



December 2006

News-line ...

- It's that time again – why does Christmas creep up on us so slowly each year and then suddenly appear to make up rush around like mad things ? Just a thought !!
- I expect that our member organisations are busy preparing parties and other festive activities with increasingly excited members getting ready for the big day.
- Some organisations are working with those people who will not have such a good time and throughout this time of fun and jollity a moment to consider those less fortunate would not go amiss.
- So whether you are working hard or looking forward to a 'Cool Yule' I hope you find time to enjoy a break and re-charge your batteries for 2007.



I am busy working with colleagues in Children's Services on the next round of Networking Events and can confirm that we will be holding these in the Western Area (in King's Lynn), Northern Area (in hopefully both Fakenham and North Walsham), Eastern Area (in Gt. Yarmouth).

Events for the Central Area and the South are currently being considered and we will have dates available early in the New Year.

Training: As you are aware we offer a range of training generally free at the point of delivery. I would be interested to know if there are issues that you have which we are not providing for through our programme. If this is the case, let us know and we will endeavour to include them in the collaborative training programme which will run from April 2007 to March 2008.

We would like to know if there are more people who would be interested in undertaking the Level 1 VRQ (Vocational Related Qualification) courses which will take place within each of the five areas of the county. Please contact me if you would like more information.

Norfolk Youth Fund: We are still looking for voluntary sector young people representatives to be involved with the Locality panels who make decisions about grant applications. If your organisation can identify 1 or 2 young people who would be interested in becoming involved in this process, we should like to hear from you.

May I on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Staff team, Marguerite Smith, Tracy Dack, Shenaz Kedah and myself, wish you, your staff and young people



**A very Happy Christmas
and all good wishes for
2007**

Mike Tingley Development Worker.

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Thalia Theatre Youth 14-25 years

Thalia Theatre Youth is **recruiting** new members to join the company.

We are an inclusive organisation and believe that all young people with or without disabilities should have an opportunity to work together to learn from one another and share good practice. We promote and celebrate diversity and difference!

Our company meets every Tuesday evening between 7 and 9p.m. at Thorpe Hamlet First School Space for the Performing Arts, Telegraph Lane East, Norwich,

We wear a black uniform - plain t-shirt, trousers and jazz shoes/plimsolls/bare feet

We expect a commitment to our organisation to attend regularly!

The cost is £4.25 per week paid termly in advance

What do we do? We devise and create exciting, innovative theatre that reflects the views and voices of young people. Through our work we aim to challenge negative perceptions of disability and open channels to communication with mainstream society.

If you join us you will:

Develop your creative, performance, social and communication skills

Take part in festivals, events and attend exhibitions

Facilitate workshops and peer mentor other young people

Perform at Norwich Theatre venues (Performances in March and November 2007)

Be invited to participate and perform in the 4 day Big Youth Theatre Festival held each July in London

Work in collaboration with other theatre groups and professional practitioners

Interested? You can come along for your first session free of charge, meet our company members and find out all about us!

CONTACT: Molly Rose-Hutchinson Artistic Director

Out & About is a registered Charity that offers time limited support to disabled children/young people aged 5-19 across Norfolk and Suffolk to take part in mainstream leisure activities of their choice. We are currently covering Kings Lynn and West Norfolk district and are open for referrals.

Referrals can be made by anyone and come through many gateways including children and young people themselves, other organisations, youth groups, sports

groups or clubs, hospital dept etc. Priority is given to those disabled children who would not usually meet the criteria for Social Services Children With Disabilities Team.

For more information on what we do or to make a referral visit our website www.out-and-about.org.uk or call **0870 770 5767**

City Reach Health Service

This is to inform you of a new service being offered in Norwich for young people.

City Reach Health Service based in Norwich has just been granted new funding in the areas of teenage pregnancy and sexual health.

My position is an outreach worker in the city and there has also been a qualified sexual health nurse appointed also.

Our service will provide advice, free contraception, pregnancy testing, sexual health and STI information. And as we have access to a sexual health nurse we will also be able to provide emergency contraception, so we will not have to refer our young people to family planning if they do not feel comfortable or you do not think they will attend. We will also have access to current City Reach nurses and GP's.

The service will be based in **West Pottergate Health Centre** as from the **22nd of December**, up until that point we are based in **Adelaide Street Health** centre.

