



The Voice of the Voluntary Youth Sector in Hampshire

## News Bulletin – 25 April 2007

### **'Volunteers in the delivery of services for children, young people and families' survey**

The Institute for Volunteering Research (IVR) is undertaking a scoping study on behalf of the Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC) looking at the involvement of volunteers in the delivery of services for children, young people and families. Anyone working in an area which involves delivering services or providing support for children, young people or families is encouraged to complete the questionnaire at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=421583466582>

### **CWDC – Business Plan 2007-2010**

The Children's Workforce Development Council has published its business plan for 2007-2010. The plan includes proposals to extend the £3.3 million initiative that funds the involvement of private, voluntary and independent employers in local workforce activity and to focus energies on the skills needed for working with disabled young people. A young people's version is also available.

<http://www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/news/detail.asp?news=CWDC+Business+Plan+2007+%2D+2010+sets+out+plans+for+the+future>

### **Young people as candidates**

Young people from the age of 18 will for the first time be able to stand as candidates in the May local elections in England and Welsh Assembly. Young people are standing for election in Manchester, Stratford upon Avon, Waveney, Poole, Barrow, Southampton, Oldham, Lancaster, West Oxfordshire, Runnymede, Flyde, Harlow, Bournemouth.

<http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=276516&NewsAreaID=2>

### **Electoral Commission Partnership Grants**

The Electoral Commission awarding Partnership Grants of up to £200,000 over two years for projects encouraging political participation among young people outside formal education, people from ethnic minorities or people with disabilities.

<http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/your-vote/partnershipgrants.cfm>

### **'Time for change? Personal, social and health education'**

The reformed Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted) has found the quality of personal, social and health education is improving, but there is still some way to go to ensure that it meets the needs of all pupils.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/portal/site/Internet/menuitem.75d4ee5e2788f064728a0d8308c08a0c/?vgnnextoid=4372b42a51cd1110VgnVCM1000003507640aRCRD>



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### **'Education and training for young people in the youth justice system: consultation'**

A consultation has begun on education for young people aged 10 to 17 supervised by the youth justice system, following a commitment in the publication 'Reducing re-offending through skills and employment: next steps'. The consultation closes on 4 July, 2007.

<http://www.info4local.gov.uk/documents/consultations/105229>

### **'Cost of Exclusion'**

A report from Prince's Trust suggests that youth unemployment is costing the UK economy £10 million a day in lost productivity, as well as the £20 million-a-week the government pays out in Jobseeker's Allowance.

<http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/Main%20Site%20v2/headline%20news/whats%20in%20your%20region/CoE%20cost%20of%20exclusion.asp>

### **Respect agenda**

Louise Casey, the Home Office's Respect tsar, has announced that antisocial families will be allocated dedicated workers in 53 family intervention projects with £15 million government funding over two years.

<http://www.respect.gov.uk/news/article.aspx?id=10318>

### **Gang culture**

The Prime Minister Tony Blair has made a speech suggesting tougher laws and an intense police focus are necessary to deal with gang violence, together with a 'mobilisation' of the law-abiding black community.

<http://www.number-10.gov.uk/output/Page11463.asp>

### **Community sports clubs and coaches**

Sport England has announced investment of £38.3 million across England into community sports clubs and coaches.

[http://www.sportengland.org/news/press\\_releases/sport\\_england\\_invests\\_38.3\\_million\\_to\\_boost\\_community\\_sport.htm](http://www.sportengland.org/news/press_releases/sport_england_invests_38.3_million_to_boost_community_sport.htm)

### **Care Matters: next steps**

Secretary of State for Education, Alan Johnson, has announced that a White Paper setting out next steps in the Government's plans for children and young people in care will be published later this year. In addition, the responses to the 'Care Matters' consultation have now been published.

<http://www.dfes.gov.uk/publications/carematters/index.shtml>

### **Every Child Matters: national framework to measure outcomes**



The Government is drawing up plans to create a national framework for measuring progress on Every Child Matters outcomes.

<http://www.childrennow.co.uk/news/index.cfm?fuseaction=details&UID=363a5893-24dc-4825-a560-1b9ee6b55508>

### **Contacts and commissioning**

NCVYS workforce development officer Nichola Brown is looking for volunteers to participate in a telephone interview on what skills and knowledge are helpful to obtain contracts and commissions, and the barriers in gaining contracts. This will contribute to the VCS Engage skills audit, co-ordinated by the Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC). The outcome of the interviews will help CWDC create a national training programme to meet the skills gaps identified and provide local training and development support. Please e-mail [nichola@ncvys.org.uk](mailto:nichola@ncvys.org.uk) I.

### **'Wise Council? The changing role of local authorities in family and social policy'**

Constitutional Affairs Minister, Harriet Harman, has called for a Sure Start-style service to be extended to young people.

<http://www.nlgn.org.uk/public/press-releases/harriet-harman-councils-should-adopt-new-family-cabinet-member/>

### **Capacitybuilders – ChangeUp consortium models review**

Capacitybuilders has begun a review of the effectiveness of the ChangeUp Consortia to inform its policy on funding for 2008-11. The Review will run until 29 June 2007 and will involve a series of interviews and workshops.

<http://www.capacitybuilders.org.uk/info/story/default.asp?item=54>

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