



# Worcestershire Council for Voluntary Youth Services Newsletter May 2010

## Positive Activities for Children and Young People Grant funding 2010/11

Applications are invited from voluntary sector organisations working with children and young people, for funding from their local County Councillor.

Each Councillor has an allocation of up to £3,500.

Councillors will consider applications from 1 April 2010. The closing date is 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011. Spending and the activity must be completed by 31 March 2011.

The groups must be providing positive activities places to go and things to do for children and young people aged between 8 and 19 years.



### What can this funding be used for?

- The views of children and young people should be central to identifying how this funding is used and inform the running of projects.
- This funding is intended to support and increase positive activities for children and young people aged 8 to 19 years old.
- The funding must be spent on the front-line delivery of services or activities to children and young people.
- Projects should benefit children and young people and contribute towards the achievement of the Children and Young People Plan priorities.
- The funding can be used for revenue activities only.
- Applications for activities taking place after 31 March 2011 will not be considered.

### Grants can be used for

- a one-off activity
- Start up/pump prime a new project/activity
- Contribute towards a larger project with match funding from elsewhere

### What cannot be funded

- Capital expenditure, such as refurbishment of buildings, youth shelters.
- Support for projects for individuals, such as sporting achievements and travel.



Application forms can be downloaded from [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/) or from our website.

If you would like any further details or information about the operation of the grant scheme please contact Anne Roberts, telephone 01905 765506 or email [Aroberts1@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:Aroberts1@worcestershire.gov.uk).

## MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased to welcome Alvechurch Youth Club into membership.

If you need another copy of the Membership Form go to: [www.wcvys.co.uk/membership](http://www.wcvys.co.uk/membership)

# vschools

### Welcome to Kathleen Jackson

Kathleen has been appointed as the vschools Advisor for Worcestershire and will be based with WCVYS. As part of the 'V family' vschools is targeting 14 -16 years olds helping to create a volunteering legacy in schools across England.



vschools aims to find new and innovative ways to encourage students and schools to undertake activities, both as part of the formal curriculum and outside school hours, which benefit the community. She will provide support and resources for teachers to inspire student-led action and create positive links between schools and third sector organisations, and increase the flow of volunteering opportunities for under 16s. vschools offer a recognition scheme to allow students to track their community service activities and get the recognition they deserve.

Over the next month she will be mapping existing provision and engaging with interested parties. Please contact via email.

[Kathleen.jackson@vinspired.com](mailto:Kathleen.jackson@vinspired.com)

## vinvolvedworcestershire

### Young Volunteers Celebrate Their Achievements

Worcestershire's vinvolved team held a countywide celebration event on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at South Bromsgrove High School for 16-25 year old volunteers from across Worcestershire.

The event was organised by the Youth Action Team and was a great success. It was a chance for all volunteers to celebrate their hard work and achievements in their placements; it was also an opportunity for those not currently volunteering to find a suitable placement in the volunteer surgery or interactive marketplace of organisations.

There was a fantastic awards ceremony in which fifty certificates and other rewards were given including hoodies and vouchers – some volunteers invited their parents to share in the special occasion.

For more information about youth volunteering (16-25), please contact us on

(01905) 795098 [vinvolvedeast@wcvys.co.uk](mailto:vinvolvedeast@wcvys.co.uk)

(Wychavon, Redditch and Bromsgrove) or

(01905) 24741 [vinvolvedwest@wcvys.co.uk](mailto:vinvolvedwest@wcvys.co.uk)

(Worcester City, Malvern Hills and Wyre Forest).

## ROUND THE COUNTY

### Worcestershire Children's Trust

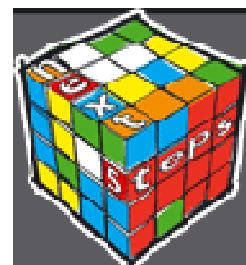
The first formal meeting of the Children's Trust for Worcestershire took place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April. The Children's Trust brings together the all key statutory partners (including the local authority, health, Police and schools) and other partners (including the voluntary and community sector). The Trust is the successor to the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership; the final newsletter of the CYPSP was circulated last month.

One of the key roles of the trust is to produce a Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) for Worcestershire and to monitor the implementation of the plan. The plan will set out how all those working with children and young people will work together to make Worcestershire the best place for children and young people and their families to live. Over the coming months the Trust will be consulting on the priorities in the plan - look out for opportunities to feed into the process.

Michael Hunter, Chair of WCVYS, and Sally Ellison, Chair of WAVOCC - Worcestershire Association of Voluntary Organisations in Community Care, are the VCS representatives on the Trust Board. The Trust has committed to effective engagement with the VCS throughout the new arrangements including the Performance Management Group and the Strategic Planning Groups. WCVYS will continue to circulate information and newsletters from the Trust and you can contact Michael at [michael@wcvys.co.uk](mailto:michael@wcvys.co.uk) to feed into the Trust Board.