There will be a drop in clinic held every **Monday morning 9-1** with both myself and our specialist sexual health nurse once the office has been relocated to **West Pottergate Health Centre**. Exact start date to be confirmed.

The service will also provide other drop in centres around the city but these have yet to be confirmed. This will allow us to reach all areas of the city as we do not have to work from a base location.

The outreach worker will also be able to provide continuing one to one contact with individual young people if there is a need for it, in an environment that is comfortable for them.

Please feel free to contact me (**Murray Nikki (NORFOLK PCT)**) with any questions or queries you may have, or if you would like to meet to discuss how this service can help with the service you offer, please contact me on **01603 751712, or 07785774337**.

nikki.murray@nhs.net

INTERNATIONAL Youth Project Development

As we draw nearer to 2007, Norfolk CVYS is currently in the process of revising its international strategy for the New Year.

We would like to invite you to submit any ideas or recommendations to us. We look forward to hearing from you and hope that you will share your views with us so that we can consider these in our plans.



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**NORFOLK
BLURB**

www.norfolkblurb.co.uk

What is it?

The Norfolk Blurb 'Text Pal' project is a pilot project that will form part of the Norfolk County Council's bid for the Digital Challenge www.digitalchallenge.gov.uk, a national competition run by central government to find England's most digitally inclusive community.

What are we going to do?

We are looking for two lots of people, one lot of people who would consider themselves to be Young Carers and live in the South Norfolk area and another lot of people who live in Norfolk and would be interested in volunteering and being trained to support other people of a similar age to them, this can also include Young Carers.

We will train a group of young people aged 14 – 18 to become Text Pals. Once trained their profiles will be displayed on the Norfolk Blurb Website www.norfolkblurb.co.uk, available for Young Carers to view. We realise that some Young Carers find it hard to make or keep in contact with friends because of their caring role at home, and it means that sometimes when they might need a friend to talk to there maybe isn't someone there. So through Norfolk Blurb a Young Carer would be able to choose someone who they would like to become their Text Pal.

If the person agreed to be your Text Pal, then you would each be given a mobile phone to keep in touch. The role of the Text Pal would be to become a kind of best friend to the Young Carer but with a slight difference. The communication between the 2 people would be done via text message only. So if you were the Young Carer an example of what you might use the phone for would be to text your Text Pal for a chat about your day. The Text Pal may also text you to see how you are feeling or just to ask whether you saw last night's episode of Eastenders.

Why would I want to do this?

Well everybody involved benefits in one way or another. The Young Carer gets someone who they can talk to who is of a similar age to them has similar interests and hobbies. They also get a mobile phone for free, which they can use to text their Text Pal free of charge. The Text Pal also gets a mobile phone and can use it to send texts to the Young Carer free of charge. The mobile phones can be used for personal use but the user must top the phone up with credit before they can do so as only texts between the Text Pal and the Young Carer are free of charge. The Text Pal will also receive training and accreditation.

How can I get involved?

If you are interested in taking part in the project please contact Tom Gaskin, Norfolk Blurb Project Coordinator or Fran Farrar, Deputy County Active Citizenship Coordinator on the following contact details.

Norfolk Blurb, Children's Services Youth Work Development Unit, School Lane, Sprowston, Norwich, NR7 8TR, Tel: 01603 485999 (option 4), Web: www.norfolkblurb.co.uk, Email: mail@norfolkblurb.co.uk



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COMING EVENTS

PRESS RELEASE: 2 November 2006
**Minister For Sport Launches
Campaign To Increase Young
People's Participation In Sport**



National Launch of 'Youth Active B Active' Campaign Thursday, 2 November 2006

The Minister for Sport, Richard Caborn, has launched a national campaign that aims to help provide more opportunities and greater access to sporting facilities for all young people. The Youth Active B Active campaign, developed by Youth Active and funded by Sport England, will aim to encourage more young people between the ages of 8 and 25, to take part in more physical activity more often. It will also facilitate and support local organisations to work in partnership so they are able to offer more and a wider range of activities.

The Youth Active B Active campaign was launched at Emirates Stadium in London by the Minister for Sport, Richard Caborn, and endorsed by Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children, Young People and Families, Parmjit Dhanda.

Delivering the keynote speech, Richard Caborn said: "It is vitally important that more young people know about what sporting opportunities and facilities exist in their local area. This campaign will play an important role in raising that awareness as well as encouraging voluntary and community organisations, local authority provision, private health clubs and commercial enterprises to work together to offer a wider range of sports and activities."

