The Voice of the Voluntary Youth Sector in Hampshire*

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### **Free Pool Table**

There's a free 6 ft x 3 ft 6 in pool table available to a good home. It's generally in good nick but needs re-covering.

Contact Julie 01962 859012

### **Annual Revenue Grant**

We've now distributed the grant application forms for the 2007/08 ARG. If you haven't had your copy – or want more information give us a call.....01962 843 543

### **Youth homelessness**

Communities secretary Ruth Kelly delivered has unveiled a £74 million package of measures aimed at cutting the number of 16 and 17-year-olds without a permanent home. The government has promised that bed and breakfast hotels will no longer be used to house this age group by 2010, except in emergencies.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1502899>

### **'A place to call home: care leavers' experience of finding suitable accommodation'**

Meanwhile a report from Centrepont suggests the level and type of housing support that care leavers receive may be dependent on where they live.

[http://www.centrepont.org.uk/documents/Centrepont\\_CareLeavers\\_2006.pdf](http://www.centrepont.org.uk/documents/Centrepont_CareLeavers_2006.pdf)

### **'Safeguarding children and safer recruitment in education'**

New consolidated recruitment guidance has been published, setting out the responsibilities of schools and colleges in relation to safeguarding children and young people.

[http://www.dfes.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn\\_id=2006\\_0167](http://www.dfes.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2006_0167)

### **Every Service Matters**

NCVYS, NAVCA and NCVCCO, are gathering evidence on the government's relationship with the sector and whether initiatives, such as Local Area Agreements, are making a positive difference. Please complete and pass on the short questionnaire before 14 December 2006.



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<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=291892651557>

### **DfES discussion paper**

The Department for Education and Skills (DfES) have released a discussion paper on the governance and management of extended schools and Sure Start children's centres. The paper considers the key issues, principles and practice, which have emerged during the first phase of the roll-out of children's centres and extended schools. Respond by 22 December 2006.

<http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/news/?asset=News&id=48407>

### **'More than the sum: Mobilising the whole council and its partners to support school success'**

A report from the Audit Commission that surveyed schools, parents, pupils, councils and community and voluntary organisations in 12 highly deprived areas during 2005, has suggested schools and public services could do more to boost each others' performance.

<http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/reports/NATIONAL-REPORT.asp?CategoryID=&ProdID=79BCF4AB-DF36-47d8-8EEC-4C1B2621990F&fromREPORTSANDDATA=NATIONAL-REPORT&page=index.asp&area=hplink>

### **Education and Inspections Act 2006: Implementation chart**

A poster is available setting out the timetable for implementation of policies contained in the Education and Inspections Act 2006, including the duty on local authorities to secure access for young people to positive activities.

<http://publications.teachernet.gov.uk/default.aspx?PageFunction=productdetails&PageMode=publications&ProductId=DFES-04115-2006&>

### **Muslim extremism and Higher Education**

Minister for Higher Education Bill Rammell has published guidance to help Higher Education providers tackle violent extremism in the name of Islam.

[http://www.dfes.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn\\_id=2006\\_0170](http://www.dfes.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2006_0170)

### **Youth Media Fund**

The Youth Media Fund (YMF), a £6 million fund announced in this year's Budget, will launch next month, offering grants to young people for media projects that inspire positive change for 13 to 19 year olds and their communities.

[www.firstlightmovies.com](http://www.firstlightmovies.com)

Public service delivery

Trade union Amicus has urged the Treasury to bar voluntary and private sector organisations from bidding for public sector contracts, suggesting corners are being



cut in order to make bids more competitive. They suggest a more collaborative approach would be preferable.

[http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/charity\\_news/full\\_news.cfm?ID=20670](http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/charity_news/full_news.cfm?ID=20670)

#### **‘Community participation - who benefits?’**

A report from Demos and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation suggests as the government makes significant investment in community participation, it should realise that tenants associations, school boards and community projects are being dominated by the same small group of well-connected members, jeopardising the benefits to the wider community.

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/pressroom/releases/161106.asp>

#### **‘A broader parish, working together, improving local communities ‘**

A report, published by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) suggests rural communities can be improved if local charities and parish councils collaborate.

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/press/releases/index.asp?id=3585>

#### **Lyons Inquiry**

Sir Michael Lyons has published three reports from his recent stakeholder engagement work.

<http://www.lyonsinquiry.org/>

#### **Shadow charities minister**

Greg Clark, Conservative Member of Parliament for Tunbridge Wells, has been appointed Shadow Minister for Charities, Voluntary Bodies and Social Enterprise.

<http://www.conservatives.com/tile.do?def=people.shadow.ministers.page>

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