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## Introduction

Welcome to volume 149 of the Young Lives E-bulletin – your regular pick ‘n’ mix of news, information, updates, events and training. We hope you are all looking forward to a break

over the holiday period and that you will come back refreshed for the New Year when we will let you have an update on the programme or training and events. You can see the other events and training that are coming up in the New Year. There is a course for young people starting on the 9<sup>th</sup> January, then read about children's mental health and several items about safeguarding. There is a lot of information in the Resources and Reports sections and we would draw your attention to 'All change, surviving below the radar' and the report about voluntary sector cuts. There is also a very relevant report about domestic abuse. Then take a look at consultations, surveys, and campaigns to see if you can participate before moving on to the funding section. We end with the vacancy section, which includes information from Babcock with opportunities for young people.

**Please note that Young Lives will close on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December and re-open on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.**

**A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Staff, Directors and Volunteers at Young Lives.**

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## Young Lives Update and Training

There will be an update on training early in the New Year when we will let you know about the next round of training, including basic safeguarding, which will be available for January to March. We will also publicise information about events and opportunities that the staff are currently working on.

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## WOW – What's on Where

### E-Support event

**Date:** 24th January 2013

**Time:** 8.30 am to 15.45

**Venue:** CBI Conference Centre, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London, WC1A 1DU

If you are interested in attending this event it may be worth considering joining Children England. To join us as a member, [click here](#) For membership enquiries, please email: [membership@childrenengland.org.uk](mailto:membership@childrenengland.org.uk) as members are entitled to apply to the Amos Fund, to cover travel costs or required fees to attend an event. Eligibility criteria applies. To find out more, please visit <http://childrenengland.org.uk/bursaries/>

Gill Middleton

Regional Manager (North Region)



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## Training and Events

### 6 Steps to Fundraising Success

**Dates:** Starts Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013

**Time:** 9.45 – 3.30

**Venue:** Voluntary Action Leeds, Stringer House, 34 Lupton Street, Leeds, LS10 2QW

**Cost:** £180.00 to voluntary and community groups, £285 to all statutory/private organisations

Aimed at people from voluntary and community groups new to fundraising, this 3 day course takes you through the skills you will need to fundraise effectively for your organisation, its projects and activities. The course is very practical and you should come away with an understanding of how to: produce a project outline, identify suitable funding sources, draft a funding bid and a funding plan – or better still, you will have the opportunity to produce these for your group during the course with support from your tutor. You can also gain an Open College Network qualification in fundraising skills at level 2 or 3. The course covers the following 6 steps:

**Day 1 (17<sup>th</sup> January)**

**Step 1 – Packaging Projects for Bids**

To help you outline and present appropriate activities/projects to attract funding

**Step 2 - Budgets for Bids**

To help you budget for your project/activities.

**Day 2 (24<sup>th</sup> January)**

**Step 3 - Finding Funding**

We will look at a range of funding options and help you identify those appropriate for your projects.

**Step 4 - How to Make a Successful Funding Application**

To help you complete successful funding bids by looking at key questions and assessing bids.

**Day 3 (31<sup>st</sup> January)**

**Step 5 - Measuring Success**

To help you plan to show what you have achieved through monitoring and evaluation.

**Step 6 - Developing a Funding Strategy**

To help you plan your fundraising effectively and sustain your organisation.

**To book:** contact fit4funding on 01924 239063 or e-mail - [info@fit4funding.org.uk](mailto:info@fit4funding.org.uk)

Or click on the link for the booking form:



Booking form with terms and conditions.

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## West Yorkshire Training Shop

West Yorkshire's one stop shop for all Third Sector training and capacity building needs. A wide variety of courses. Visit the website at:

<http://www.wytrainingshop.org.uk/>

Visit the Young Lives website at <http://www.ylc.org.uk/training-2/> to find out more about training opportunities.

