



News-line

For the second month in succession I am pleased to announce an increase in the Norfolk CVYS staff team. **Shenaz Kedar** has joined us on an initial one year contract to develop opportunities for youth groups and individual young people to engage in the international agenda. She is currently working towards the creation of a plan of action, and will be using this publication and others to share with you news on events and projects relating to the international scene. You may read more about Shenaz on page 5 of this newsletter.

Included within this Newsletter you will find the Collaborative Training Programme produced jointly by Norfolk

Youth & Community Service, Connexions Norfolk and ourselves. A quick glance will reveal a range of training opportunities which are free to all those involved in delivering youth work in Norfolk. At the end of each section you will find 'compulsory and recommended for' boxes to indicate which target group the courses are for. Some are specifically designed for Norfolk County Council staff and are therefore not appropriate for voluntary sector colleagues. Additionally we are pleased to provide the Norfolk CVYS training programme which should be viewed as additional opportunities based on a needs analysis exercise that was carried out within the voluntary sector.

Whilst all courses are free it should be noted that accreditation costs will be incurred for the VRQ2 and VRQ3 Introduction to Working with Young People courses on pages 4 and 5 of the Collaborative Training Programme, Foundation Certificate in Food Hygiene and MiDAS Minibus Training. S.A.F.E. Child Protection training continues and is administered by Katrina Burton and her Team. To join the Safeguarding Children programme there is a £20 fee per group which will provide you with 2 places on the S.A.F.E. training programme together with a range of other benefits.

For further information on any matters relating to training please contact Tracy at the Norfolk CVYS office on 01603 423995.

Also included within this newsletter are details of another funding opportunity through The Big Lottery Fund. If you seeking funding for particular projects or to support any area of work you are involved with, please contact Norfolk CVYS office where our staff will happily guide towards a range of grants and funding streams.

Don't forget to apply soon if you are planning an event for the summer so that we may process your application and ensure that we are able to support your work.

Mike Tingley Development Worker.

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Working in Partnership with the Norfolk County Council
Children's Services



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

NORFOLK LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD	Summer 2006 Saturday Morning Child Protection Training Sessions	
		T (01603) 228966 F (01603) 223955

For Adults who work with Voluntary and Youth Groups

Date

Saturday 22nd April
Saturday 6th May
Saturday 6th May
Saturday 13th May
Wednesday 17th May
Saturday 20th May
Saturday 10th June
Saturday 24th June

Venue

NYCS Base, School Lane, Sprowston
The Howard Junior School, Parkway, Kings Lynn
Shrublands Youth & Community Centre, Gorleston
NYCS Base, School Lane, Sprowston
NYCS Base, School Lane, Sprowston **6-9pm**
Queensway Community Junior School, Hillary Road, Thetford
The Howard Junior School, Parkway, Kings Lynn
NYCS Base, School Lane, Sprowston

Courses run from 9.30 am until 1pm or 6-9 pm, all applicants must be over 18 years

If you wish to attend any of the listed training dates, please complete the form below, detach it and send it to the Safeguarding Children Programme Co-ordinator at: Norfolk Local Safeguarding Children Board, The Pineapple, 63 Bracondale, Norwich NR1 2EE. If you have any queries please phone 01603 228966.

NORFOLK SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PROGRAMME IS ENDORSED BY:

- Norfolk Local Safeguarding
- Children Board
- Norfolk Children's Funds
- Norfolk Police
- Norfolk Children's Services
- Norwich & Norfolk Volunteer Service
- Norfolk Sports Alliance
- Early Years Childminding Association
- Early Years Support Network
- Amateur Swimming Association
- British Gliding Association

When you join the LSCB Safeguarding Children Programme (£20.00 per group) you will receive:

- Training sessions free of charge for 2 adults who help in your club
- Safer Activities For Everyone (SAFE) comprehensive guidance pack
- Guidance for assessing risk
- A child protection policy
- Sound recruitment advice
- Advice & support to promote good practice

Together we can safeguard the welfare of the youngsters in your club and once registered, you will have the option of annual membership and your club will receive a 6 monthly membership newsletter and the support of the programme co-ordinator to attain the LSCB standards. Your group will then be presented with an LSCB certificate to display.

You can use the course booking form to request a resource pack.

