REGIONAL ROUNDUP

Dates for your Diary:

EMVY Regional Voluntary and Community Youth Sector Forum

Thursday 10 September 2009
Theme to be advised

9.45 – 13.00, venue TBA

EMVY Regional Conference and AGM

Wednesday 4 November 10 – 1pm theme to be advised, possibly linked with NYA Youth Work Week; Resilient and Resourceful, how young people deal with issues.

If you would like to contribute to an EMVY Forum, please contact Lindsay Allen with your ideas.

News, Policy & Research

Government Office for the East Midlands (GOEM)

There have been some personnel changes within the Children & Learners Team at GOEM. Janine Parris has moved to the ministerial advisory team, Tania Osborne has left GOEM to take up a new opportunity and train in painting and decorating. Dwinder Virk remains with the team. Our new contact is Sharrie Manno, who has worked on the Child Poverty Agenda within the Team and Neil Weightman, all supported by Neil Gordon.
Participation Works Resources & Training

You can access resources for free including the how to guides and publications. To become a member of Participation Works Network England (free) visit www.participationworks.org.uk. The new “How to remunerate and reward children and young people’s involvement” guide is now available to download.

East Midlands Children and Young People’s Workforce Strategy

Partners and agencies involved in children’s services workforce development across the East Midlands want to support the ambitions of the 2020 Children and Young People’s workforce strategy, and address the implementation challenges, by working together in a coherent way. A regional children’s workforce strategy is in development to help align and coordinate this work, and to ensure that it has senior level buy-in and sponsorship. All nine East Midlands Directors of Children’s Services have welcomed this strategy. Work is in hand to secure a regional pattern of network meetings to facilitate the achievement of our key regional objectives. To view the strategy visit: http://www.emvy.org.uk/default.asp?id=consultations_2

If you have any comments, please contact Monica Hingorani, Regional Manager East Midlands at CWDC by 31 July 09, Monica.Hingorani@cwdcouncil.org.uk.

DCSF are recruiting for the Children and Youth Board 2009 – 2011

The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) are now recruiting for 25 children and young people aged between 8 and 18 to form the Children and Youth Board for 2009-11. It provides an opportunity for children and young people to gain knowledge of how government works and policymaking while working as part of a team with other children and young people from a range of backgrounds across England.

Young Inspectors (source: Opening Doors Issue 7)

The Look, Listen and Change Consortium - comprising the British Youth Council, the Council for Disabled Children, KIDS, the National Centre for Excellence in Residential Child Care and the National Children's Bureau has been selected to deliver the national Young Inspectors programme. The two-year programme will be rolled out across 36 local Children’s Trust areas throughout the country and will provide teams of up to 30 young people aged between 13 and 19 with accredited training and support to inspect and improve services that affect their lives.
Get Involved in the Regional Plan

The Regional Plan is being updated. The answers for how to deal with increased housing, transport problems and the threat of climate change are being developed now. The regional debate affects you and your local area.

Planning Aid has been commissioned by the East Midlands Regional Assembly to help groups have their say, this includes young people. A competition for young people, training activities and 11 Events are being run across the East Midlands which will build understanding of the planning system and help people respond to the big regional questions:

- We need more housing – where will it go?
- How can we sort out our transport problems?
- How can we help fight Climate change?

If you would like to book into an event in your local area or have young people interested in entering the competition visit www.eastmidlands-getinvolved.org.uk (from 15 June) or phone 0115 852 4266

Ofsted (Source: eYPU Issue 257)

The Ofsted Board is holding a public meeting on Wednesday 1 July 2009 to give the public an opportunity to offer their views on Ofsted’s current work and priorities. This will inform a new Strategic Plan, which will underpin the work of the organisation for the next three years.

Websites fail age verification check (source: Health News Summary 21 May)

Children’s charities are backing a plan to make web retailers ensure young people cannot buy age-restricted goods. A private member’s bill in the House of Lords is calling for it to be mandatory for web retailers to adopt age verification systems. The bill on age-checking has the backing of charities who say it is too easy for children to buy alcohol, knives and violent video games online.

ContactPoint began in mid May (Source: NCVYS Bulletin 439)

The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) has announced that up to 800 frontline professionals will start using the ContactPoint database from mid May. These will be based in 17 early adopted local authorities in the North West and national voluntary sector partners Barnardo’s and KIDS. From June to August, management teams in the other local authorities and national partners will receive training to prepare for deployment of ContactPoint more widely in due course. http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2009_0094

For any further information, visit http://www.isa-gov.org.uk/
Vetting and Barring Scheme

The Home Office has announced a new timetable for the roll-out of the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) Vetting and Barring Scheme. The major change to the implementation process is that individual applications for Scheme registration will not begin until summer 2010, rather than at the launch of the Scheme later this year. The revised timetable now states:

From 12 October 2009:
• Two new ISA barred lists will be created
• Access to these new ISA lists will be available on request as part of an Enhanced CRB check.
• Eligibility for Enhanced CRB checks will expand to include more employment and voluntary positions.
• Standard CRB checks will no longer be available for those working with children or the vulnerable.

