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Summary from the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA)

This is the new scheme that will be put in place to help protect children, young people and vulnerable adults when accessing services. The scheme aims to increase the effectiveness of the current criminal records bureau checks (CRB's) in order to ensure that any employee/volunteer that has the potential to develop a trust relationship with a child, young person or vulnerable adult is safe to do so. Individuals working with children, young people or vulnerable adults will be ISA registered, if they are not registered an employer/voluntary organisation must not involve them in such work or activities. Organisations and employers will still need to carry out CRB checks on some employees. If you want to work with children, young people or vulnerable adults you will need to register with the ISA. There is an associated cost with the registration but you will only need to register once. The criminal records bureau will receive ISA registration applications and administer the process, they will develop an online facility for checks.

For further information go to: www.isa.gov.org

Feedback from Safeguarding Conference Leeds 28th November

Representatives from NSPCC 'safer communities toolkit', NVCCO, Bradford Safeguarding Board, Regional CWDC, VCS engage, Government Office Yorkshire and Humber were all present.

The theme of conference was to share good practice in terms of supporting voluntary and community sector groups in developing safeguarding policy and implementing and measuring procedure. There will be a full report from VCS engage that will be available from the website: www.vcsengage.org.uk

Every Child Matters
Change For Children

Contact Point Consultation

Documents for the Contact Point Consultation are now available from our website. Also available are updates on the ContactPoint process.

www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk/contact_point.htm

The Children and Young people's network have funding available to support VCS groups to access training. Please contact kala@calderdalecommunityforum.co.uk for further details.

Update of Calderdale Council's workforce development strategy.

The Workforce development team are looking at having the first strategy group meeting in mid December 2008 and launching the revision of the new strategy that includes voluntary and community sector partners in March 2009. The strategy will encompass many of the aspects of working together, safeguarding and Common Assessment Framework. These are all areas that the voluntary and community sector have been strategically involved in over the past two years, therefore the pulling together of all these strands within one strategy is something that will require a strong involvement from voluntary and community sector representatives. We will be advertising the workforce strategy role as soon as we have the dates for the meetings and an outline of the remit of the group.



On the Workforce Development page of our website, you can find information from the NCVYS. There's an **Introduction to Workforce Reform** and details of **Key Workforce Reform Initiative**, **Children's Workforce Strategy** and the **Youth Workforce Reform Strategy**. Also available is information on **Safeguarding - Local Safeguarding Children's Boards** and the new **Vetting and Barring Scheme**. You will also find details of the **Common Core of Skills and Knowledge for the Children's Workforce**. Further articles include **Building an Integrated Qualifications Framework** and **Induction Standards**. For further information on all the above areas, please visit our website www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk/workforce_development.htm

'How to change the world: improving support for campaigning'

Friday 16th January 2009

9.30am - 4pm

Are you interested in campaigning, active citizenship, empowerment and influencing policy?

Are you a voluntary or community group, social enterprise or campaigning organisation?

The 'How to Change the World: improving support for campaigning'

regional roadshow is for you!

This FREE event at Old Broadcasting House, Leeds will offer information

and support on campaigning and advocacy as part of the Capacity Builders

Improving Support programme coordinated by NCVO.

To book your place, go to:

www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/campaignroadshows

Barnardos are currently trying to compile a directory of venues which could be suitable for holding group programmes. At the very least, venues should have space to seat up to 12 people, access to kitchen/toilet and be accessible to the public (they will specify in the directory whether wheelchair accessible etc). Please contact **karen.goddard@barnardos.org.uk** 01422 371993

APPLICATIONS TO BECOME RIGHT HERE PILOT SITE

IMPROVING MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Paul Hamlyn Foundation and Mental Health Foundation are inviting applications from groups of voluntary and statutory organisations across the UK, to work with them in developing new ways of protecting and promoting the mental health and well-being of 16 to 25 year olds. We expect to select up to four partnerships to work with from September 2009 – December 2013, with one focusing on improving support for Black and Minority Ethnic Young People. Each of the pilots will be awarded up to £800,000 from September 2009 - April 2013. We will also provide additional support to assist with planning and implementing the work, developing the partnerships, and documenting and sharing the learning. The deadline for applications is 18 December 2008. For more details or to apply to become a Right Here pilot site, in the first instance, please visit the comprehensive Right Here website: www.right-here.org.uk. Alternatively, contact Tamazine Angell (info@right-here.org.uk; 0207 803 1181) with further queries.