Extra training places @ £10.00 per head

Training Programme 2006 – 2007

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Venue</u>
22 nd April 2006	First Aid	BRC HQ, Norwich
6 th May 2006	Food Hygiene	NYCS Training Unit, Norwich
20 th May 2006	First Aid	SJA HQ, Norwich
13 th & 20 th June 2006	First Aid	BRC HQ, Norwich
15 th June 2006	Conflict in Groups	NYCS Training Unit, Norwich
1 st July 2006	First Aid	SJA HQ, Dereham
20 th & 27 th July 2006	First Aid	BRC HQ, Norwich
23 rd Sept 2006	First Aid	SJA HQ, Norwich
7 th October 2006	Presentation Skills	NYCS Training Unit, Norwich
10 th & 17 th Oct 2006	First Aid	BRC, Long Stratton
21 st October 2006	Food Hygiene	NYCS Training Unit, Norwich
11 th Nov 2006	First Aid	SJA HQ, Norwich
20 th Jan 2007	First Aid	BRC HQ, Norwich
6 th & 13 th Feb 2007	First Aid	SJA HQ, Norwich
3 rd March 2007	First Aid	BRC HQ, Norwich
24 th March 2007	First Aid	SJA HQ, Norwich
Dates to be confirmed	REC Level 1	Whitlingham Outdoor Centre
Dates to be confirmed	Midas Training	NYCS Training Unit, Norwich

NCVYS Training information

Just to remind you there is a range of Training course available to the Voluntary Sector and we would also remind you that should your organisation have specific training requirements we can help with, please let our Training organiser, Tracy Dack, know as she is keeping a database of training needs. All courses are free except for Basic Food Hygiene and MiDAS where the examination / certificate fee has to be paid by the participant. Also a cost is involved with the assessment element of the Norfolk Youth Work Basic Training Scheme however some bursaries are available. Please contact Norfolk CVYS on **01603 423995** or e-mail info@norfolkcvys.org.uk for the attention of Tracy Dack

Advertisements

Millennium Volunteers Development Officer Based in Norfolk

Help meet the new agenda for youth volunteering in Norfolk, building on existing achievements and using your imagination to make volunteering attractive and open to all young people. Organised and results focussed, you will work with young people to establish effective partnerships and new initiatives to make the Russell Commission ambitions a reality in Norfolk. You will work as part of a well-established team delivering MV in Norfolk.

You will need use of a car and good ICT skills. Some weekend and evening work required. This post is subject to enhanced CRB vetting.



For an application pack, please e-mail: recruitment@btcv.org.uk

Or telephone the recruitment line on: 01302 572257 quoting ref: NMV/DO.

Alternatively you can download an application form and view a job description from our website.

Closing date for completed application forms is: Friday 7th April 2006

Salary: £16,822 with the potential to rise to £22,526, 35 hours a week

funforlife are currently seeking to recruit a team of drama and arts workers to help them produce their Emotional Education and Learning to Learn programmes for young people in the UK. For further details about funforlife see later in this newsletter and/or contact their website www.funforlife.org.uk To apply for the posts currently being filled contact dragan@funforlife.org.uk

VOLUNTEERING

Norfolk CVYS Development Worker, Mike Tingley, recently took part in a Volunteering Fair at the UEA (University of East Anglia) in Norwich. During this event several students left their details with him, having expressed a wish to offer their services as volunteers to groups working in the voluntary youth sector within Norfolk - mostly around the Norwich area for convenience - some were offering a regular commitment and some wanted opportunities during the coming summer break.

If your organisation is in need of voluntary support please contact Norfolk CVYS office on **01603 423995** e.mail info@norfolkcvys.org.uk or **Ed Paxton** and **George Lang** at the **UEA** on **01603 593243** or e.mail volunteers@uea.ac.uk. This information is also contained on our website www.norfolkcvys.org.uk.

Volunteers from the UEA will receive support and training including CRB checking and screening to ensure suitability for volunteering opportunities.

CONNEXIONNEWS

A copy of the Winter 2006 issue of **Connexionews** is enclosed with this Norfolk CVYS newsletter. The Spring 2006 edition will be issued shortly and will be circulated with the next Norfolk CVYS news in June.

Spotlight on.....