Youth Active is led by the National Council for Voluntary Youth Services (National CVYS) in partnership with 4Children, YMCA England, Clubs for Young People (CYP) and UK Youth. Speaking at the launch, Ravi Gurusamy, Chair of NCVYS, said: "Youth Active will act as the voice for sport and physical activity for the youth sector, influencing the development of policy to ensure it supports rather than inhibits the development of active lifestyles. It will encourage continuity and cooperation between the voluntary, statutory and private sectors in the overall provision of physical and recreational programmes. Youth Active will inspire the provision of high quality support for youth workers and build their capacity to deliver sport at the front line, establishing links or partnerships to the more traditional sporting world and accessing additional funding streams for sport and physical activity within the sector."

Janine Becher, Head of Youth Active, said: "Over the next few months, we will be holding a series of Roadshows all over the country in order to promote the Youth Active B Active campaign. The Roadshows will provide opportunities for young people and practical advice and support for the youth sector. We will be holding taster sessions in sporting activities such as trampolining and skateboarding as well as more conventional activities like netball, rugby and football. Young people will be invited to create their own online activity diary via the Youth Active website (www.youthactive.org) and sign up to some of the challenges presented there. Youth organisations will be able to network and will have the opportunity to start building local, regional and national partnerships to help access additional funding and sporting activities. There will be something for everyone."

As part of the regional Roadshows, Sporting Champions will travel round the country to encourage and provide inspiration to young people. Flat-water canoeist, Anna Hemmings,

said: "I believe that all young people have a talent and a passion for something, they just need to be given the opportunity to find out what it is. Everyone has the right to enjoy sport and should be able to participate at whatever level they choose." Danny Crates, Paralympic athlete, agreed: "Young people should never be afraid to try new things otherwise they'll never know what they're missing and they may never know what they might be good at! We hope that through the Youth Active B Active campaign, we can help give young people the confidence to try out new experiences."

For more information contact:

- Gavin Jones on 020 7522 6925 Email: gavin.jones@4Children.org.uk
- Katherine Abbott on 020 7522 692 Email: katherine.abbott@4Children.org.uk
- Out-of-office hours mobile: 07766 112677

Roadshows What will be on offer to young people:

- *Free taster sessions, e.g., in athletics, rugby, volleyball, basketball, skateboarding, short tennis, netball, trampolining.*
- *Chance to meet a Sporting Champion.*
- *Free Goodie Bag for all those who sign-up to the Youth Active B Active campaign.*
- *Details of how to create a personal online activity diary (www.youthactive.org)*
- *A chance to let organisers know what they think about local and regional facilities.*
- *Information about how to become a volunteer and help others.*
- *Opportunity to take part in a national survey on what sporting activities should be provided.*
- *Ability to find out what sporting activities are happening nearby and details of monthly sporting challenges.*

What will be on offer to youth organisations: *The opportunity to:*

- *Find out how to access funding to support activities.*
- *Learn how to assist and support a volunteer workforce to help deliver quality experiences for young people.*
- *Learn how to assist and support the creation of local, regional and national partnerships to help provide access to additional sporting activities.*

Organisations

- **Youth Active** *aims to promote the value of and widen participation in physical recreation and sport in the personal and social development of young people. Led by the National Council for Voluntary Youth Services (NCVYS) in partnership with 4Children, YMCA England, Clubs for Young People and UK Youth and funded by Sport England, Youth Active will seek to influence the delivery of sport and physical activity across the youth sector; avoiding duplication and building sports development capacity in those that work with young people. For more information, visit www.youthactive.org*
- **The National Council for Voluntary Youth Services** (NCVYS) is the independent voice of the voluntary youth sector in England. NCVYS represents a diverse network of over 160 voluntary and community organisations and local and regional networks, including many organisations engaging with young people through sport and physical recreation. NCVYS represents the interests of voluntary youth organisations to policy and decision makers, helps them to develop good practice and raises the profile of voluntary sector based work with young people. For more information, visit www.ncvys.org.uk

