



HAPPY EASTER

from the ECVYS Staff and your Executive, we are at last back to full strength.

I have pleasure in introducing Sue Rosier who is our new Administration Officer. Sue started with us from January and has already made a big impact.

Sue will be at the AGM in May.

ECVYS AGM on Thursday 19th May 2005

New Commissioner and Youth Green Paper

"The newly appointed children's commissioner for England says adolescents are the most neglected age group of all children and young people, and that he will champion their interests."

Professor Al Aynsley-Green, also said "There is going to be a youth green paper coming out soon, and it is a very important landmark. Out of all the client groups in the six ages of children, the most neglected are adolescents and young people".

This quote was taken from an article in 'Young People Now'. I hope the new commissioner will continue to recognise

that our target group is the most neglected. However, on his second statement with regard to the youth green paper – as we go to press – we are still awaiting sight of it..... will it materialise? or will it be lost in the run up to the election?

- ❖ **Insert – Important information regarding CYPSP's – Children and Young Peoples Strategic Partnerships**

STOP Press: Re Youth Green Paper

Message received from Alistair McGarry, Chief Executive, Essex Southend & Thurrock Connexions Partnership

I have just been informed by Anne Weinstock that the forthcoming **Green Paper will not be announced on 24th March as expected.**

I have been given **no details** about any **future date for publication.**

ECVYS would like to thank Alistair for keeping us informed

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ECVYS AGM

Thursday 19th May 2005



FUNDING

ARGOS in the Community

Argos supports hundreds of small community projects and charities with either goods or financial donations. Argos has a charity policy, which has the following criteria:

Support is given only to registered charities and non-profit making organizations – not trusts and foundations. The charities supported must be people related, e.g. education and health, children (especially schools with special needs).

Applications must be received in writing to Argos Ltd, Charities Dept, 489-499 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 2NW

ESSEX COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - COMMUNITY GRANTS supporting Children and Young People. Application pack 0845 1130161 or RNID Tynetalk 18001 0845 1130161. Further information from Essex Community Foundation 01245 356018

CARNEGIE TRUST TO LAUNCH RURAL ACTION RESEARCH PROGRAMME

The Carnegie Trust has been awarded £2.2 million from the Big Lottery Fund to launch a new Rural Action Research programme. This has been matched by an additional £750,000 from the Carnegie UK Trust's own resources. The purpose of the Rural Action Research Programme will be to demonstrate and pilot practical and cost-effective community led solutions to help shape and influence rural policy. The Rural Action Research programme will focus on six themes affecting communities in rural areas.

- 1) Involving rural residents in community planning
- 2) Community led service delivery
- 3) Models of sustainable management of community buildings
- 4) Rebuilding fractured rural communities

5) Training and development needs of those involved in Rural Community Development.

6) The needs of young people and those in vulnerable occupations in very remote and peripheral areas

The Carnegie UK Trust and Big Lottery Fund will publish a prospectus describing each of the themes and the interventions/research/activities to be commissioned under that theme in March 2005.

ACTION EARTH 2005

Action Earth provides grants of up to £50.00 to assist groups in carrying out environmental projects. If you are an organisation (or an individual) who would like to apply for a grant, you can register online or download and print a copy of the registration pack at www.actionearth.org.uk or tel 0121 328 7455. If you would like to take part in a project as a volunteer, visit the projects page to find out what is happening in your area. Projects must be practical and visual, have an immediate or lasting benefit to the environment, involve volunteers and take place between 1 January and 5 June 2005.

