

THE NEWS-SHEET OF THE ESSEX COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY YOUTH SERVICES



Hi everyone,

As we look forward to the long summer holidays lets hope for fine weather so that those of you going away to camp with your young people are able to make the most of your time together.....and those who are lucky enough to be finding time for a well earned break; find themselves refreshed for the coming autumn term!

I thought you might like some 'bedtime reading'..... Have a wonderful summer!

Best wishes

Brenda

The Youth of Today Leadership Fund launched

Gordon Brown has launched The Youth of Today Leadership Fund worth £1m to support innovative leadership opportunities for young people. Funded by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) and managed by

the Young Foundation, the fund will invest in up to 40 third sector organisations delivering leadership programmes for young people across England ranging from investments of between £5,000 to £100,000 over two years. The Youth of Today is led by a consortium previously known as the National Body for Youth Leadership. <http://www.theyouthoftoday.org/>

New research quarterly on young people and the recession

The Institute for Public Policy Research has launched a free, new quarterly newsletter - *Youth Tracker* - looking at how Britain's young people are faring in the recession, and what we can do to support them. The series will feature new research, statistics and opinions from key academics and policy experts. <http://www.ippr.org/publicationsandreports/publication.asp?id=674>

LGA research on NEETs

According to a new report by the Local Government Association, the number of young people not in employment, education or training has risen to 935,000 and is expected to top one million by September. The report, *Hidden talents: re-engaging young people*, argues for a much stronger recognition that young people's willingness to stay on in education is formed very early and that family influences are important. It shows that low skills can be inherited if more early action is not taken.

<http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/core/page.do?pagelid=2146838>

Young unemployed 'ashamed' to claim benefits

Despite the rise in youth unemployment, a new report by YouthNet shows that some young people feel shame in claiming Job Seekers' Allowance and Income Support. Published as part of a project funded by HM Revenue & Customs, the survey Tick Tax provides a snapshot of young people's finances and the mental burdens they face, suggesting that young people would rather be financially independent than rely upon the welfare system.

<http://www.youthnet.org/www.YouthNet.org/MediaandCampaigns/PressReleases/TickTax>

INFORMATION



Cashback from crooks

The Home Office has launched a new Community Cashback pilot scheme which will use £4m recovered from criminals to fund community projects tackling antisocial or criminal behaviour locally, based on feedback from the public via a new dedicated website. Previously used to fund frontline services such as the police, assets recovered from criminals this year have risen to an all time high of £148m for 08/09, up from last year's £136m. <http://press.homeoffice.gov.uk/press-releases/cashback-crime-communities>

Voluntary Sector Endowment

A £2 million endowment fund from Essex County Council has been set up in partnership with Essex Community Foundation to support a healthy and thriving voluntary and community sector across Essex. The endowment is funded by a Performance Reward Grant awarded to the County Council by Central Government for achieving Local Area Agreement (LAA) targets.

The fund will open to applications in Autumn 2009 and will provide grants to Essex based charities which find ways of tackling the social and economic disadvantages of people across Essex. Source: Essex Community Foundation, 21 April 2009.

Citizenship recommendations

The Youth Citizenship Commission has published its recommendations on the consultation to lower the voting age and youth citizenship. According to YCC research, 82% of young people in the UK don't trust politicians to make the right decisions for them. The recommendations include that politicians should decide on whether the voting age should be lowered to 16; and that Parliament should sponsor and fund the UK Youth Parliament. <http://www.ycc.uk.net/news/>

Key Worker Status for youth and community workers rejected, but HomeBuy Scheme on offer

The Joint Negotiating Committee for Youth and Community Workers has received a letter from Margaret Beckett, Minister for Housing and Planning following the request for youth and community workers to be

awarded key worker status and thus access the Key Worker Living programme. The response stated that there were presently no plans to review the eligibility criteria for this programme, however, workers could apply for housing assistance through the Government's HomeBuy Scheme. <http://www.communities.gov.uk/housing/buyingselling/ownershipschemes/homebuy/>

Office of the Third Sector Principles of proportionate monitoring and reporting

The Office of the Third Sector has published its *Principles of proportionate monitoring and reporting*, in order to lessen the unnecessary burden of monitoring on voluntary organisations. The principles commit Government departments to understanding the cost of reporting for third sector organisations and to working closely with them when establishing monitoring requirements, and will apply to all new funding streams. This is in response to the New Philanthropy Capital report in September 2008, which said that being monitored by external bodies cost charities an average of 6p in every pound of funding they received.

