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Calderdale Parenting Support Strategy

The Parenting Support Strategy describes Calderdale's ambition and key priorities for improving the lives of families, parents and carers in the Borough. The strategy has been developed following widespread consultation with partner agencies. This strategy symbolises the commitment we have in Calderdale to respect and support parents and carers because every child and young person matters. Calderdale are working to ensure that parents and families have access to the support that they need, when they need it, so that all children can benefit from confident, positive and resilient parenting, from birth right through to the teenage years. You can download the strategy from our website. www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk/resources.htm



The C&YP Network Dates

Would you like to attend a meeting which will provide an opportunity share information and good practice, support each other, provide a "voice" for the sector as a whole, influence local decisions, develop services you deliver to the community and help learn about new ways of funding?

The Children's Network 0-13

30 th Oct 08	12.30pm	Ovenden Initiative
16 th Dec 08	12.30pm	Barnados, Elland
2 nd Feb 09	12.30pm	Acorn Centre, Tod

The Youth Organisations Network 13-19

14 th Oct 08	12.30pm	Women's Centre, Halifax
26 th Nov 08	12.30pm	GALYIC, Todmorden
13 th Jan 09	12.30pm	Barnados, Elland

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

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

SAFEGUARDING ROADSHOWS for Voluntary & Community Sector

The Children and Young People's Network are running a number of locality based roadshows around safeguarding and the Voluntary and Community Sector. These are the dates for your diaries

- Weds 12/11/08 Lower Valley
Cartwheel Centre, Elland
10am-2pm
- Tues 09/12/08 Upper Valley
Ground Floor Project, Hebden Bridge
10am-2pm
- Mon 12/01/09 Central Halifax Square
Chapel, Halifax
10am-2pm
- Tues 16/02/09 North East Halifax
Mixenden Parent Resource Centre
10am-2pm

For more information please contact
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Sex and Relationship Education Grants

Sexual health and HIV charity Terrence Higgins Trust is inviting groups of young people aged 13-19 in Yorkshire and Humberside to come up with innovative and creative ideas about how to educate their friends about relationships and sex. THT is offering grants of up to £1000 as part of its Young Leaders. The deadline for applications is Monday 27th October. The project, which is funded by the Big Lottery Fund, is giving out grants for young people to create and deliver their own sex education project. Young people will have the opportunity to make a positive impact in their community. THT is holding a workshop on Monday 29th September, at The Treasure House, Champney Road, Beverley, HU17 8HE. This is so professionals working with young people can find out more. Teachers, youth workers and other professionals can get advice on how the young people they work with can apply for funding. For inspiration there will also be information available about the projects THT has already funded. Anyone interested in attending a workshop contact gareth.davies@tht.org.uk or tracey.myers@tht.org.uk or call **0113 246 9272** to book a place. For more information about Young Leaders Grants please go to www.tht.org.uk/youknowyou

£130m grassroots grants scheme opens its doors to small local VCS groups

The Government's groundbreaking £130million Grassroots Grants scheme declared itself open for business today and called on small local voluntary and community groups to come forward and get their hands on essential funding. Whether it's helping local clubs get hold of new kit, coaching new volunteers or simply giving the village hall a fresh lick of paint, Grassroots Grants aim to make a real and immediate difference to the work of any small and local community groups with annual incomes below £20,000. For more information, please visit their website at www.nds.coi.gov.uk/environment

The Contact Point Update

Available on our website is a leaflet intended to give all partners and stakeholders an update on where the Contact Point Project, both locally and nationally, is currently up to. It also advises if there is anything that is required from projects to be submitted to the project team. These advisory notices will be sent out from the project team on a monthly basis or sooner if any action is required. Read more at www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk/safeguarding.htm



A summary of the changes to the safeguarding procedures can be downloaded from our website www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk/safeguarding.htm. For more information, please visit the safeguarding website at www.calderdale-scb.org.uk.