- **4Children** is a charity dedicated to the care, education and personal development of children from birth to the age of 20. It aspires to ensure that all children, young people and families have access to a creative, safe and child-focused environment, and activities. For more information, visit www.4Children.org.uk. For information on regional and local childcare call 4Children's information line on 020 7512 2100.
- **YMCA England** is one of the largest welfare charities in England. It delivers a comprehensive range of services in over 148 local communities throughout England and is one of the largest single voluntary sector providers of sport, health, exercise and fitness. The organisation has a strong track record in engaging those who experience disadvantage and social exclusion. For more information, visit: www.ymca.org.uk
- **Clubs for Young People** (CYP) is a UK-wide network of clubs, services, projects and activities providing support for young people in their local communities. CYP provides:
 - **The do somethin' campaign, to:** offer alternatives to antisocial behaviour by engaging not alienating; give all young people the opportunity to develop in clubs and projects; promote physical activity and healthy lifestyles
 - **The more than just a club initiative, to:** provide resources to facilitate purposeful work with young people; enable those working with young people to develop and share skills; include under-represented areas and challenging issues in our work
 - **The big exchange, to:** create young people's forums to give them a clear, loud voice; develop campaigns with young people on the issues they raise; build the capacity of staff and volunteers who work with young people

For more information, visit: www.clubsforyoungpeople.org.uk
- **UK Youth** exists to develop and promote innovative non-formal education programmes for and with young people - working with them to develop their potential. The organisation's network supports more than 750,000 young people, 7,000 youth groups, clubs and projects and more than 40,000 volunteer and part-time youth workers throughout the UK. For more information, visit: www.ukyouth.org
- **Sport England** is an organisation committed to creating an active nation through sport and is responsible for delivering the Government's community sporting objectives. Sport England's advice and the Government and Lottery funding it provides, helps to widen access to sport and helps more people start, stay active and succeed in sport. The organisation also promotes sport and its benefits and believes sport has the power to change people's lives. Youth Active is one of Sport England's national funded partners. For more information, visit: www.sportengland.org
- **Sporting Champions** has been developed and funded by Sport England. It brings World Class Athletes into schools and local communities to inspire and motivate young people to take part in sport. It aims to inspire young people to participate in sport as a lifelong activity and forms an important strand of PESSCL, the national strategy for school sport, and works alongside a range of other measures to help create a new generation of physically active people. The scheme consists of an annual programme of nearly 500 visits made by Sporting Champions, organised through the School Sports Partnership and County Sports Partnership networks. A small number of other visits are also available to help promote community sport to young people. The Champions deliver a range of different activities in schools and the community, including coaching workshops and interactive sessions, as well as targeted activity such as supporting gifted and talented pupils, and contributing to curricular work around citizenship and leadership. For more information, visit: www.sportingchampions.org.uk

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Whitlingham Outdoor Education Centre – Come and Try It Day

Norfolk CVYS have negotiated with the Outdoor Education Team the opportunity for staff from our member organisations to experience the fantastic award winning facilities at Whitlingham and try out for themselves some of the activities on offer **FREE OF CHARGE**. Participants will then be able to share their experience with young people in their group and hopefully organise a young people's trip to this great venue.

The day will be held on Saturday 3rd March 2007, 10 am – 1 pm. There will be 3 groups of 6 and the activities will include Canoeing, Sailing and Archery. If you would like to be part of this opportunity, please let us know at the Norfolk CVYS office on **01603 423995**.

Basic Youth Work Training.

The new style youth worker training programme is about to move into its second phase with the launch of the level one course. This is a basic introduction to youth work and is ideal for both volunteers and newly employed staff. Those looking for a bigger challenge could apply for places on the level two course which will start before Christmas, places are limited so please get your applications in quickly as interviews will be held in early November.

It would be great if we could receive some feedback from the voluntary sector from those currently participating in the level two course. This has been adapted to try and meet the needs of the third sector, whilst maintaining both relevance and quality, we would like to know how people found the course and any suggestions for future improvements. Please send your comments to: cbroom@easton.ac.uk



Spring 2007 Morning / Evening Child Protection Training Sessions



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Norfolk Local Safeguarding Children Board

Safeguarding Children Programme

For Adults who work with Voluntary and Youth Groups

Date

Saturday 10 February 2007
Thursday 28 February 2007
Saturday 24 February 2007
Saturday 17 March 2007
Saturday 17 March 2007
Saturday 24 March 2007
Saturday 24 March 2007
Wednesday 28 March 2007

Venue

Youth Work Development Unit, School Lane, Sprowston
Youth Work Development Unit, School Lane, Sprowston **6-9pm**
The Howard Junior School, Parkway, Kings Lynn
Youth Work Development Unit, School Lane, Sprowston
Queensway Community Jnr. School, Hilary Rd, Thetford
Shrublands Y&C Centre, Magdalen Way, Gorleston
The Howard Junior School, Parkway, Kings Lynn
Youth Work Development Unit, School Lane, Sprowston **6-9pm**

Courses run from 9.30 until 1pm, unless otherwise stated, and all applicants must be over 18 years of age.

