



The Voice of the Voluntary Youth Sector in Hampshire

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Merry Christmas and season's greetings from HCVYS

World Wide Web News

Hic Viz, the web site of HCVYS, is now up and running again. Have a look ..

www.hcvys.info

We've got some interesting ideas in mind for this site, to make it a resource for all of our members.....

Children's Centres in Hampshire

Do you know about Children's Centres?

The CYP Voluntary Alliance are organising a consultation event on 9th January at Littelton Millennium Hall, The Hallway, Littelton from 9:30am to 12:30.

Everyone is welcome – but you'll need to book.

More details and booking form on our web site www.hcvys.info

Quality standards for young people's information advice and guidance – consultation

Following the 'Youth matters' Green Paper last year, draft quality standards for young people's information, advice and guidance (IAG) have now been published for consultation. Comments are invited before 16 March 2007.

<http://www.dfes.gov.uk/consultations/conDetails.cfm?consultationId=1435>

Mediabox

As part of the positive activities strand of 'Youth matters', children, young people and families' minister Beverley Hughes has launched Mediabox, a £6 million programme to give young people who are currently under-represented in the media industry the chance to design and deliver projects. Young people and youth organisations can bid for up to £80,000 for projects to be delivered by 2008.

http://www.dfes.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2006_0187

Children and young people's plans

The Children's Commissioner for England has published a review of the first year of children and young people's plans. He suggests children and young people want



participation, not consultation, and that local authorities and their partner agencies need to understand the difference.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.org/adult/consultationresponses.cfm?id=1920>

The Common Assessment Framework for children and young people

Leaflets for children, young people, parents and carers on the common assessment framework and the lead professional are now available.

<http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/deliveringservices/caf/>

Information Sharing Index

It has been suggested that the Information Sharing Index scheme may be open to hacking as it fails to meet international standards for data security.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2006/12/15/ndata15.xml>

Audit Commission's School Survey

The annual School Survey of over 7,000 schools has found that they are generally satisfied with their council's services for children and young people.

<http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/reports/PRESS-RELEASE.asp?CategoryID=PRESS-CENTRE&ProdID=C88A91D0-322D-4CA1-ADF6-8076F366978D>

Young people not in education, employment or training

The number of young people not in education, work or a training scheme has risen to 1.24 million, according to figures from the Office of National Statistics reported in the Times; this is a rise of 15 per cent since 1997.

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,2-2498386,00.htm>

'National evaluation of Local Public Service Agreements: Second interim report'

The report of the second interim findings evaluating the impact of local public service agreements (LPSA) on local government has been published. It looks at local authority performance against LPSA targets, the factors influencing performance and some wider and longer term implications.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1505278>

'Breakdown Britain'

The Conservative Party's social justice policy group, chaired by former party leader Iain Duncan Smith, has published its interim report. The report suggests cohabitation is a major contributor to family breakdown. The report claims that 70 per cent of young offenders come from lone-parent families and levels of anti-social behaviour and delinquency are higher in children and young people from separated families.

http://www.conservatives.com/tile.do?def=news.story.page&obj_id=134092



DfES infrastructure fund

NCVYS is a delivery partner of the Department for Education and Skills-funded voluntary and community sector engagement programme. The aim of the programme is to build the capacity of the sector to deliver more and better services for children, young people and families. There are two tendering opportunities to deliver aspects of the Youth Strand of the programme; tenders are invited before 5 January.

More information at: www.ncvys.org.uk

Sex education

Natasha Engels (Lab, North East Derbyshire) suggested the government should 'radically change' its sex education policy if it is to cut the teenage pregnancy rate, and include teaching about self-esteem and self-confidence at a much earlier age.

http://www.parliament.the-stationery-office.co.uk/pa/cm200607/cmhansrd/cm061213/debtext/61213-0001.htm#column_854

v charity

Third Sector minister Ed Miliband gave details of the funding youth volunteering charity v has for marketing and communications activities, including their launch event.

http://www.parliament.the-stationery-office.co.uk/pa/cm200607/cmhansrd/cm061211/text/61211w0014.htm#column_789
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Youth volunteering and CRB

Lord Luke asked about consideration given to obtaining police checks for those volunteering as part of the v scheme to get one million more young people volunteering.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld199900/ldhansrd/pdvn/lds06/text/61213w0005.htm#061213103000043>

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