Tracy Dack – Clerical Assistant Finance & Training

I grew up in the Norwich area where I was lucky enough to enjoy Guiding and Youth Clubs run by local volunteers. I left school at 16 and started my first of three stints at a large Ceramic Tile Distributors in a trainee clerical role. At 18 I spent a year in London engaged in clerical duties for the cream of the capitals dairy. If anything the experience taught me a gold top from a blue top.

I then returned to Norwich where I returned to the Sales Office of the tile firm. After several years I left again after the firm was re-structured whilst on Maternity leave. Out of the blue my original employees telephone me and offered me a part time job in their accounts department where I finally ended up as the Credit Controller. Following 20 years of intermittent employment I was finally made redundant when a multi national firm purchased the company and the Accounts Department moved to Newcastle. Norfolk CVYS has now given me a wonderful opportunity to share my varied Clerical experience in the Voluntary Sector.

I am married to Gary who currently works for Norfolk Constabulary. My two lovely children Scott and Isabel attend local schools and they both enjoy Scouting and Rainbow activities.

We all enjoy family days out - Norfolk Constabulary permitting.....!

Shenaz Kedar

International Youth Project Development Officer

I have recently been appointed as the International Youth Project Development Officer for Norfolk CVYS.

Prior to this, over the last six years, I have had a considerable amount of experience of working directly and indirectly with and for children and young people, asylum seekers, refugees and migrant workers, in a variety of settings developing projects through my work with UNICEF in Greece and Israel, working for the Japanese Board of Education in Japan and most recently with the local authority through my work with Norfolk County Council's (NCC) Asylum Seeker Service. For the last year and a half I have also been actively involved in NCC's Policy and Performance team's efforts in the area of policy development for migrant workers in the region.

I hold a BA in Philosophy and Sociology and have recently completed my MA in International Relations and European Studies. I have carried out research on the topics of Human Rights, Education and Development, Labour Standards Violations and for my MA dissertation researched the topic of Humanitarian Intervention, analysing international human rights conventions, the current state of international relations and existing conflict resolution structures.

My new role will involve engaging with a number of strategic partners in developing international opportunities for young people on a regional, national, European and international levels which will contribute to the personal, social and political development for young people in Norfolk.

I am currently in the process of mapping out regional contacts for partnership work in order to deliver such international opportunities. Please contact me if you have details of any international activities in your area and if you would like to volunteer in upcoming events such as Refugee Week, International Youth Day and Black History Month.



I shall keep you informed of upcoming events and opportunities for participation in future projects and look forward to working in partnership with you soon.


Shenaz Kedar

Norwich based upcoming events:


Dates for your diary

January
27th Holocaust Memorial Day

March
8th International Women's Day
Women 


6-19th Fairtrade Fortnight




April
15th Moroccan Evening: 8-11pm,
Norfolk African and Community
Association event.

May
13th International Community Fest,
Dereham Festival


June
19th-25th



August
12th International Youth Day



October



Saturday 25th March, event organised to celebrate **International Women's day**. From 11- 14.40 held at **St John's Cathedral**. Partnership organised event. For more information on the history behind International Women's day see www.un.org/ecosocdev/geninfo/women/womday97.htm

Tuesday 4th April, Talk by Secretary for Youth Affairs and Ecuadorian Trade Union Organiser **Elias Arias Santana**, about his work and experiences of the struggle to organise in the Ecuadorian banana industry, it will provide an insight into the fair-trade context of the region. The event is organised by **Banana Link**. For information on the subject matter see www.supportcaribbeanbananas.org.uk and www.tescopoli.org

Friday 7th April, Family and social event to mark **2nd Anniversary of Caribbean and African Network (CAN)**. 7-11pm at **Pier Harvey Hall** (working men's club), **St Gregory's Alley, Norwich**. £5.00 entrance fee.

Saturday 15th April, **Moroccan Evening: 8-11pm**, the evening will include looking at the country update, enjoying Moroccan music and food, for more information contact: **Dr Eshetu Wondimagegne** on **07751043187**. The event is organised by the **Norfolk African and Community Association (NACA)**.