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## Opportunities for Young People

### Flex Programme - Chevin Skillsbuild

If you want a career in the Construction Industry, we will give you the basic skills you need to move on to further Training, an Apprenticeship or Employment.

COURSE START: Wednesday 9th January 2013

If you are unemployed and aged 16 to 19 Chevin Skillsbuild is offering a programme of Construction based qualifications that will provide you with basic training in Construction Skills for people wanting employment in the construction industry but who may have no previous experience.

We will be offering a programme of Entry 3 and Level 1 Construction based courses that will include Bricklaying, Joinery, Tiling, Painting and Decorating and Plastering whilst also improving your Maths and English

Contacts

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or call in at the centre

Click on the link below for more details:



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## Young People and Mental Health

### What help do you need around children's mental health issues?

The Department of Health has commissioned mental health experts to develop an educational advice and training programme to improve mental health outcomes for children and young people. NCB is running a series of focus groups in London and Manchester in January/early February 2013 with a wide range of frontline staff and professionals, seeking your contribution to ensure the programme is useful for your work and helps to improve mental health outcomes for children and young people. To register your interest in taking part or find out more please contact Karen Neal on 0207 843 6073, [eportaltrainingprog@ncb.org.uk](mailto:eportaltrainingprog@ncb.org.uk) or visit the website for more details

<http://ncb.org.uk/policy-evidence/research-centre/research-projects/a-z-research-projects/e-portal-training-programme-to-improve-mental-health-outcomes-for-children>

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## Safeguarding

### Safety over the Christmas period

Safe Network have put together these tips for child safety over the festive period –

It's hard to believe that another holiday is fast approaching – everyone is looking forward to Christmas and before long children will be finishing school for the festive break. With that in mind, we have put together some simple tips on a variety of topics for **keeping children and young people safe** during the Christmas season. Visit the website at:

[http://www.safenetwork.org.uk/help\\_and\\_advice/best\\_safeguarding\\_practice/christmas\\_safety/Pages/childrens\\_safety\\_at\\_christmas.aspx](http://www.safenetwork.org.uk/help_and_advice/best_safeguarding_practice/christmas_safety/Pages/childrens_safety_at_christmas.aspx)

### Serious Case Review

Wakefield and District Safeguarding Children Board has published the executive summary and overview report of a **serious case review** into the death of a nine week old baby girl from non-accidental injuries sustained whilst in the care of her father. The review was unable to identify any warning signs, even with the benefit of hindsight, which should have led professionals working with the family to believe the child was at risk of such injuries. Recommendations include GPs and health visitors should improve communication and be able to demonstrate an effective working relation. View the report at:

<http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/AD3C599B-B7AD-4FED-9F72-6ADE5BB4C0D8/0/AbigailOverviewReport.pdf>

### New disclosure and barring service goes live

Formed from the merger of the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) and Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA), the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) will provide a one-

stop shop service to those requiring criminal records disclosures and barring checks so that they can make safer recruitment decisions and prevent unsuitable people from working with vulnerable groups including children.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/news/DBS>

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## Sport Equipment

### Free Full size pool table

Would anybody like a full size pool table that someone would like to donate to a youth group in Wakefield District? It is currently in the cellar of a house in Sowerby Bridge - and is extremely heavy (slate bed - good quality!) and whichever organisation wants it would have to collect it. It took 6 strong people and a transit van to get it to the house and will need the same to get it out! Contact Young Lives and we will pass on your details – [sheila@ylc.org.uk](mailto:sheila@ylc.org.uk)

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## Resources

### Top ten fundraising and social marketing tips

Free from Directory of Social Change (DSC) - Can you promote and 'sell' social goals in the same way you might market soap? Is social marketing really that important to your fundraising efforts? Peter Maple, author of *Marketing Strategy for Effective Fundraising*, highlights his top ten tips on social marketing. Visit the website to find out what they are:

[http://www.dsc.org.uk/PolicyandResearch/News/top10marketingtips?dm\\_i=6S7,10NVR,29I7I3,33TXG,1](http://www.dsc.org.uk/PolicyandResearch/News/top10marketingtips?dm_i=6S7,10NVR,29I7I3,33TXG,1)

### What drives effective boards?

Poor governance presents many challenges - learn to avoid them. Mike Hudson, co-author of *Delivering Effective Governance*, summarises the recent research finding of the UK's top 500 charities and the key drivers for effective governance. The research looked at the top fifty characteristics of governance of large charities and demonstrated that team working, high quality meetings, having people with the right skills and experience and focusing on strategic rather than operational matters were the greatest contributors to effective governance. These were followed by openness, trust and being a diverse group of people. Visit the website to find out more:

[http://www.dsc.org.uk/PolicyandResearch/News/driversofeffectivegovernance?dm\\_i=6S7,10NVR,29I7I3,33TXG,1](http://www.dsc.org.uk/PolicyandResearch/News/driversofeffectivegovernance?dm_i=6S7,10NVR,29I7I3,33TXG,1)

### Read Children & Society Policy Reviews For Free

NCB is making available for free a [selection of policy reviews](#) from its journal Children & Society. These reviews provide an accessible and engaging overview of a topical policy issue affecting children and young people.

In conjunction with the journal's publisher, Wiley Blackwell, policy reviews will be available for free for a limited period. So take a look at the recent articles on the sexualisation of childhood, child protection and inter-country adoption.

<http://www.ncb.org.uk/policy-evidence/policy/children-society-policy-reviews>

Look at the Young Lives website to find all the other resources that may help you:

<http://www.ylc.org.uk/resources/>

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# Reports

## Domestic Abuse

Co-ordinated Action Against Domestic Abuse (CAADA) has published a new report, '[A place of greater safety](#)', on the efficacy of domestic abuse services. Key findings include:

- Services for victims save at least £2.90 for every £1 spent
- After receiving support from Independent Domestic Violence Advisors and other high risk services?, 63% of victims reported a total cessation of abuse, with professionals reporting a reduction in risk levels for 74% of cases.
- 69% of victims also reported that the quality of their life had improved
- Victims who are identified through health agencies were likely to be experiencing a shorter length of abuse than victims who are identified by the police or who self refer

Download the report from:

[http://www.caada.org.uk/commissioners/A\\_Place\\_of\\_greater\\_safety.pdf](http://www.caada.org.uk/commissioners/A_Place_of_greater_safety.pdf)

## Troubled Families Programme Report

Family Action has published a report that examines what the Troubled Families Programme will need to do in order to be successful, based on the work they have done supporting children in troubled families back into education. 'Troubled Families Programme: What's needed to deliver outcomes on school attendance and exclusion' warns that schools will not tackle truancy effectively if they 'do not reach out beyond the school gate to tackle underlying problems including children's chronic health conditions such as diabetes'. They found that often there is no one single explanation for children's truancy and exclusion from school. However, key factors include:

- Children's chronic health conditions
- Child and parental mental health
- Lack of parental confidence in setting boundaries and routines
- Difficulties associated with being a member of a migrant community
- Family bereavements
- Bullying in school

The report urges schools to work closely as part of multi-agency teams with children's service providers and health to get children and families back on track.

<http://www.family-action.org.uk/uploads/documents/Whats%20needed%20to%20deliver%20outcomes%20on%20school%20attendance.pdf>

## All change? Surviving 'below the radar'

How has policy towards 'community' changed and how have below the radar groups responded? New research, based on interviews and focus groups, finds that community groups have been hit by a 'multiplier effect' of cuts. Cuts to other parts of the sector have led to loss of meeting spaces, support services and people's time. The research challenges some of the assumptions that appear to be driving recent policy. It finds no evidence that community groups want to take on public service delivery, and challenges the notion that there is an inexhaustible number of volunteers and activists. Read more at Third Sector Research:

[http://www.tsrc.ac.uk/Research/BelowtheRadarBtR/Belowtheradarinabigsociety/tabid/771/Default.aspx?dm\\_i=A1N,12BV8,4VZ0MI,3B8LW,1](http://www.tsrc.ac.uk/Research/BelowtheRadarBtR/Belowtheradarinabigsociety/tabid/771/Default.aspx?dm_i=A1N,12BV8,4VZ0MI,3B8LW,1)

## Voluntary Sector Cuts

Compact Voice has published a new report, *Local Authorities and the Voluntary and Community Sector: Investigating funding and engagement*, based on a comprehensive Freedom of Information Act survey of local authorities. Key findings include:

- Half of local authorities are cutting grant funding to the voluntary sector disproportionately, compared to the amount their own budgets are being reduced
- The amount of spending through direct contracts with the voluntary sector has reduced

Download the report from:

<http://www.compactvoice.org.uk/foi2012>

## **Monitoring poverty and social exclusion 2012**

This annual study analyses trends to tell the story of poverty in the UK today, looking at measures of low income and deprivation. Poverty trends over recent decades show improvement in some areas and worsening in others, above all they show that poverty is not inevitable. Among the key points: the composition of those in poverty is very different today than 10 or 20 years ago – more than 6.1 million people in working households live in poverty, more than the 5.1 million who live in working-age households where no one has a job. The proportion of pensioners in poverty has halved since the early 1990s, while that of working-age adults without children has risen by a third; Over half of children and working-age adults in poverty live in a working household. The family make-up of children in poverty is very different from 30 years ago. In the 1980s, around 40% of children in poverty were in a family with a working adult. Since the mid-1990s this proportion has risen, by 2010 it had reached 61%. Most children in poverty now live in a working family. Download the report or a summary from:

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/monitoring-poverty-2012>

## **Families first: who loses most from cuts in public spending**

This TUC analysis of the distributional impacts of public spending cuts models the use of public services by household and family type, and then assesses how these groups will be affected by spending cuts. It shows that couples with children will lose at least twice as much as those without children, and all working families will lose more than unemployed people without children. While out of work lone parents will lose the most from public spending cuts (losing the equivalent of over £9,000 a year by 2017), working lone parents are also among the hardest hit - losing the equivalent of over £7,000 a year. Families are losing out the most because they make greater use of nursery and pre-school education, higher education and social care services.

[http://www.tuc.org.uk/tucfiles/456/Families\\_First.pdf](http://www.tuc.org.uk/tucfiles/456/Families_First.pdf)

You will find lots more reports on the Young Lives website at: <http://www.ylc.org.uk/research-and-reports/>

# **Consultations, Surveys and Campaigns**

## **Young NCB advisory group needs your help!**

The Young NCB Advisory Group wants to find out more about children and young people's attitudes around discrimination, so have put together a short confidential survey. The survey aims to find out if young people think discrimination is a problem in their area? Why do people discriminate? Do young people know what to do if they face discrimination? We would really like to hear your views about the topic discrimination. It would also be great if you can share this survey with other children and young people who are 18 or under - please post the link below on your Facebook or Twitter to help us get as many responses as we can!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5JG2N2Z>

## England Needs A National Body To Champion Children's Right To Play

When play services are being cut across the country it becomes even more important to stand up for children's right to play. Play England is calling on everyone to join the campaign for children and young people's freedom to play - because simply - together we are stronger. Whether you're a parent, a play professional, a landscape architect or local authority, there's a membership package to suit you. Karen Benjamin, Playwork Training Development Officer at Playwork Partnerships and a member of Play England's Strategic Advisory Board (SAB) says: "I feel it is important to have a national body to represent the play sector and to have a voice for play that responds to the political agenda. As a member I would hope that I could input into decisions that affect the sector in order to support children's freely chosen play now and in the future." Help give children back their childhood – join the campaign at: <http://www.playengland.org.uk/our-work/campaigns/love-outdoor-play.aspx>