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.

Extra training places @ £10.00 per head

Norfolk CVYS Training Programme 2006 – 2007

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Venue</u>
13 th January 2007	REC Level 1	Whitlingham Outdoor Centre
27 th January 2007	Dealing with Conflict	Yth Work Dev. Unit, Norwich
3 rd February 2007	Food Hygiene	Yth Work Dev. Unit, 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

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

Bereavement Training

Nelson's Journey delivered this training on **Wednesday 8 November 2006** at Youth Work Development Unit (formerly the NYCS Training Unit, School Lane, Sprowston, Norwich) which was very well received. It is now planned to arrange further dates within the training programme for 2007.

Training Needs Analysis

Over the coming months I will be taking the opportunity of speaking with as many member groups as possible to ensure that we meet your training needs and if we don't where we might develop courses so that we do. If you would like to help me in this process by either contacting me by 'phone, e.mail or letter I would be extremely grateful. Contact details as shown on the front of this Norfolk CVYS News.

RESOURCES

DIGITAL CAMERA

We have a digital camera which is available for use by member organisations. This comes with all relevant leads and is a Canon Digital IXUS 53 Camera (5MP 3 x Optical Zoom)

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.

ACTIVITYKIT

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

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

IMPORTANT UPDATE

NEW FIRE REGULATIONS - www.norfolkfireservice.gov.uk

Do you know your responsibilities:-

On 1 October 2006, new rules came into force, affecting all non-domestic premises in England and Wales. If you are an employer, self-employed with business premises, a contractor with a degree of control over a premises, responsible for a business premises, or a charity/voluntary organisation; then you need to know your duties under the new act.

The main rules under the new legislation:-

- ***You need to carry out a fire risk assessment, identifying all possible dangers and risks. As part of this you must consider the safety of everyone in the premises (e.g. staff, customers, delivery staff etc.)***
- ***Get rid of, or minimise any risks found as far as is reasonably possible (e.g. replace flammable materials for non-flammable materials if possible) and provide fire precautions to deal with any remaining risks (e.g. smoke alarms, fire extinguishers)***
- ***Provide protection if flammable or explosive materials are used or stored.***

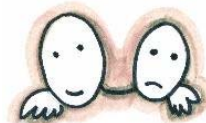
- **Create a plan to deal with an emergency. If you have five or more employees you must keep a record of this plan.**
- **Regularly review your findings to make sure all new situations are covered (e.g. a new employee, an office expansion, stocking new potentially flammable goods etc.)**
- **Fire certificates are no longer required or valid from the start of the new rules.**

Your local fire authority should provide you with practical advice on request, and they can also order investigations or issue notices where you fail to meet the regulations.

Remember that you are responsible for the health and safety of your employees, so leaving fire risks puts you at risk of health and safety claims as well as those under the new fire regulations.

Spotlight on..... Off Centre Counselling

Off Centre Counselling service sees over 500 young people aged 11-19, for counselling ,all over Norfolk, each year. We have a staff team of 30 counsellors, initial assessment workers and admin staff. we are part of the youth strategy of Children's Services.



Our partner agencies are MAP, in Norwich which sees young people from Norwich and surrounding area, in equal numbers. Also T2, which offers counselling to young people with drug and alcohol issues. It demonstrates that voluntary and maintained sector partnerships can work very well together, to provide seamless support to young people, wherever they happen to live and whatever the issue. we are growing in numbers, steadily. We are funded by Children's Services and Connexions. Connexions are one of our biggest referral agencies, as are Doctors.