For information on upcoming global events and issues log onto:
www.refugeeweek.org.uk
www.unicef.org
www.un.cyberschoolbus.org

RESOURCES

DIGITAL CAMERA

Our digital camera is available for use by our member organisations upon application to the Norfolk CVYS office. **Tel:** 01603 423995 **e.mail** info@norfolkcvys.org.uk

Please remember that written parental/guardian/carer's consent must be obtained prior to any images being captured and used in publications, of young people.

DISPLAY BOARDS

Two sets of display boards complete with spot lights are also available for use by members for market place and exhibition purposes.

LAPTOP COMPUTER AND PROJECTOR

This is available to member organisations who may be considering undertaking a presentation using PowerPoint for example. There is no charge for the use of any of our equipment but it comes to you in very good condition and we would expect to be returned likewise. Any loss or damage to equipment borrowed is the responsibility of the organisation or person to whom it is loaned.

YOUTHKIT

This is a detailed guide to setting up and running a Youth Project.

The pack is designed as a support resource for those wishing to become voluntary youth workers. It contains information and guidance on a complete range of topics that need to be considered when developing an idea. So whether you need to know about “policy”, “parachute games” or “parental responsibility”, you will find the information contained within the various sections of YouthKit.

ACTIVITYKIT

This kit is designed to give you a toolbox of activities to kick-start your work with young people.

You can choose to work through the kit from beginning to end or you can dip into the sections that are relevant to you. The kit is the beginning of your youth work resources, make sure you add to it as you go along.

The Activity Kit will be updated regularly to reflect the changing nature of youth work. At the back of the pack is an evaluation form and an activity idea form. Please fill in the evaluation form and let us know what you think of the pack and how it can be improved. Please can you fill in the activity idea form so that in the next edition we can include more activities that are working across the County.

If you are doing any youth work training the activities can be written up and used as part of your youth work portfolio.

Both these ‘tool kits’ are available from the Norfolk CVYS office, tel: 01603 423995 or e.mail info@norfolkcvys.org.uk

NORFOLK INFORMATION

During the past 6 months a group of Tier 2 organisations within the County, (Norfolk CVYS is a Tier 2 organisation which means we do not work directly face to face with young people but we work with those who do) have met to produce a selection of Fact Sheets and two publications to support those who are looking to set up voluntary and community organisations. These are ‘best practice’ models that are now used as a standard across the County and we are pleased to have been part of this process. This opportunity has been made possible through funding received from The Home Office using ‘Change up’ money.

There are two printed booklets – ‘Ideas into Action’ which is a very useful accompaniment to our YouthKit and ‘Funding Guide’ which as its name suggests provides an insight into raising money. Additionally a range of Information Sheets have been produced again reflecting good practice throughout the county now in a standard format.

Information Sheets available in the Norfolk Information series are:-

1. Fundraising: A Beginner’s Guide
2. Developing a Fundraising Strategy
3. What makes a good funding application ?
4. Recruiting Volunteers
5. Retaining Volunteers
6. Volunteers and Good Practice
7. The roles and Responsibilities of Trustees
8. Policies and Procedures Checklist
9. Recruitment and Selection

If you feel that any of these items would be of use to you in your work with young people, please contact the Norfolk CVYS office for free copies.

FUNDING

PURPOSEFUL ACTIVITIES FUND

The Purposeful Activities Fund supports projects that enable asylum seekers to interact with and make a positive contribution to, the local communities in which they reside. It also supports links with the host community, for instance, through sporting activities. Priority is also given to applications that build basic skills which will be useful to asylum seekers in the longer term, whether they stay in the UK or return to their country of origin.

http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk/VCSLaunch.aspx?SCHEME_ID=59

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REFUGEE INTEGRATION CHALLENGE FUND

The Refugee Integration Challenge Fund supports the Home Office's commitment to the integration of refugees within the United Kingdom and aims to promote innovative projects that address specific social needs amongst refugee communities. Projects must be for the benefit of those residing in the UK who have been recognised as refugees (under the 1951 UN Convention) or those with Humanitarian Protection, Discretionary Leave or Exceptional Leave leading to settlement.

http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk/VCSLaunch.aspx?SCHEME_ID=54

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Norfolk CVYS GRANT AID PROGRAMME

Closing date for next round is **31 August 2006**. Application forms available on our website

www.norfolkcvys.org.uk or from the Norfolk CVYS office, **Tel: 01603 423995**

We currently receive a steady flow of grant applications requesting large sums of funding and we would welcome more applications from groups for smaller sums. If your group is considering purchasing equipment or need a contribution towards funding a trip or visit then please apply for a grant using the application form available either on our website or from the Norfolk CVYS office, tel. 01603 423995.