From July 2010:
• Individuals will be able via Registered/Umbrella Bodies, to apply to the CRB for ISA-registration if they are applying to work with children and/or vulnerable adults in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.
• Employers will be able to express an interest in a person’s ISA-registration and informed of any changes to that person’s ISA-registration status.
• The CRB will introduce a new application form to allow applications for ISA-registration and CRB checks to be made on the same form.

From November 2010:
• It will be a legal requirement for individuals to register with the ISA if they intend to work or currently work with children and/or vulnerable adults in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Shine 2009 – get free media coverage for your events (Source: NCVYS Bulletin 441)

Taking place between 6 and 10 July 2009, Shine is a national festival celebrating the talents in all young people around the country. Organisations and projects signing up to Shine will have access to free media coverage for events taking place during the week plus a host of other opportunities. Young people as well as organisations and individuals working with young people are encouraged to get involved in Shine to help create a real buzz across the country and in the media about the talents that every young person has. http://www.shineweek.co.uk/
Focus On ... An interview with Rachael Voss, Young People First

This is a new section to celebrate good practice across the region. This issue looks at the Youth Bank in Leicester with good examples of good participation practice.

What do you do? Youth Bank is a project run by young people for young people. We aim to give young people the power to make decisions on how funding is spent and on who or what project. We’ve been running for 5 years and we started giving out the Youth Opportunity and Youth Capital Fund for Leicestershire County Council in 2007, this fund is confirmed by the government until 2011.

How many young people are involved? We have approx. 8 young people currently on the Youth Bank Panel, however, the number of young people applying to the funds as ‘Young Leaders’ has reached hundreds. Around 70 other projects benefit from the Youth Bank each year.

How are children & young people involved in decision making? The Youth Bank panel make all of the decisions right from designing the application form to looking at the applications that come in.

What changes has children & young people’s involvement led to? Locally projects have felt relief that their applications have been looked at by other young people who apply their own knowledge and experiences to their decision making.

For more about the Youth Bank, visit: www.thejitty.com/youthbank

Thanks Rachael for sharing this work. If you would like to feature your work in the EMVY Newsletter, please contact Lindsay Allen.

Jobs, Training & Tenders

NBYL Work Experience Volunteering Opportunity

The National Body for Youth Leadership (NBYL) is a youth led programme designed to create and offer opportunities for young people to develop their leadership skills. To apply you need to be aged 16-19 - available for 3 months (6 July -25 September 2009) - enthusiastic - keen to learn - a team player.

In return we can give you: an insight into both the NBYL and working in the charity sector ...a chance a make a real difference......a hands on experience ...workplace skills ...an opportunity to develop both personally and professionally...
Plus: …travel and lunch expenses (up to £60 per week/£12 per day) …training and networking opportunities …supervision and support …a reference on completion of the volunteer internship…

If you fit the bill, then get involved and apply. For more information on what roles are available, how to apply and download an application form, please visit: www.nbyl.org.uk/internships

Chief Executive for FEEM

The Faiths Forum for the East Midlands (FFEM) brings together multi and inter-faith bodies in the East Midlands and is here to enable those bodies to engage with each other and have a voice regionally and nationally.

The FFEM has received funding for the continuing development of this organisation and is now seeking a Chief Executive Officer to further the work. The CEO will help the FFEM to set a clear direction as it widens its representation and develops good communications with leading players regionally and nationally.

Here is your opportunity to help shape the future of interfaith and multi faith work in the East Midlands. The Details are: 22 hours per week, Salary -£33,000 pa (pro rata), Closing date- Monday 11 June 2009 5pm, Interviews Monday- 22 June 2009. For an application pack from- info@ffem.org.uk. To be returned to - Ajay Aggarwal, 234 Coleman Road, Leicester, LE5 4LL.

Hear by Right Your Questions Answered

Tuesday 10th November, Leicester

Hear by Right Workshop

Tuesday 16 June, Leicester

Safeguarding in Youth Participation

Wednesday 15th July - Manchester

Ready Steady Change

Tuesday 14th July, Birmingham

A one-day course that introduces participants to a selection of training methods and tools to build skills and knowledge in increasing children and young people’s effective participation in decision making.
Build a Culture of Participation

Thursday 3 September - Leicester

Places are FREE for colleagues working in Voluntary, Community or other Third Sector organisations.