THE CAMELOT FOUNDATION TRANSFORMING LIVES

The Transforming Lives programme is looking for small to medium sized organisations across the UK that: work with their priority groups –

- Young parents or those at risk of becoming young parents
- Young asylum seekers
- Young people with mental health problems

- Young disabled people have imaginative ideas for engaging young people in community life share their values and commitment to change

The guidelines give information about how to apply to the Transforming Lives programme. If you want to apply for a grant, please read these guidelines carefully before you begin. They are designed to help you have the best chance of success. The deadline dates for applying for a Transforming Lives grants are 11th April 2005 and 11 July 2005. Guidelines and application forms can be downloaded from the website

www.camelotfoundation.org.uk/translives/translives.cfm

INFORMATION



EVERY CHILD MATTERS: CHANGE FOR CHILDREN WORKING WITH VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS TO DELIVER CHANGE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Hard copies are currently being distributed. Connexions VCS contacts at Partnerships and Government Offices, Connexions VCS Forum and Members and Associate Members will receive copies shortly. The publication is available to download or order on line at: www.everychildmatters.gov.uk and www.teachernet.gov.uk/publications

Hard copies can also be ordered from DfES Publications by email at dfes@prolog.uk.com or tel: 0845 602 2260, quoting reference: DfES/1123/2004

FREE GIFT AID CALCULATOR

IT for charities has a free gift aid calculator that can be incorporated into your website. To get this useful tool click on the link below and follow the instructions on the website:

SPECIAL NEEDS TOYS

There is now a website provided by tfh, the specialist toy manufacturer, for all special needs children, their families and careers. Check the website or call 01299 827820 for information www.tftuk.com

FREE GUIDE FOR TRUSTEES

Charity law firm Bates, Wells & Braithwaite have published a **free guide to trustee's duties and responsibilities**, the passport-sized booklet, Duties of Charity Trustees is available from: Philippa Hart at BWB, email p.hart@bateswells.co.uk or download from www.bateswells.co.uk clicking on publications within the Charity and Social Enterprise Department.

BIG LOTTERY FUND

Five organisations working with vulnerable children and young people are to benefit from grants totalling £1.5 million from the Big Lottery Fund's Strategic Grants Programme. Save the Children has received £280,000 to explore approaches for working with young people at risk of becoming disengaged from education. <http://www.wired.gov.net/WGLaunch.aspx?ARTCL=29733>

BE AWARE

Lancashire Partnership Against Crime has brought to our attention a report from the American news agency CBS. Keep a watch out for people standing near you in the checkout line at retail stores, restaurants, supermarkets, etc who have a camera/video mobile phone in hand. With these types of phones, they can take a picture of your credit card, which gives them your name, number, and expiration date. CBS reported this type of card number theft is one of the fastest growing scams in America today. Be aware of your surroundings. Clearly, the suggestion here is that what happens in America today, happens here tomorrow.

COUNTRYSIDE CODE

The Countryside Agency has updated the Code for the first time in 20 years with the help of Creature Comforts animated animals. Although the appearance of the Code has changed, the five key messages remains. Download in 1 min. video at www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk

Free Coaching Kit

Through the Football Foundation, Barclays are providing 1200 packs per year of coaching **equipment and clothing**, which can be used for a variety of team sports, donating them to teams and groups who have the greatest need, targeting disadvantaged areas in the UK.

To find out if you are eligible to apply please contact The Football Foundation on 0800 0274221 or email enquiries@spacesforsports.org.uk

CHARITIES WARNED OVER DATA PROTECTION LAWS

Too many charities are inadvertently flouting data protection laws and could find themselves in hot water according to Stewart Room, head of data protection at law firm Rowe Cohen. Charities which routinely collect data and store personal information (eg. **on supporters**) are considered data controllers under the Data Protection Act, with responsibility for keeping this data safe. The penalties for those charities found to be acting in breach of the legislation are considerable and could involve fines and personal compensations claims. Visit www.dataprotection.gov.uk.

TRAINING

UK YOUTH

YAA Disability Conference, 6 April 2005, Oxford House, Derbyshire Street London. Contact: 020 7242 4045 for details.

LAYSER

Working with Young Men, 22 April 2005, Cambridge Professional Development Centre, Cambridge. Contact: 01223 718474 for details.

