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Safeguarding Roadshows: Places are still available. Book your place now!

We are still able to take bookings for the VCS Safeguarding Roadshows in all four localities. The first Roadshow, to be held at the Cartwheel Centre in Elland, will be on 12th November. Booking forms, information and posters are available on our website at www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk/safeguarding.htm. Organisations can be reimbursed for staff time at the Roadshows, as £40 backfill money can be claimed for each staff member attending. There will be



a free lunch with the opportunity to network. All Roadshows will run from 10am to 2pm. The dates are

Weds 12/11/08	Lower Valley	Cartwheel Centre, Elland
Tues 09/12/08	Upper Valley	Ground Floor Project, Hebden Bridge
Mon 12/01/09	Central Halifax	Square Chapel, Halifax
Tues 17/02/09	North East Halifax	Mixenden Parent Resource Centre

Completed booking forms should be returned by email to kala@calderdalecommunityforum.co.uk or by post to Kala Wild, Calderdale Community Forum, the Resource Centre, Hall Street, Halifax HX1 5AY. Please contact Calderdale Community Forum if you would like more information.

The C&YP Network Meeting Dates

These meetings help share information and good practice, offer support, provide a "voice" for the sector as a whole, influence local decisions, develop services you deliver to the community and have information about new ways of funding. If you would like to attend contact kala@calderdalenetwork.org.uk

The Children's Network 0-13

16 th Dec 08	12.30pm	Barnardos, Elland
2 nd Feb 09	12.30pm	Acorn Centre, Tod

The Youth Organisations Network 13-19

26 th Nov 08	12.30pm	GALYIC, Todmorden
13 th Jan 09	12.30pm	Barnardos, Elland

Children & Young People's Sub-block 0-19

3 rd Nov 08	10am	NSPCC, Halifax
9 th Jan 09	10am	Ovenden Initiative
23 rd Feb 09	10am	Rastrick Youth Forum

Voluntary and Community Sector Representation

The Children and Young People's Network has a number of VCS representatives sitting on various partnerships and boards. The representation roles are vital in making ensuring the voice and views of the Third Sector are heard and considered at strategic levels. Organisations can claim backfill money for time spent at meetings. Vacancies exist for seats on some of the partnerships and boards. For a list of current vacancies, feedback from representatives, and further information, visit our website www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk/representation.htm

Addressing Safeguarding

NCVCCO (Yorkshire & Humber) and VCS Engage (Yorkshire & Humber) invite you to a Regional Workshop; Supporting the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) to address Safeguarding, on Friday 28 November 2008, 10.00am-2.00pm. The event is to be held at Hinsley Hall, Leeds and includes a networking lunch. The event will be useful for:

- Development and Infrastructure workers from both the children's and the generic VCS (most voluntary organisations need to know about Safeguarding)
- Staff working on workforce reform (both voluntary and statutory sector)
- Anyone who needs to know more about how to get the VCS up to speed on Safeguarding (such as Safeguarding Board Managers)

There will be information about good practice from around the region, and from national organisations - toolkits, evaluation frameworks, e-learning resources. Most importantly, there will be an opportunity to share experience about what works and where to go for further support. The event has been organised jointly by NCVCCO Yorks & Humber and VCS Engage Yorks & Humber. There will be a fee of £50, with some free places for smaller VCS organisations interested in attending this event. Further information can be found on our website at www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk

Missing your training?