Successful Commissioning

The National Children's Bureau have issued a training update covering 'Preparing Your Children's Service Tenders'. You can read more on our website at www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk/resources.htm

Sport Relief Funding

UnLtd Sport Relief Awards are offering cash and a package of support to individuals across the UK with awards of up to £500 (for 11 to 16 year olds) and £500 to £5000 (for 17 to 21 year olds). The scheme aims to support ideas that tackle conflict and promote understanding in communities through sport and leisure activities. You can find out more by downloading the information leaflet from the resources page on our website. www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk/resources.htm



Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Training

Many groups were interested in the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults training that was held.

Unfortunately there is no one at present to continue this training although individuals from VCS groups can access training through the Council. Details are available in the guide, which can be downloaded from on our website.

www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk/resources.htm

If you have any queries, please contact Lee Rothery, Health and Social Care Workforce Development & Learning, Lower Ground Floor, Northgate House, Halifax HX1 1UN, 01422 393364

MSc Charity Resource Management; 40% scholarships available

Sheffield Hallam University are now accepting applications for 2009 for the MSc Charity Resource Management (starts January 2009). The two year part-time course is intended for those who are directly involved in work with a charitable organisation where you have a particular emphasis on resources, linked to broader issues of organisational strategy and change management. The course also includes a module on consultancy/advice work, and is thus very relevant to those working with and supporting other charities. There are eight taught modules and a dissertation - each module just requires attendance at the University for four days.

On technical issues, the course is now fully updated for the Charities Act 2006. See <http://www.shu.ac.uk/ad/charity> for further details. For 2009 the University is again offering scholarships which cover nearly 40% of the fees for students from charities with limited resources. The course includes two modules which lead to the Institute of Fundraising Certificate in Fundraising Management - and it is possible to take these on a standalone basis in September and February.

If you just want to work for the IoF Certificate, the university can still accept applications up to the end of August to take the Certificate modules 16-19 Sept 2008 and 3-6 Feb 2009. For a full course brochure and application form, please call 0114 225 2820 or e-mail ominfo@shu.ac.uk

Illingworth Fun Day

Over 1,200 children, youth and parents came through the gates during the afternoon. The team worked hard in the sun to help put on a brilliant day for the people of Illingworth. Other groups involved were the Old Lane boxing club, Out of Darkness (street dance/cheerleading), Hippotastics play gym, with other attractions i.e. Baby contest, fancy dress, Knobbly knees, glamorous grannie, break dancing etc.

Also provided free was a cream tea or burger, one of the main attractions was the bucking bronco and our new Challengers mascot Custard bear that the children could have their photo taken with.

Already there have been emails asking for another event next year. Parents were involved and Charity First shop (Illingworth Road) helped to sponsor the event alongside Illingworth Challengers.

The aim was to regain contact with the children (now young people/parents themselves) that have attended Illingworth Challengers over the past ten years. The team did meet up with lots of them as they found themselves on the first photo of 1998. Young and old alike had great fun with loads of prizes to be won and the sun shone all day. Next years event is already being planned, and the team are looking for other groups to get on board; it's a great chance to promote youth groups and even recruit volunteers.



CWDC Induction Standards Workbook

The Children's Workforce Development Council has issues a workbook for those who are new to a role working in social care services with children and/or young people. Most services are legally required to induct their new staff and CWDC recommends that all social care services should do so. From September 2006 these standards become the recognised ones to meet the induction requirements of the National Minimum Standards that relate to the Care Standards Act 2000. The workbook is available from www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/induction-standards

Play Spaces

Play England and government departments leading on play have published guidance which will help transform the design of play spaces in the future. Play England commissioned the Free Play Network to produce the guide, which will help those involved in commissioning and designing places for play put play value at the heart of provision.