We deal with issues to do with family breakdown, mental health issues like depression anxiety, phobias, and emotional issues like anger. Some young people self harm, others are suicidal. Some have very serious issues to do with abuse, violence, lack of self esteem and other issues which make life difficult. Other young people have what an adult might think of as 'normal teenage' problems, of working out who they are and what they want to do with their lives. Many of our clients are having relationship problems, with boy or girlfriends, parents, teachers....and sometimes feel misunderstood and unable to move forward. We treat every problem with respect. Some young people only need an or two sessions, others take longer to make a trusting relationship with their counsellor and they meet for much longer.

We meet in all sorts of places. Youth venues, schools, Drs surgeries,village halls, colleges,to name a few. We try to find out what and where is best for the young person. The counselling is free to the client, although it costs us between £35 and £45 per hour, depending on the rurality of the client!

All the counsellors are highly trained, have a wealth of different orientations and slants on the work. All love working with young people! Like many services, our future is sometimes uncertain. Funding for growth and development is always an issue. We love our jobs though. So it is never a chore to keep battling on! We are constantly amazed, impressed and bowled over by young people's resilience, drive, energy and survival skills.

If you want to know more, or you think you might want counselling, or know someone who does, ring us on

free phone number:0800 917 5 917, or the office on:01603 485999 (option 1)

COUNSELLING (free to young people 11-19 years)

FUNDING

Norfolk CVYS GRANT AID PROGRAMME

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**.

Grantnet

It is possible to access Grantnet through the NCC Library Service's Homepage. Grantnet is a database of 4,000 UK and EU sources of funding for voluntary and community groups.

The pathway is:-

www.library.norfolk.gov.uk

from the homepage, look on the right hand side under 'See Also> click Netways> click on Find out more (at the bottom of the page) >, click on On-line subscriptions>, click on Grantnet.

Bitz & Pieces

- **Policy** – The education and inspections bill, which places a duty on local authorities to provide youth services, has passed through Parliament. www.parliament.uk
- **Environment** – Seventy five percent of young people worry about global warming, according to a poll. www.foe.co.uk
- **Young Carers** – Barnardo's report *Hidden Lives* reveals a culture of secrecy among young carers, leading young people to miss out on vital support. www.barnardos.org.uk
- **Skills** – The learning and Skills Council has produced a DVD for 16-18 year olds on the choices available to them. E.mail lsc@prolog.uk.com
- **Disability**- The Children's Society has launched a web site for disabled young people www.aslability.org.uk
- **Education** – 2 in 5 young people don't know they can receive the education maintenance allowance while having a part-time job, according to Learning and Skills Council research www.lsc.gov.uk
- **Resources** – The UK Youth Parliament has launched UKYPTV, a video library on issues that matter to young people. www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk
- **Violent crime** - The sentence for carrying a knife is to increase from 2 to 4 years after the violent crime reduction bill became law.
- **Rights** - The Government is failing to meet 66 of 78 UN children's rights recommendedations, according to a report publishedrecently. www.crae.org.uk
- **Looked-after children** - An independent report recently has found The Voice advocacy service provides a high quality of service. www.voicep.org
- **Sexual Health** – A survey of 800 parents found that 74 per cent did not know whether their child had had sex. www.teachers.tv
- **Environment** – The Wildlife Trusts has released a CD to encourage young people to work with environmental organisations. www.wildlifetrusts.org
- **Drugs** – Home Office minister Vernon Coaker told an Association of Chief Police Officers conference that the Government's youth drugs prevention strategy is working.

Thanks to Young People Now for these 'bits and pieces'.

Article taken from Young People Now 29 Nov – 5 Dec. 06

QUALITY YOUTH WORK MUST BE PROTECTED – Ravi Chandiramani, editor Young People Now. Ravi.chandiramani@haymarket.com

One of the country's most seasoned youth work leaders finds his role eliminated this week, Hampshire County Council is scrapping Malcolm Rittman's county youth officer post and replacing it with a central strategic manager for youth and community services.

The change is part of the county's restructure of children and young people's services, in which youth workers are to be placed in multidisciplinary district teams. Rittman has opted not to take the new role, given its emphasis on strategic management.

Hampshire's move is in keeping with the essentially sound principles of "integrated targeted support" and "joined-up provision" outlines in *Youth Matters; Next Steps*. The idea is to engage young people in shaping services through involving all agencies relevant to their development. In another sign of the times, Essex is moving towards a system of generic children's workers, which will eventually replace its youth service.

But the elimination of the principal youth officer (PYO) role provides particular cause for concern. East Sussex also removed its PYO post, creating two heads of integrated children's services three months ago to manage its youth service.