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/news/news_stories/090625_proportionate_monitoring.aspx

Intelligent Monitoring – guidance for departments

A corresponding guidance has been published by the National Audit Office entitled *Intelligent Monitoring* to help Government cut unnecessary red tape for the voluntary and community organisations that it funds. It has the support of the Office of the Third Sector, HM Treasury and the Commission for the Compact. http://www.nao.org.uk/guidance_and_good_practice/good_practice/third_sector/intelligent_monitoring.aspx

RECYCLE Recycle your inkjet cartridges



The Eden Project is marking Recycling Week by launching a programme to encourage people not to throw away their used ink cartridges. By sending old cartridges to a freepost address, people can ensure that they get reused and that £1 per cartridge will be donated to Eden's charitable programmes.

Printer cartridges account for about 15,000 tonnes of waste plastic and metal in the

UK. Many could be recycled and reused, reducing landfill, saving raw materials and minimising CO2 emissions.

Anyone who would like to recycle their cartridges for Eden can find out more by clicking the link below or by calling 0800 435 576.

[Recycle your inkjet cartridges for Eden](#)

REPORT Long-term youth unemployment by 2011

A new report from the Centre for Cities finds that long-term youth unemployment will almost treble, from 130,000 in May 2009 to 350,000 by December 2011. Cities like Sunderland and Barnsley, Swindon and Milton Keynes have been hardest-hit by rising levels of youth unemployment. Despite the £1 billion Future Jobs Fund aimed at creating 150,000 new jobs during 2009-11, this will help less than half the expected young people due to be long-term unemployed by 2011.

<http://www.centreforcities.org/index.php?id=884>

Parc-Essex

PARC was set up by parents of disabled children with the aim of providing developmental play opportunities for children with additional needs and respite for their families. For four years they ran services from a second hand demountable but in January 2009 we moved in to a new purpose built building on Great Notley Country Park which has a wonderful outlook and

many attractions of its own. The new building has a main play area with small ball pool area, a sensory room, counselling room, sensory integration room and outside we have a fully adapted playground. There is a meeting room that seats around 15 people and they have an interactive whiteboard for training purposes. The centre is available for hire to other groups and all the money received from hire is re-invested in their respite services and developing resources and they are hoping that eventually we will have enough money to create a sensory garden. If anyone is interested in hiring all or part of the centre please contact them on 01376 528999. There are pictures of the new building on the web-site www.parc-essex.co.uk and they are happy to show people around and talk about how we can work in partnership with other organisations.

TRAINING

KWANGO e-learning Package from Essex County Council: Free training opportunities for voluntary sector organisations working in Essex.
Integrated Working: a general overview of the Every Child Matters agenda and how all the Integrated Processes need to work together.
CAF: a general overview of the rationale behind the completion of a Common Assessment with case studies
Information Sharing: a very good knowledge of general Information Sharing legislation and guidance on Consent.
login and register using the following URL:
http://www.ecclms.co.uk/ecclms01_10.asp?
Please Note: To use the Kwango Courses the PC must have the following software installed: Flask Player 7.

ESCB Safeguarding

Please follow the link to a new e-learning package on safeguarding children. This package has been purchased by the Local Authority and is available to use by all partner agencies. There is no cost to using the programme and no requirement to submit an application form. Access to the package is by using the link is as follows: -www.ecclms.co.uk/goecclms.asp

WEBSITE

This is the link to the CYPSP Website. **Please visit this regularly to keep up to date with the most recent information.**

<http://www.essexcc.gov.uk/microsites/CYPSP/FundingOpportunities200809.htm>

Bravo Link

The BRAVO link is as follows:
<http://www.essexcc.gov.uk/vip8/ecc/ECWebsite/dis/gui.jsp?channelOid=122457&guideOid=123919>
www.essex.bravosolution.co.uk
or use the following path on the Essex County Council website:
on the left hand side of the homepage click on "Business" then click on "Supplying Essex County Council"
You will need to register your organisation to receive and/or make funding applications. There is a helpline service detailed within the BRAVO pages.

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