From the 'YOUTH PRODUCTION GROUP'

The Studio Rooms, 11, St James Street, Halifax HX1 5SU.

Are you aged 12 years upwards? Would you like to be part of a new team of students who are creative & energetic, buzzing with ideas & have the opportunity to perform at the Victoria Theatre? Would you like to create a unique new piece of theatre based performance comprising of Drama, Music & Dance? Are you going to be available on Sundays 2.00pm until 4.00pm from 11th January 2009 for 8 weeks?

If the answer is YES to all of the above questions & would like the chance to take part in this challenging & inspiring work, please contact the following below:

Anne on Tel: 01422 200334 or email:

hester_sharpe@hotmail.co.uk

jake_marsden@hotmail.co.uk

Cost only: £2.00 each week

The Children and Young People's Network wishes to say goodbye to Carol White, and all the best with her 'new lease' of life.

November Workforce Development Snippets is available from

www.ncvys.org.uk/index.php?page=279&PHPSESSID=37f41b44d7fae5f2160d93a96de635bb

Some highlights include; Workforce Reform and Safeguarding – what's it all about? – free information sessions for NCVYS members 26th November (places still available)

NVQ 3 in Playwork – move quickly employers if you want to apply for places for your staff!

Train to Gain on-line forum to share experience of using this funding scheme

Free copies of career guides
New information sheets: Why workforce reform? and A guide to engaging with workforce development strategic work at a local level

Children's Services 2009: Driving Continuous Improvement Through Integrated Working

22nd January 09, Sheffield Wednesday Football Club EARLY BIRD BOOKING DISCOUNT UNTIL 5th DECEMBER!

To achieve the priorities set out in the ECM agenda, organisations providing services to children are working together and sharing information to continue to drive improvements in service design and delivery. An early bird booking discount of £165 for one, or £330 for three delegates (equating to £110 each) is available now. Full details here:

www.publicsectorforums.co.uk/page.cfm?pageID=5352&LANGUAGE=eng&secNum=1



Gay and Lesbian Youth in Calderdale have just launched their new website: www.galyic.org.uk The website is aimed primarily at lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender young people and those who are questioning their sexual or gender orientation (LGBTQ) but there is also information for parents and professionals who work with young people.

The new website tells you all about the different services GALYIC offers, who the workers are, the Board, and the history of the organisation as well as a Support section which includes information on coming out, bullying, housing, and an email advice service, as well as a section for workers and one for parents.

A useful Links section takes the user to other LGBTQ youth groups in Yorkshire as well as links to research, resources, news and projects on a whole range of issues which face the various LGBTQ communities such as, housing, homophobic abuse, education, mental health, general health, alcohol & drugs, sexual health, employment, law and the various LGBT communities such as young, old, disabled, black and minority ethnic, trans, as well as regional and national information.

There is also a useful News section which keeps you informed of items relevant to LGBTQ young people and their workers and parents, including news from GALYIC.

The website is easy to navigate and members have played an important role in its development, including its design and images used.

For further information contact Jan Bridget, 01706 817235 or 07765 361 590 or email jan@galyic.org.uk

Safeguarding - Everyone's responsibility

From Mike Stow, Independent Chair, Calderdale Safeguarding Children Board

As we know from recent events - statutory organisations come under the spotlight when it is deemed that there have been failures in the arrangements for protecting and safeguarding children and young people.