Acorn Grants

These grants are for small voluntary or community groups in Norfolk that are independent of government. They have a straightforward and quick application process that is ideal for small groups. Further details enclosed with this Norfolk CVYS News

Bitz & Pieces

Fun for Life

funforlife is an educational multi media charity whose work has been focused on providing educational initiatives for people in Croatia, Romania, India, Sri Lanka and the UK.

funforlife reaches out to children and young people in need, particularly those disadvantaged through sickness, disaster, war or poverty. In 1993 Dragan Matijevic founded the children's charity Rise Phoenix as a response to the civil war in former Yugoslavia. Together with many artists and performers Dragan has visited thousands of children in troubled areas. Their projects have ranged from theatre spectacles or large-scale giant puppet carnival street processions to intimate theatre and puppet shows. In 2001 Dragan and Mohamet Abdul-Razak founded funforlife theatre charity with a vision of bringing a holistic education as well as joys of theatre to the young around the world. In 2002 funforlife became a registered charity. funforlife teaches core skills in the art accelerated learning, art of relationships, empathy, listening, mastery of non-verbal cues and the ability to manage the emotions of self and others etc.

To find out more about the services offered see their website www.funforlife.org.uk



Hope UK's Voluntary Drug Educator Training Programme has trained over 150 people. Support is available from Hope UK staff and alcohol and drug knowledge can be learnt by either another residential weekend or correspondence course. We are looking to recruit more Drug Educators so that we can cover the whole country.

During the past year, Educators have worked with children's and youth voluntary groups, churches, schools and all manner of adult groups. The training programme enables Educators to provide drug awareness presentations, carry out display work and train youth and children's leaders, etc.

Contact: Lovisa Stenstrom (l.stenstrom@homeup.org) at Hope UK for further details.

Hope UK's Drug Network and Education and Training (DRUGNET) focuses on youth workers and parents, providing training and drug awareness presentations throughout the UK. **Contact:** Deborah Devine (d.devine@hopeuk.org) if you would like a speaker.

Care for the Family began training presenters for **How to Drug Proof Your Kids** 2 years ago and so far over 600 accredited presenters have been trained to take the programme into their local communities throughout the UK. " 'How to Drug Proof Your Kids' is primarily about prevention. The key aim is to enable parents to help their children make informed choices about drinking, smoking and using illegal drugs. Obviously it helps to discuss alcohol and drugs before your children are tempted to start experimenting. But we also cover other crucial areas, including intervention and handling relapses."

Contact: Paula Pridham for further information at: Care for the Family, Garth House, Leon Avenue, Cardiff, CF15 7RG. Tel: 029 2081 0800 e.mail paula.pridham@cff.org.uk www.careforthefamily.org

Contact details for Hope UK: 25(f) Copperfield Street, London, SE1 0EN Tel: 020 7928 0848 e.mail a.wilson@hopeuk.org website www.hopeuk.org

Norfolk Council for Voluntary Youth Services

Board of Trustees

At the AGM held on 9 June 2005 the following were elected to the Norfolk CVYS Board of Trustees for the year 2005-2006

<i>Richard Draper (Chair), The Benjamin Foundation</i>	01692 407354
<i>Richard Butler,(Treasurer) Norfolk Scouts</i>	01603 502246
<i>James Kearns BUILD, United Reform Church, Princes Street, Norwich, NR3 1AZ</i>	01603 618029
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<i>Anne Brooks, Girlguiding Norfolk, Eaton Vale. Church Lane, Eaton, Norwich, NR54 6NN</i>	01603 502590
<i>Francesca Broom, Young Farmers Clubs, Easton College, Easton, Norwich, NR9 5DX</i>	01603 748717
<i>Nick Jeffery, YMCA Norfolk, Trowse, Norwich</i>	07603 630049
<i>Norman Ogden, (co-opted) Classic Majorettes, 25 Stafford Street, Norwich, NR5 8HW</i>	01603 259724
<i>Dave Southwell, Ellingham Youth Club</i>	01953 451252
<i>Lorna Vyse, Victim Support Norfolk</i>	
<i>Daniel Williams, The Prince's Trust</i>	
<i>Graham Hanson ,Youth & Community Service, County Hall, Norwich</i>	01603 222616