### Next Steps; Worcestershire's Anti-Bullying Website

Anti-bullying has risen in priority during the last decade. Worcestershire is working to address bullying as a community concern, promoting a consistent approach across all settings where children and young people live, learn and play.



We all need to acknowledge that problems exist and that bullying occurs everywhere – the duty to tackle bullying does not rest with one agency or one person alone, it is everyone's responsibility.

In recognition of this, Worcestershire's Anti-Bullying Strategy Group has developed an anti-bullying website called **Next Steps** and offers advice and guidance in handling bullying issues, signposts to further sources of support, and includes links to all relevant policies and resources. The website also includes a place for children of all ages, their parents or carers, and people working with families to report any incidents of bullying.

Log on to [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/nextsteps](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/nextsteps) and take your next steps in solving the problem.

For further information or to discuss the Anti-Bullying policy and practice in your organisation, please contact the Anti-Bullying Coordinator on 01905 72 8895 or [hcriford@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:hcriford@worcestershire.gov.uk).

### Saturday 11th September Salt Day in Droitwich

This event at the Youth Zone will give you an opportunity to raise funds, promote your group or organise an activity for visitors to take part.

Contact Janet Yates, Spa Area Partnership Manager [janet.yates@wychavon.gov.uk](mailto:janet.yates@wychavon.gov.uk)

### VCS Representative on Parenting Board

Sarah Melville, the Team Leader of Family Services within Turning Point, will become the second VCS representative on the Board alongside Sue Rogers from Barnado's. Our thanks to Turning Point for nominating Sarah. It is important that the sector is represented at such strategic levels as the Parenting Board. This is not just to ensure that the views of the sector are expressed but because the VCS is able to voice the needs of those children, young people and their families who may not otherwise have their views heard.

For information Sarah's contact details are:  
Turning Point, 6 Shaw Street, Worcester WR1 3QQ. Telephone: 01905 746870  
Mobile: 07929 206762  
Email: [Sarah.Melville@turning-point.co.uk](mailto:Sarah.Melville@turning-point.co.uk)

### NATIONAL NEWS

**BBC 3** is making a programme about younger people living in rural areas. They are keen to hear from 14-28 year olds who live in rural communities and feel that they are hindered because they live in a rural area. They want to hear about young people's experiences in school, social lives, education and looking for work. Perhaps you've been affected by the recession or are struggling to find work because of where you live?

Experiences can be big or small and they don't have to be unusual or extreme. If you know someone who fits this bill or if you yourself have had an experience that you would like to share please contact Claire Dunn on 020 8008 5600 or email [claire.dunn@bbc.co.uk](mailto:claire.dunn@bbc.co.uk).



It's a one-day get together with your neighbours on Sunday 18th July

2010. It can be anything from a simple lunch to a full-blown street party with DJs and a hog roast.

Go to <http://www.thebiglunch.com/>

### Young Advisors Summer School

Bookings are now being taken for Young Advisors Summer School 2010 in Plymouth from the 15th to 21st August. That's 6 nights and 5 days of sun, fun and learning at the fabulous Mount Batten Centre for just £400 per person all inclusive. You'll have the choice of Core Training or Professional Development workshops, a marina cruise, a waterside barbecue, drama and percussion workshops, chilling and talking and networking. To find out more and book your places mail [jane@youngadvisors.org.uk](mailto:jane@youngadvisors.org.uk)

### ROSPA Youth Liason Worker, Cassius Francis

His role is to:

- Raise the profile of RoSPA amongst young people (14-19 years) and those who work with them in schools and youth and community settings (initially in the West Midlands)
- Enlist the help of young people to work with RoSPA to further its mission to save lives and reduce injuries in all aspects of life.

RoSPA is developing a youth network for teenagers aged 14-19 who:

- Want to learn more about how to keep themselves safe on the road, at leisure, in the home or in the workplace
- Want to campaign on issues of safety
- Want to raise awareness about potential risks amongst their peers
- Have been affected by accidents
- Are interested in careers in a safety-related profession or a job where safety will be important.

Contact [www.teensafetyandrisk.com/](http://www.teensafetyandrisk.com/)



### National Family Week

31st May - 6th June 2010



National Family Week is the UK's biggest annual celebration of family life aiming to highlight the importance of quality time together and promote the benefits of a healthy, active lifestyle.