YAA NATIONAL CONFERENCE: ACCREDITATION FOR YOUNG DISABLED PEOPLE

Date: Wednesday 6 April 2005

Venue: London

Cost: £20 + VAT per delegate

Theme: A one day conference which will focus on accreditation for young disabled people through the Youth Achievement Awards within informal and non-formal education. It is aimed at all those working with young disabled people across a range of services, who are interested in accrediting young people's achievements.

Contact for Info: Tim Mitchell on 020 7242 4045 ext 31 or email tim@ukyouth.org

CHARITIES INFORMATION BUREAU TRAINING PROGRAMME WINTER 2005

The Charities Information Bureau has just published their winter training programme entitled 'Getting Ready for Funding'. It offers a comprehensive range of courses on

fundraising, from one day courses designed to make charities aware of what is available, to four day accredited courses. Further information on all the courses and a booking form can be downloaded from www.voluntaryarts.org/uploaded/map1823.pdf

CONNEXIONS NEWS

UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF CONNEXIONS ON YOUNG PEOPLE AT RISK RESEARCH REPORT BY DE MONTFORD UNIVERSITY

Further research had been published on the impact of the Connexions Service on young people, particularly those at risk of underachievement and disaffection: <http://www.dfes.gov.uk/research/data/uploads/files/RR607.pdf>

CONNEXIONS AND UNISON

Unison, the union for over 16,000 Connexions employees, has written to the Government to suggest Connexions should be brought under local authority control and retain its independence from schools. http://www.unison.org.uk/education/connexions/pages_view.asp?did=1692

RESOURCES & PUBLICATIONS

A GUIDE TO GRANTS FOR INDIVIDUALS IN NEED 2004/5

This funding guide gives details of a wide range of funds and other support available for the relief of individual poverty and hardship. It is a key reference book for advice and social workers, as well as individuals themselves and those concerned with their welfare.

The comprehensive listings include: details of over 2,500 national and local charitable trusts which give over £338 million a year towards the relief of individual poverty and hardship.

Sources of funding from service and ex-service charities, sickness and disability charities. essential advice on applications for each source: eligibility; types of grant given; contact details including email addresses.

The guide also provides a model of how to make an effective application and advice on how to find the right sources of funding to apply to.

FULL COST RECOVERY: A GUIDE AND TOOLKIT ON COST ALLOCATION

Are you having trouble funding overheads in your organisation?
Do you rely on donations or your reserves to subsidise your services?
Would seeing your costs more clearly help you write better funding applications and improve decisions about much you should be asking for?
Would you like to be able to demonstrate to your funders exactly how much your services cost to run?
If the answer to all these questions is 'yes', then you need the recently published Full Cost Recovery.
This guide will enable you to work out the full cost of your activities. The publication is offered in different packages - a printed guide, an electronic version and an interactive CD-Rom.
Visit www.dsc.org.uk for more details of both these publications.

Need advice! Get online for quality assured legal information, leaflets and a directory of solicitors and advice agencies!
Just Ask! Is the website of the Community Legal Service, the national network of organisations which give information, advice and help about your rights.

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ECVYS now has a copy of
'The Rough Guide to Accessing London'

USEFUL WEBSITES

www.need2know.co.uk

This is aimed at young people aged 13-19 giving advice about everyday issues that concern and affect teenagers, such as health, money, work and relationships.

www.socialexclusion.gov.uk

The Social Exclusion Unit (SEU), which is part of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and works closely with other parts of the department to tackle deprivation, has launched this new website.

www.workingfamilies.org.uk

Has a work-life balance web forum for voluntary organisations to share ideas and take part in debates.

www.spraak-service.net/slangportal

will tell you the meaning of any street slang phrase from almost any youth culture.

www.askncvo.org

has a range of legal information covering model constitutions, changing constitutions, registering charities, names and more.

www.hmce.gov.uk

to access HM Customs and Excise updated VAT Leaflet 701/1 Charities. Click on 'Library' then 'Public Notices', scroll down to HMCE 701/1 – 26 pages!

www.jstask.org.uk