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Air Training Corps
Asperger Norfolk
Attleborough Youth Orchestra

Benjamin Foundation
Big City Youth Club
B. Council King's Lynn & W.
Norfolk
Boys' Brigade
Breckland District Council
Breckland Young Carers
Brisley Youth Club
BUILD
Bunwell Youth Club

Caister Youth & Community Centre
Cartwheels 'R' Us
Catton Boredom Busters
Children's Centre Youth Group
Church on the Way YC
Classic Majorettes
Connect & Co – City Church
Corpusty & Saxthorpe YC
Crusaders

Dersingham Snr. Youth Group
Dickleburgh Youth Club
Diocesan Youth Service
Dyspraxia Foundation W. Norfolk

Earlham Youth
East Anglian Girls' Flying Corps
East Harling Youth Club
Eaton Vale Activity Centre
Exchange 2

Fleggburgh Youth Committee
Foulden Yth Actvs. Steering Grp

Girls' Brigade
GFS (Platform)
Girlguiding Norfolk
Great Hautbois House
Girls' Venture Corps Air Cadets
Gt. Dunham YC
Gt. Ellingham Cricket Club
Great Ellingham Youth Club
Gt. Yarmouth & Waveney
CONTACT
Gt. Yarmouth Christian Youth Grp

Heartsease & Valley Drive Yth
Action Grp.
Heathlands Youth Club
Hempnall YC
Horstead Centre

Leziate Youth Drop in Centre

Mancroft Advice Project
Martham Combat Jitsu & Kickboxing
Club
Matthew Project
Middleton YC
Mile Cross Phoenix Children's
Project
Millennium Volunteers Project
Mulbarton Church Youth Group

NACRO
Norwich & Norfolk Vol. Services
Norfolk Army Cadet Force
Norfolk Fire Service Cadets
Norfolk International Project
Norwich International Yth Project
Norfolk Scout Association
Norfolk Yng Carers Project
(Crossroads)
Norfolk Young Farmers
North Lynn Discovery Ltd.
Norfolk & Norwich Families House
Norfolk & Norwich SCOPE
Norfolk Schools Sailing Assn.
Norwich City Council
Norwich Cycle Speedway Club
Norwich United Yth FC
Norwich Youth for Christ
NR5 Project

Open Youth Trust
Ormiston Children & Families Trust
(GY)

Out & About Trust (Anglia)

Poringland Parish Council
Prince's Trust

Reedham Youth Club
Reffley Youth Drop In
Robertson Barracks Youth Club

Salvation Army
Sedgeford Youth Club
Spooner Row YC
S. Norfolk District Council
St. Edmunds' Society
St. John's Ambulance
Stalham Dragons Summer
Playscheme
Stanhoe Youth Club
Surlingham Youth Club

Swanton Morley Youth Club

Tacolneston Youth Club
Take Flight
Taverham Youth Club
Thalia Theatre (Company) Yth
Thetford Music Project

Toftwood Youth Club
Transparent

Victim Support Norfolk

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West Norwich Partnership
Whitwell Hall Country Centre
Wildlife Youth
Wormegay Youth Club
Wrenningham YC

YESU
YMCA Norfolk
Young Carers' Youth Project
Young Citizen's Guild
Youth Clubs Norfolk

Bitz & Pieces cont'd..

Chancellor's public spending review to include youth work - A major 10 year review was announced by the Chancellor in his recent budget which aims to deliver a vast improvement in youth services over the next decade. A series of departmental reviews will be run to inform next year's comprehensive review of public sector spending across the Government. One of the three sub-reviews at the Dfes ordered by the Chancellor will examine youth services.

Beverly Hughes, the minister for children and young people told 'Young People Now' the Government wants "a step change in youth services – using that term generically – in the kind of support and services that young people need. The other sub-reviews will look at giving greater support to families of disabled children and dealing with families trapped in a cycle of disadvantage.

