



The Voice of the Voluntary Youth Sector in Hampshire

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Hampshire County Council Children's Services – budget cuts

Correspondence with Cllr Thornber can be found on our web site

<http://www.hcvys.info/node/89>

Stand and deliver: The future for charities providing public services'

A survey published by the Charity Commission finds that while over 60 per cent of charities with annual income over £500,000 deliver public services on behalf of public authorities, more than 40 per cent of all charities doing so are never paid the full cost involved. They also suggest almost half of charities delivering public services admit they are at risk of mission drift.

<http://www.gnn.gov.uk/environment/fullDetail.asp?ReleaseID=265695&NewsAreaID=2&NavigatedFromDepartment=True>

Young People and their Heritage Event

Young Roots England will be holding a day of heritage themed learning at Reading Town Hall on Thursday 5 April 2007 – 10:45 to 16:00.

All welcome – hland@hlf.org.co.uk

NCVO Annual Conference

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) used their annual conference on Wednesday to set out its priorities for Gordon Brown's first 100 days in office.

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/press/releases/?id=4146>

Local Government White Paper

The NCVO is calling for an amendment to the Local Government White Paper, to force councils to engage with their local voluntary sector

http://www.charitytimes.com/pages/ct_news/February_07_news/210207c_local_gov_white_paper.htm

Charity influence

The Directory of Social Change has published a paper arguing that the richest two per cent of voluntary organisations have a disproportionate influence over government policy.

<http://www.charityfinance.co.uk/charitynewsalert/issue17/dsc.asp>



‘Developing the future arrangements for Local Area Agreements‘

The Department for Communities and Local Government has published its current thinking on how the new Local Area Agreements (LAAs) might be implemented. From April 2008 LAAs will be used by central government to agree targets with local authorities. There will be approximately 50 outcome indicators relating to the children and young people strand.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1506327>

Commission on Integration and Cohesion

The Commission on Integration and Cohesion has published interim findings based on their recent consultation exercise. They conclude that youth groups, clubs, societies and voluntary and community sector organisations have a key role to play in providing locally delivered responsive, flexible services that respond to local need.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1506358>

Volunteering Hub

CapacityBuilders has approved the 2007/2008 Business Plan of the Volunteering Hub, with funding of £1.3 million to support a range of further work aimed at achieving the ChangeUp high level objective that by 2014 there will be ‘a leaner, effectively marketed and high quality volunteering infrastructure reaching, recruiting and placing a greater number and diversity of individuals, coupled with improved volunteer management’.

www.volunteering.org/Projects+and+initiatives/volunteeringhub

Gender Equality Duty

The final text of the Gender Equality Duty has been published. This comes into force in April 2007 and will place an onus on organisations to demonstrate fair treatment of women and men in the delivery of policy and services, as well as in their employment.

<http://www.eoc.org.uk/Default.aspx?page=15016>

Children's Commissioner

Up to 200 children and young people have attended a three-day residential to set budget priorities for England's Children's Commissioner this summer.

http://www.ypnmagazine.com/news/index.cfm?fuseaction=full_news&ID=13229

Antisocial behaviour orders

Home Office minister Tony McNulty said he did not accept the premise that many young people regard antisocial behaviour orders (ASBOs) as a badge of honour.

http://www.parliament.the-stationery-office.co.uk/pa/cm200607/cmhansrd/cm070219/debtext/70219-0002.htm#column_9

Millennium Volunteers

Under-Secretary of State for Children, Young People and Families Parmjit Dhanda answered questions on the future of Millennium Volunteers.



<http://www.parliament.the-stationery-office.co.uk/pa/cm200607/cmhansrd/cm070219/text/70219w0039.htm>

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