The guide is available free of charge - order your copy or download here -

www.playengland.org.uk/resources

New Minimum Wage Figures

From October 2008, the national minimum wages will be as follows;

Over 22 years old £5.73 per hour (currently £5.52)

18 to 21 years old £4.77 per hour (currently £4.60)

16 to 17 years old £3.53 per hour (currently £3.40)

Youth Work Unit website

Advertise your Youth Work related job vacancies on the Youth Work Unit website for FREE. To advertise your vacancies please send the information to Kim Burke at theunit@youthworkunit.com. Please include

- Job Title
- Salary
- Hours of Post
- Job Description
- Job Specification
- Contact details for further info
- Closing Date
- Attachments relating to position



NCVYS STRATEGIC INFORMATION SERVICE BULLETIN

The latest edition has information on Positive activities and community relations, child sex offenders, outcomes of the YOF/YCF, good Practice and much more. You can read the bulletin at

www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk/newsletters.htm

Frontline Workers Network

The next Frontline Workers network meeting is 12 noon on Tuesday 30th September at Calderdale Business Park (Seminar Room) at Club Lane, Ovenden

Your chance to attend the Footsey 100...for Free!



Are you a charity or a community or voluntary organisation?

Is your organisation based in Yorkshire and the Humber?

Are you looking to diversify your income or become a social enterprise?

If so, Key Fund Yorkshire could help! Key Fund Yorkshire has secured a strictly limited number of free passes for voluntary and community organisations to attend Footsey 100: The largest Social Enterprise Trade Fair in the UK, Thursday 16th October 2008 at York Racecourse.

They will provide you with free entry to the event, an additional set grant of £200 to cover travel expenses and any other out of pocket expenses. You will get the chance to speak to Key Fund Yorkshire staff about grant and loan funding opportunities and the opportunity to attend exclusive tailored surgeries on topics such as Funding Needs and Financial Management. There will also be the chance to talk to proven social entrepreneurs, the chance to view the exhibition stands of over 100 organisations and networking opportunities.

To apply for a grant to attend Footsey 100 please contact Kerry Chase on 0114 242 8909 or email kerry.chase@keyfundyorks.org.uk. For more information, please visit www.footsey.org.uk.

Competition is expected to be high so please apply without delay. Preference will be given to voluntary and community organisations and new start social enterprises that have not visited Footsey before and have not previously applied to the Key Fund for Social Economy Funding.

CONTACT POINT

Early Adopters Go Live The 17 Early Adopter Local Authorities are due to go live from the end of October 2008. As a result of this there will be a requirement to make information leaflets available for public distribution and we would appreciate your assistance in this matter. If your organisation has any public reception areas where these leaflets can be made available for the general public can you please let the team have details of where the leaflets can be sent or alternatively let them have the contact details of a person who could co-ordinate this on behalf of your organisation.

Events ContactPoint Awareness Event during October, including a session on Information Sharing across partners. Full details will be available in early September, so please watch out for the information. The team intend to invite contacts from the organisations they have already engaged with, but if you know of anyone who would benefit from an invitation please let the team know, however numbers may need to be limited. There will be further - and more issue specific - events to assist partners through the accreditation and connection process. However this first event is intended to help raise awareness and kick off the process of actually connecting you to ContactPoint. The Calderdale Project Team, who have responsibility for ContactPoint and other aspects of the IISaM agenda, consists of the following team members:
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Linda Baillie –
Information Systems Officer Telephone 01422 392554
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For updates and newsletters from other agencies, please visit www.calderdalenetwork.org.uk/newsletters

NCVO Consultation; Future of Compact

NCVO needs to hear your views on how the Compact currently operates and how it could be improved. Following recent debate about the need to strengthen the Compact, the Commissioner for the Compact has been asked by government to consider options for its future. The Commissioner will report back at the end of October. It is expected that if changes to the Compact are proposed a full consultation will take place at the end of this year. In order to inform this review, and ensure that decisions are grounded, NCVO need to take full account of the views of voluntary and community organisations. NCVO intends to respond to the Commission for the Compact and report back to Government once it has heard from its members in October. The Compact is a voluntary partnership agreement between the Government and the VCS which sets out principles for how the two sectors will work together.

You can respond via the NCVO on-line consultation **www.ncvo-consult.org.uk** Or **Policy Team, NCVO, Regents Wharf, 8 All Saints Street, London N1 9RL.**



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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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