The worry is that the quality of youth work will suffer if its management is transferred from people embedded in its practice to strategists who often have no youth work experience and function from a distance. Similar fears prevail that the shift to integrated working might undermine youth work skills and lead to its dilution as a profession. When a local authority becomes devoid of a clearly demarcated youth service overseen by a PYO, these concerns are exacerbated. As for district teams, their creation might lead to a variable quality of youth work provision,.

Other local authorities are likely to follow Hampshire and East Sussex in seeing the abolition of the PYO role as necessary for integrated working. While this is a cause for concern, it should not create panic. Until real evidence emerges about how these changes affect provision, judgment needs to be reserved.

Proper investment in training and leadership skills at local level will be crucial to ensuring the changes are as painless as possible.

Norwich Union Community Stars Programme:

The Programme will support local community projects run by registered charities by providing grants of between £250 and £1500. The scheme will operate in areas where Norwich Union has a large business presence: Perth; Liverpool; Birmingham; London; Worthing; Glasgow; York; Norwich; Croydon; Eastleigh/Southampton; Newcastle upon Tyne; Sheffield; Stevenage; and Bristol. The money must be spent on a specific project within 12 months of getting the grant. Closing dates: 31 December 2006 followed by 31 March, 30 June and 30 September 2007. I've had difficulty tracking down where you can access the application form for this so I'd be interested if you could let me know...

European Social Fund 2007-13 Consultation in England.

The Government's Department for Work and Pensions is running a consultation into how EUR2.75 billion of European Social Fund (ESF) money should be spent in England between 2007-13. The consultation concerns the national ESF programme in England, and the role of Regional Skills Partnerships and all the other agents involved in delivering ESF funded projects. Anyone and everyone who is even slightly interested in making an ESF bid to the next programme should not let this opportunity pass. Closing date: The consultation ends on 22 January 2007.

The Charities Bill received Royal Assent on 8th November 2006 after it completed its remaining stage in the House of Lords on 7 November. This means that the Bill has become the Charities Act 2006 and is now law. The Act provides a more modern framework for charities and a clear role for the Commission to ensure compliance and strengthen accountability.

Except for some technical provisions the Act has not yet come into force. Further information about the timetable for when each part of the Act comes into force will be announced soon by the Office of the Third Sector. Click on the link:

<http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/spr/charbillprog1.asp>
to find out more details.

CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) Checks

I am often asked two questions with regard to CRB checks. Firstly whether an organisation can accept a CRB check undertaken by another organisation. The CRB call this 'Portability' and this refers to the re-use of a CRB check. My answer to organisations is as detailed by the CRB on their website that it is down to the organisation to decide if they are willing to accept somebody else's check or whether they require the person to re-apply. The over-riding consideration must be the safety of the children or the vulnerable adults that the applicant will come into contact with. If you require further clarification visit www.disclosure.gov.uk and follow the link to 'Portability'. The second question is how long does a CRB check last? The answer is as long as the organisation feels appropriate. A CRB Disclosure is accurate on the day it is produced and can confirm historical details about the applicant. I cannot advise organisations as to how long a CRB Disclosure is valid, this is for them to decide. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact me and I will explain in greater detail. As the CRB has been running since 2002 some organisations will no doubt be considering re-checking staff and you should be advised that each application is treated as an original and you cannot extend or upgrade an existing Disclosure.

May I remind you that Norfolk CVYS provides CRB checking for volunteers in member organisations at both standard and enhanced levels for £7.50 each. Additional charges apply to those paid employees within the voluntary sector and we are able to provide you with further information on request. We are currently experiencing on average 2 – 4 weeks for standard and 4 – 6 weeks for enhanced disclosures to be processed although expect longer if the applicant has lived at several addresses.

Norfolk Youth Fund

Norfolk will receive £1.5million over a two year period to fund projects and capital initiatives (e.g. building upgrades, re-decoration etc.). The money will be awarded through a grants process and applications will be considered by 'Boards' of young people in the 13 localities across the County. The launch of this project will take place in early September and further information will be provided nearer the date.

We have had a good response to date to our e.mail request (for those who have e.mail facilities) to identify young people who would be willing to become members of the County and Locality Boards, two local representatives for each. We still have some spaces available in the Southwest, Gorleston, Thetford, North Norfolk and parts of Norwich (west and south).

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