Calderdale Safeguarding Children Board have issued a statement covering what will happen if people don't attend training courses they have booked onto. As they have more people applying to go on training courses than places, they keep reserve lists. Some people are booking on a course and then failing to attend on the day, this means their place cannot be filled by a person on the reserve list. As a result of this non-attendees will be charged £50, unless two working day's notice is given prior to the course date. Non-attendance notice should be sent to: helen.flemming-scott@calderdale.gov.uk

Contact point update

This update covers ContactPoint Information Event, Training Venues, Organisational Accreditation, Data Extracts, Workforce Analysis, and details of Calderdale's Improving Information Sharing and Management Project Team (IISaM). Visit our website to read the update. www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk/safeguarding.htm

Working with Cannabis Users

A series of one day training events aimed at anybody working with cannabis users and young people. The aim is to equip participants with updated cannabis knowledge and information, effects, risks, harm reduction, legislation, interventions, profile & usage by young people. The training's objectives are to provide participants with a cannabis toolkit, to engage cannabis users and young people by applying cannabis interventions, and to explore a wide range of interventions & best practice, allowing participants to deliver effective cannabis interventions to both groups and individuals. The course is for anyone wanting to develop skills and knowledge in cannabis interventions with cannabis users and young people. The course is mapped to DANOS competencies. The training dates are 26th November and 11th December 2008. Both training sessions will run from 9.30-4.00pm in the Enterprise Centre, Halifax. The cost is £120.00 per delegate, with lunch, refreshments, and a cannabis toolkit provided for each participant. As this is practical training, places are limited. Please complete and post or email the booking form to: Fast Forward Facilitation, 15 Bolland Buildings, Low Moor, Bradford BD12 0LX West Yorkshire. Telephone (01274) 603663 Mobile: 07855 472458. Email iavcelambert@btinternet.com

Integrated Working National Conferences



The Children and Young People's Network would like

to receive expressions of interest from voluntary and community sector workers interested in attending the CWDC conference. These events will provide you with an update on CWDC's work and an opportunity to share experiences of implementing integrated working, enabling you to hear about best practice and feed into CWDC's future work. The conference is for anyone working with children or young people. The events have been designed to be appropriate for all levels and any sector within the children's workforce. Whether you are struggling with some of the challenges of implementing integrated working, have success stories to share, would like an update on national programmes or would simply like to network with people in similar roles, this event is for you. The dates are

Thursday, 27 November 2008 - Leeds

Tuesday, 2 December 2008 - Birmingham

Thursday, 4 December 2008 - London

Any interests to be sent to Kala Wild, Network Development Officer by email

kala@calderdalecommunityforum.co.uk

Or telephone **01422 438731** or **07504 090324**

Parenting Fund Round 3 Funding

The third round of the Parenting Fund provides a grant fund from the Department for Children, Schools and Families (formerly the DfES) of £16 million over two years (£8 million per year). It will be for a 24-month period for projects starting in April 2009. The application period will be 15 October 2008 to 12 December 2008. Recipients will be charities and "not for profit" organisations undertaking parenting support work where parents, families and children face significant challenges.

www.familyandparenting.org/ParentingFundFunding

Secret Santa Appeal 2008

This appeal is jointly organised by the Pulse and the Junior Chambers International (JCI) in Bradford. Launched at the end of November, it will co-ordinate businesses, organisations and the general public to donate Christmas gifts for impoverished children across Bradford, Calderdale and Huddersfield. The appeal organisers liaise with a wide range of organisations to identify children to be recipients of the collected gifts, and the names of recipients are put on tags which are placed on stands. In Calderdale this stand will be a large Christmas tree at the Victoria Theatre in Halifax. Participants take a name tag and then buy a gift, which is then dropped off back at the stand. Alternatively, gifts can be picked up from donor organisations and taken to a storage facility. Any organisations that wish to participate, or can help with identifying children to be recipients should contact **paul@calderdalecommunityforum.co.uk** as soon as possible.