It is important to recognise however that the responsibility for safeguarding rests with everyone who comes into contact with children and young people not just with the statutory organisations.

I am pleased to read of the continued work that is being undertaken within the voluntary sector to address and support you with these very important responsibilities with which you are all involved.

Those of you who manage organisations or work within organisations need to ensure that your organisation provides a safe and secure environment for the children and young people with whom you are engaged.

You need to have arrangements in place that will reduce the likelihood of an incident occurring. However, if an incident does occur within your organisation where the safety of a child or young person is compromised then you need to have in place arrangements to address the situation.

Similarly if you are concerned with regard to the safeguarding and protection of a child or young person in the community you need to know how and where to discuss these concerns.

The training that is available to you is an important part of assisting you with these responsibilities and I very much hope that your organisation will support your participation.

Many thanks for everything that you are doing to ensure that children and young people can learn and develop their life skills in a safe and supportive environment.

“I want to be a Dream Star 2009”

From Dream Girls Yorkshire: Our auditions to find the next generation of Dreamgirls/Dreamstars will take place on Sunday 14th December 1pm to 6pm (entry from 12 noon) first come, first served. The audition venue is The Rock Inn, Holywell Green. Open to everyone aged from 9 years to 16 years of age (in fulltime education) To be a Dream Star – you must be talented as a singer, dancer and entertainer – but most importantly you must care about the community we live within and want to help raise awareness and funds for charities. You must register for a guaranteed place by emailing your details to

Soulandmotonrevue@hotmail.co.uk

You may also turn up on the day – but there is no guarantee of a place.

Those auditioning must be with a parent and/or guardian.

Positive Futures Programme

Monday 8th September - Friday 19th December 2008

Day and Time Session Location Age Group

Monday	1.00-3.00pm	Fitness (gym & swimming)	Halifax Pool	13-19
Monday	6.00-7.00pm	Football	Wellesley Park, Pellon	14-19
Tuesday	2.00-3.00pm	Football	North Bridge Leisure Centre	14-19
Tuesday	5.30-6.30pm	Football	The Ridings Sport Centre	14-19
Tuesday	7.00-8.00pm	Street Dance	YMCA	13-19
Wednesday	6.00-7.00pm	Break-dance	Queens Road Neighborhood Centre	13-19
Wednesday	5.30-7.30pm	Drop-in	HX1, 9 Ferguson Street Town Centre	13-19
Thursday	11.00-12.00pm	Street Dance	Queens Road Neighborhood Centre	13-19
Thursday	5.00-6.00pm	Football	The Ridings Sport Centre	10-14
Friday	11.00-12.00pm	Multi sports	North Bridge Leisure Centre	13-19
Friday	5.00-6.00pm	Street Dance	Mount Pellon School	11-19
Friday	6.00pm +	League Football	Hipperholme High School	16-19

Please ensure that you wear appropriate clothing and footwear when attending a session. Accreditation is available through some of our sessions through Asdan and Youth Train. Any young person wishing to attend a session during school time must obtain permission from their school. For further information, please contact **Ayesha Bhatti on 07834622374 or Paul Watson 07739983027**

PLANNING FOR BME COMMUNITIES PROJECT PLANNING FOR NON PLANNERS TRAINING SESSION

10am to 4.30pm on Wednesday 28th January 2009

at the St. George's Centre, Leeds

A one day training course for people who work with groups and individuals from Black and Minority Ethnic communities across the Yorkshire & Humber region. Learn how the groups and individuals you work with

can influence the planning system –and why they should be doing it!

To book a place please contact Yorkshire Planning Aid, Green Sand Foundry, 99 Water Lane, Leeds LS11 5QN OR email details to

amanda.cartwright@planningaid.rtpi.org.uk

Enquiries:- Tel: 0113 237 8494



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Keep up to date with events, information and news from the network by visiting our website: **www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk**
We are currently working to develop our website and newsletter. Any thoughts, suggestions, or comments are welcomed.