This year, thousands of record-setting, action-packed and fun-filled family events are taking place in every corner of the country so families everywhere can enjoy eating, learning, playing, exploring and getting out and active together. [www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk](http://www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk)

### PLAY

Playful Communities is part of Play England's Community Play programme which supports community engagement in play and promotes the role of the voluntary and community (third) sector in delivering play opportunities for children.

The Playful Communities website provides information, advice and resources for individuals, local community groups, third sector organisations and others who are developing play provision in their local neighbourhood.

Go to: [www.playfulcommunities.org.uk/](http://www.playfulcommunities.org.uk/)



### Support the Manifesto For childrens Play

1. To make all residential neighbourhoods child-friendly places where children can play outside
2. To give all children the time and opportunity to play throughout childhood
3. To give all children somewhere to play – in freedom and safety – after school and in the holidays

[www.playengland.org.uk](http://www.playengland.org.uk)



**FREE Playwork Skills sharing day** Wednesday, 26 May 2010, Wolverhampton

This free hands on, interactive event for playworkers will be held at Wolverhampton's innovative new adventure playground. The day will include speakers and workshops, and provide playworkers a chance to network, share their views and develop their skills.

To download a booking form visit: [www.playengland.org.uk/westmidlands](http://www.playengland.org.uk/westmidlands)

## SAFEGUARDING

The Home Office has published full guidance to assist employers and voluntary organisations in implementing the Vetting and Barring Scheme. The guidance document contains detailed information about what action employers and employees will be required to take under the scheme. It also outlines what they should do in preparation for 25th July when registration to the scheme is introduced.

more info <http://www.direct.gov.uk/vetting>

## Children, young people and internet safety

Internet safety is an increasing concern for parents, carers and those working with young people. To that end Childnet have produced a series of leaflets and online resources with the support of partners including the DCSF, UKCCIS, TDA and Becta to provide simple and easy to use guidance to help keep young people safe on the Internet.

Download the leaflets at [tiny.cc/jgncq](http://tiny.cc/jgncq)

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### Summer Play Schemes Grants 2010

**The Hilden Charitable Fund** are awarding grants of up to £1,000 to help community groups in the UK run summer play schemes for the benefit of children aged five to 18 years from refugee and ethnic minority families. The grants are available to voluntary and community groups with an income of less than £150,000 running play schemes lasting for two to six weeks. The deadline for applications is 14th May 2010 to apply visit [www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/](http://www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/)



## THINK BIG

Think Big wants to hear from young people with bright ideas for projects that will bring people together and benefit communities. Successful applicants will receive a £300 grant towards project costs and a day's training with UK Youth in the skills they will need to get their idea up and running. If this project is a success, they will then have the opportunity to apply for an additional grant of up to £2500, and four days' leadership training. O2 employees will support the projects by volunteering as on-line helpers and mentors. The aim of the project is to fund at least 500 projects this year alone - an investment of £3 million from O2.

Find out more at [www.o2thinkbig.co.uk/](http://www.o2thinkbig.co.uk/)



## PROGRAMME

### Free Youth Theatre Toolkit

OYAP Trust and Oxfordshire Youth Theatre Collaboration launched a free downloadable resource for youth arts organisations. This valuable toolkit will enable youth arts partnerships to deliver successful collaborative youth theatre and youth arts projects. <http://mim.io/4fc33>

### ArtSmart Toolkit

**UK Youth** are offering a free toolkit for developing the arts in your youth setting. Written by Caroline Ash, Artwork Academy Development Manager, the toolkit is bursting with practical ideas, session plans and recording sheets to help you get started in the arts, including craft, creative writing, film, journalism, visual art and much more. Please visit their website to download the ArtSmart toolkit. Or contact Sara Kirk for a CD Rom version of the publication. Email: [yaamaterials@ukyouth.org](mailto:yaamaterials@ukyouth.org) <http://www.ukyouth.org/whatwedo/Programmes/YAA/yaatoolkits>



## USEFUL WEBSITES

### HM Revenue & Customs

Provides useful guidance for charities. [www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/index.htm](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/index.htm)

### UK Youth

#### [www.ukyouth.org/](http://www.ukyouth.org/)

UK Youth is a leading national youth work charity supporting over 750,000 young people, helping them to raise their aspirations, realise their potential and have their achievements recognised via non-formal, accredited education programmes and activities.

This year UK Youth is 100 years old. We are using our centenary to promote a positive message about young people and to demonstrate that we value them. You can find out more and pledge your support at [www.positiveaboutyouth.org](http://www.positiveaboutyouth.org)

The Source is UK Youth's online resource packed with information, features, updates and more. This interactive magazine is a practical tool for anyone working with young people. <http://tiny.cc/m54a2>

To receive the Source in your inbox every month, [click here](#)



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