Parent Participation Grants

The AHDC parent participation grants programme is being launched in September. Over the period 2008 to 2010 £3 million is available through a programme of grants and support from Together for Disabled Children to help groups develop parent participation activities in each local authority area across England. The grant is available to parent groups. Ideally applications should be led by parents. The grant could go to an existing forum, a local support group or a voluntary organisation which will either facilitate the development of parent involvement or hold the money for use by other groups. Grants will go to statutory services only where there is no parent group/forum able to take receipt of the money. Local parents, parents' groups, voluntary organisations and services need to work together to decide how to spend this money. There is only one grant available for each local authority area. Applications need to demonstrate agreement between local parents, groups, relevant voluntary organisations and service providers about how parent carer participation is to be developed and how the grant will be spent. Grants available now. Final date for receiving applications is 21 November. Applications will be assessed on receipt therefore you don't need to wait till the final closing date – the sooner you apply the sooner you can get going! More information available from the Together for Disabled Children website at www.togetherfdc.org or contact your local TDC Parent Participation Advisor for further information: **Yorkshire & Humber Sarah Lee** sarah.lee@cafamilly.org.uk

Youth Parliament Results

Thanks to everyone who supported the Calderdale Youth Parliament Elections, particularly the Area Coordinators who distributed and collected ballot boxes.

We are delighted to announce that the poll was 4,075 votes, twice as many as the 2006 election.

The results are:-

Usman Ali 621
Alex Healey 267
Nick Green 597
Calum Paramor 973
Humera Haroon 199
Thaiba Hussain 177
Mark Holmes 1,192

Mark and Calum will be Members for Young Parliament, Usman and Nick will be deputies and Thaiba, Alex and Humera will be taking forward the UKYP campaigns

Calderdale SmartMove

recently gave a presentation at one of the Children and Young People's Network meetings. SmartMove can support young people from the age of 16 upwards to find a place of their own to rent. Age limits the amount of housing benefit a young person can claim until they are 25, when they become eligible for standard housing benefit rates. For more information, referral forms and contact details, visit the SmartMove website.

www.calderdalesmartmove.org.uk

Arts Award Information session

14th November 2008, at the Mill House, York, from 3.30pm to 5pm
The Arts Award is a new accredited programme which recognises young people's development as young artists and young art leaders. It works for young people of all interests and abilities, and leads to qualifications at Bronze (NQF Level 1), Silver (NQF Level 2) and Gold (NQF Level 3). The Arts Award is run through a partnership between Arts Council England, Trinity Guildhall and is supported in the Yorkshire and Humber region by Cape UK. The session is an opportunity to discuss any questions or queries you may have about the Arts Award. Places will be limited, so if you are interested please contact dan@capeuk.org

NCVYS Strategic Service Bulletin

Out of the shadows

Learning outside the classroom

The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) has launched a series of initiatives supporting learning outside the classroom, including the Out and About package comprising resources and training to support learning outside the classroom opportunities. The Quality Badge scheme, which is currently being piloted, will go live in early 2009. The new Council for the Learning Outside the Classroom will act as the awarding body, assessing each organisation against quality and safety criteria. Expressions of interest can now be made online.

www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2008_0219

Mental health

Together with charity Young Minds, 11 MILLION and the Children's Commissioner for England have published a report *Out Of the Shadows*, sets out the progress made so far by primary care trusts and mental health trusts in meeting government targets, and gives advice on how children and young people should be treated if they are admitted to adult wards. This follows on from an earlier report in January 2007, *Pushed into the Shadows*, which outlined the appalling treatment many children and young people with mental health problems have had to endure when placed on adult mental health wards.

www.11million.org.uk/adult/news/details.cfm?guid=fe22433812b04593a7c5cae7bc718661

Newsletters

Past editions of the Children and Young People's Network newsletters are available to download from our website. Also on our website are current newsletters from other organisations, including **eYPU (228)** with articles that include Children's Trusts and Social Exclusions. The latest **NetZone (32)** is also available, covering cannabis reclassification, child development and more.

We have these and other newsletters, from NCVYS, Interconnections, CSIP, NYA and more, together with links to archived editions, available at www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk/newsletters.htm

A Mind Journey in Search of Destiny

Exploring the creative genius and the conflicting urges that drive an artist, *A Mind Journey in Search of Destiny* relates how tradition, self-doubt and wavering courage can rein in the artist from full expression of creativity, through dance, traditional music and spoken word. Improvised from classical north-east Indian Manipuri dance, this production resonates beyond the uncertainties of a person moving from a valued but traditional society into a more liberal but alien one, to explore the self-belief and insecurities lying beneath the artistic impulse.