Beverley Hughes also said that "Youth Matters was vital but it is a first step. I'd like to see our next priority in this and the Every Child Matters agenda as young people"

The Chancellor also announced a review of the involvement of the voluntary and community sector in economic and social regeneration. This will begin in May and will also feed into the spending review. The National Council for Voluntary Youth Services welcomed the review and said it is important to consider the voluntary sector's work with young people.

Contact: www.hm-treasury.gov.uk

Volunteering plan gains more support A further 19 organisations have added their support to the seven initial backers of the Government's youth volunteering programme, increasing total funding pledged to over £10m. The Home Office said the funding would ensure the as yet unnamed charity implementing the recommendations of the Russell Commission will be in a strong position when it launches on 8 May 2006.

Young Carers ChildLine has issued a report on young carers. www.childline.org.uk

Culture Involving young people in cultural activities can help tackle antisocial behaviour, according to an Institute for Public Policy **Research** report. www.ippr.org.uk

Care The Audit Commission has launched a "toolkit" to help councils improve the achievement of looked-after young people. www.audit-commission.gov.uk

Adults need to understand the reasons behind self-harm Young people who self-harm are more likely to turn to their friends for support because adults often react inappropriately, according to a report that was launched this week. The report suggests one in 12 young people have self-harmed. Researchers said that young people who self-harmed wanted counselling, drop-in centres and self-help groups to be made more readily available. www.selfharmuk.org www.mentalhealth.org.uk

Youth Work Week 2006 The dates for Youth Work week are 1-7 November and the theme has been announced as "Hold your head up" – mental health and emotional wellbeing.

Citizenship Anti-war organisation Hands Up has widened its remit to include all kinds of direct action. www.handsupfor.org

Housing Barnardo's launches a report today into the effect of poor housing on young people
www.barnardos.org.uk

Tories plan pilots for activity scheme The Conservative Party hopes to launch pilots of its youth activity programme before the end of the year. Justine Greening, MP for Putney and vice-chair of the party said the Conservatives are developing a "youth and community action programme". She said "This could involve three or four months, maybe more, maybe with the armed forces, that teaches them about working with the community. The Conservative Party leader David Cameron held meetings earlier this year with The Prince's Trust, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award and volunteering organisation CSV to seek advice for the scheme, but it is not clear if any of these bodies would be involved in its delivery.

Outdoor The Youth Hostels Association is offering disadvantaged young people grants to help cover accommodation costs. www.yha.org.uk

Funding Save the Children and British Gas are offering grants to help young people make a contribution to their community. www.helpyourselves.org.uk

Advice for young drinkers A campaign launched to help raise awareness called "Don't walk away and let a friend die". The campaign started with one poster, and has now gone international. Steve Evans who launched the campaign said that teenagers tend to do their drinking in school playing fields or public parks, which can be dangerous in the dark. There is an absolute need for these teenagers to be made aware of the danger of leaving their friends alone and the danger of choking due to vomit as well as the dangers of hypothermia.

Copies of the poster can be obtained by e.mailing steve@samanco.freeserve.co.uk

Bullying The Government has published guidance to fight racist bullying in schools.
www.dfes.gov.uk

Politics Nearly two out of three council and party leaders said voting should be part of the citizenship curriculum if the voting age is lowered to 16 www.lga.gov.uk

Youth Council plans toolkits for young The British Youth Council is compiling resources for young people to help them get involved in decision-making within organisations. The Council has now embarked on a piece of work with a group of young people to produce youth friendly toolkits. The resources are due for completion within 6 months. The next stage is developing a training programme for young people. www.byc.org.uk

Items from Young People Now Feb. March 2006

WILD ABOUT NORFOLK Comes to Norwich 'Science in the City Festival 2006'

Saturday 9 September 2006 9.30 am – 3 pm at Notcutts Garden Centre, Daniels Road, Norwich. **Wild About Norfolk** is an annual Wildlife Conservation Fair open to all age groups. The event has been commended for the wide range of children's environmental games and activities which keep them involved throughout the day.

The event is FREE OF CHARGE to exhibitors and visitors. Come along with a school / youth group or with your family and enjoy an inspiring, exciting, informative, never to be forgotten day out. For more information contact Jennie Murdy Tel: 01603 413813 e.mail jenniemurdy@btinternet.com