Participation Works have introduced new training courses on youth participation, based on the popular 'How To' guides

Tuesday 23 June, Birmingham - How to involve children and young people in commissioning

Tuesday 15 September, York - How to involve 'hard to reach' children and young people

To view all the venues and dates and to download the flyer with booking form visit the Gateway events page here: http://www.participationworks.org.uk/Events/tabid/61/Default.aspx

Using the Arts with Juvenile and Young Offenders

Lakeside Arts Centre, Nottingham 10th June 09, 10 am- 4.15 pm

Artsplan, the training and publications department of Artswork and in-house training provider for ENYAN (English National Youth Arts Network), is delivering the established one day course ‘Using the Arts with Juvenile and Young Offenders’. Prices for the course, which include lunch and refreshments, range from £150 to £110, with limited bursaries also available. Please also remember that ENYAN members can request a 5% discount on all Artsplan publications and training!

For more information on how to make a booking, please contact the Artsplan Team via: artsplanbookings@artswork.org.uk or call 02380 682535.

Funding Update

Youth Media Fund (Source: NCVYS Bulletin 431)

The Department for Children, Schools and Families has announced a further investment of £8 million, on top of the £8 million announced in 2006, to give thousands more disadvantaged young people the opportunity to produce creative media projects. The Youth Media Fund initiative gives young people the chance to take part in ‘Mediabox’ projects where they can express their ideas and views on issues that matter to them using print, television, film, radio, digital, or online media.

Generations Together

A new £5.5m programme, across England, to encourage and support intergenerational activities (simply described as people over 50 and people under 25 interacting in mutually beneficial activities to promote greater understanding and respect). Contributes to building more cohesive communities.

Funding from 4 government departments with policy support from CLG, The Cabinet Office (through Office of the Third Sector), Department of Health, DCSF and DWP. There are a range of national policy priorities which support the extension of intergenerational working. These include:

- PSAs 14, 17, 18, 21, 23
- Refresh of the Ageing Strategy
- National Strategy of Housing in an Ageing Strategy
- Putting People First
- National Dementia Strategy

Programme will run during 09/10 and 10/11 and essentially the bids will need to represent a partnership approach between the LA and the Third Sector.

It is expected that there will be up to 12 demonstrator sites in total spread across the regions.

Closing date for applications 10 June 2009. For more details contact Janet Mills, Third Sector and Stronger Communities Team Leader, GOEM tel: 0115 971 4742 janet.mills@goem.gsi.gov.uk

Modernisation Fund (Futurebuilders)

The Modernisation Fund helps third sector organisations be more resilient to the impact of the economic downturn. It was launched as a key part of the Government’s action plan for the third sector, ‘Real Help for Communities: Volunteers, Charities and Social Enterprises’. The fund helps to frontline organisations who help people affected by the recession to take action to ensure you are best able to prosper in the coming years. In many cases this means working in collaboration with other organisations or merging together. It can also include looking at how you can improve processes and skills for the future.

Investments ranging in size from £30,000 to £500,000 are available. For more details visit:

www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk/what-we-offer/products/modernisation-fund/
BBC Children in Need

BBC Children in Need specialises in funding projects which help disadvantaged children and young people aged 18 and under in the UK. This disadvantage could include illness, disability, poverty, distress, neglect, or behavioural and psychological difficulties. We look to fund projects which change the lives of children and young people for the better. For more information on which projects are eligible, see our website bbc.co.uk/Pudsey.

BBC Children in Need now operates four deadlines a year with a three month turnaround on decisions. The next grant round deadline is the 15th July 2009, and all applications are to be made online at bbc.co.uk/Pudsey. We would strongly advise applicants to apply in advance of the deadline, and double check that all necessary documents are submitted.

This year we are particularly trying to encourage more applications for small grants (under £10,000), as we know these grants can often have a huge impact on children's lives, and it also enables the money our fundraisers have been busy raising to stretch as far as possible.

For support in applying, please see our website, or contact Kathryn.Kendall@bbc.co.uk or our helpdesk on 020 8576 7788 to check eligibility.

EMVY (East Midlands Voluntary Youth)

Formed in 2000 by voluntary youth groups and networks across the region, EMVY aims to be an inclusive and diverse network for the voluntary youth sector, providing strategic support, influence and advocacy at a regional level. The EMVY Regional Roundup is designed to provide information for voluntary organisations that work with or for children and young people and are interested in developments across the region. Please feel free to circulate this newsletter to your own networks. If you want to be removed from the circulation list, just let us know. If you would like your organisation to become a member of EMVY (it’s free), or you want further information and to unsubscribe, contact Lindsay Allen at info@emvy.org.uk or phone 07881 504732.

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