The organisers are offering tickets buy one get one free for this show. Tickets are £10 and £8 for concessions. To book or for more information call Square Chapel Box Office on **01422 349422** or visit www.squarechapel.co.uk.



Small organisations survey

The world of voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations that work with children, young people and families is changing. Children's trusts arrangements and the move away from grant funding to commissioning can offer new opportunities and chances to develop. However, understanding the complexities of these new policies can be challenging and even feel very threatening. The VCS needs to come together to share information and understanding and find innovative ways of working together so that each organisation can continue to work for children, young people and families. NCVCCO is carrying out a survey of small organisations (annual income less than £250k). This follows on from a similar survey conducted two years ago, published as 'Under the radar' (www.navca.org.uk/news/radar.htm), which received national media attention and helped to highlight the strengths and challenges of smaller organisations. NCVCCO wants to find out how the current children's services agenda is impacting on small organisations and what has changed for them. Please respond if you can, and encourage others to respond. You will find the links to the survey on our website at www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk/resources.htm

Pediatric 1st Aid Training

This course covers personal safety, patient assessment, mouth to mouth resuscitation, CPR, bleeding, fractures, burns, injuries to head, neck and back, asphyxia and sudden illness affecting babies and children. All carried out in accordance with OFSTED requirements.

This course takes place at the Illingworth Centre, raw Lane. It starts Wednesday 5th Nov 2008, from 9.15am to 11.15am. This 6 week course is suitable for child minders, child carers, nursery nurses, nannies and pre school teachers, parents and anyone responsible for small children (Parent & Toddler Groups, Sunday School Teachers etc). Contact the Centre on **01422 246668** to book your place on this course. You could access this course for free. Contact the Centre for further information on eligibility.



University Courses

Sheffield Hallam University is running a Graduate Diploma in Youth Work - a fast track JNC route. Also from Sheffield Hallam University, the MA/PgDip/PgCert in Integrated Working. You can get full details from our website at www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk/workforce_development.htm

Commissioning Support Providers

The Department for Children, Schools and Families has issued a press release with details of a new source of support that will help local authorities and their Children's Trust partners improve the lives of children, young people and their families, that has been announced by Children's Minister Beverley Hughes. www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk/resources.htm

IQJ and Seminars

The October IQJ is online now, and they have spaces at two Seminars this November. Topics covered in IQJ include risk-taking, TAC transition into school, the Move Programme, dealing with unwelcome change, families who do not sleep, rare chromosome disorders, a parent who feels professionals are not really concerned about her wellbeing – and haiku poetry. The seminars are **Just Empty Words? Or Real Support in pre-school and early years provision for children with disabilities / special needs**. This will be held Thursday 6th November, 2008. 9.45 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., Postgraduate Centre, City Hospital, Birmingham, B18 7QH

Team Around the Child (TAC) in early support and beyond. This will be held Tuesday 18th November, 2008. 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., Park Inn Cardiff City Centre, Mary Ann Street, Cardiff, CF10 2JH. Places still available. Prices from £90 to £135 + VAT. Free places for parents. Please see www.icwhatsnew.com/services/events/index.htm.

Visit our website for more details www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk/childrens_network_013.html

Vetting and Barring Scheme to Protect Children and Vulnerable Adults

Latest news is available on our website at www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk/safeguarding.htm

The Dept for Children, Schools & Families has published new guidance on information sharing between practitioners and organisations across all sectors. The guidance now extends to data about adults and families, as well as children and young people. The materials include guidance statements, information sheets, Q&A and case studies. Training materials will follow shortly. For more information, see The Department of Health (DH) has issued a document covering the next step in the transition to the new Vetting and Barring Scheme. It includes key points for those who advise employers and recruitment managers, that the DH recommends action on by October 2008. Visit our website to download the press release

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www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/deliveringservices/informationsharing



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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.

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