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## Funding

### Wolfson Foundation

The **Wolfson Foundation** has announced that its **Special Needs Grants Programme** is open for applications. Through the programme, the Foundation makes grants to charities and special schools that work with people with particular health needs or disabilities. Over the past three years some £7.5 million has been allocated to nearly 150 different projects. Grants are made for new buildings, major refurbishment work, equipment or vehicles. Stage 1 applications can be submitted at any time. The next closing date for Stage 2 applications is the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013. <http://bit.ly/SJbH8a>

### Garfield Weston Foundation

The Foundation only considers applications from UK registered charities and your registration number is required (unless you have exempt status as a church, educational establishment, hospital or housing corporation).

Consideration for applications is given to:

- The financial viability of the organisation:
- The degree of need for the project requiring funding
- The amount spent on administration and fundraising as compared to the charitable activities
- The ability to raise sufficient funding to meet the appeal target
- Whether the organisation has appropriate priorities and plans in place to manage its activities.

Please note that once an acknowledgement letter has been sent there is typically no further correspondence until the outcome of the application.

Recent funding has supported projects in the following categories: Arts, Community, Education, Welfare, Medical, Religion, Youth and Environment. All applications should be sent by post.

**Application Form:** Available to download from the website.

**Deadlines:** There are no formal deadlines for submitting applications and organisations should allow approximately four months for a final outcome, though acknowledgement letters are sent within four weeks. Visit the website for more information:

<http://www.garfieldweston.org/>

### Rank Foundation Ltd - small grants

The Rank Foundation is a grant giving charitable trust, restricted to causes within the UK approved by the Charity Commission. It concentrates exclusively on:

- Encouraging and developing leadership amongst young people

- Supporting disadvantaged young people and those frail or lonely through old age or disability.
- The promotion of Christian principles through film and other media.

### **Grant Applications**

There is an on line eligibility check. Regrettably, due to overwhelming demand, unsolicited appeals are extremely unlikely to attract a grant in connection with salaries, general running costs or major capital projects.

They are not currently accepting applications for major grants.

**Application Form:** There is an on line eligibility check to complete.

**Deadline:** Applications can be submitted at any time. The Directors meet quarterly and applicants will be notified when their appeal is to be considered. Visit the website for more information:

<http://www.rankfoundation.com/grant-applications/application-form/>

### **Henry Smith Charity**

The Henry Smith Charity has been helping to combat disadvantage since 1628. Henry Smith, the founder of the Charity, was a London salt merchant who purchased land around the country. During his life he created a number of charitable trusts for the relief of the poor. He died in 1628 leaving his Trustees the sum of £2,000. Today, the Charity continues to honour the spirit of Henry Smith's Will by focusing its grant making on the challenges and opportunities facing people in need throughout the UK.

**What they fund includes:**

- Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME)
- Carers – including young carers
- Community Service
- Disability
- Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Drugs, Alcohol and Substance Misuse
- Family Services
- Homelessness
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender
- Prisoners and Ex-offenders
- Prostitution and Trafficking
- Refugees and Asylum Seekers
- Young People

For more information about each, and details of how to apply, visit the website at:

<http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/what-we-fund.html>

### **McRobert Trust**

Most monetary awards usually lie between £5000 and £25,000 but larger awards, including capital grants, are sometimes given. A small grants programme facilitates awards of up to £5000. Occasionally recurring grants are made for periods of up to three years. Six themes include education and training, and children and youth. Click on the Grant Making tab, then monetary awards for more details:

<http://www.themacroberttrust.org.uk/grant-making/>

### **The Accelerator**

The Young Foundation are offering £50,000 worth of support to ambitious ventures with a robust business model, proven delivery experience and demonstrable social impact. They will deliver a flexible programme with learning spread over a four month period, during which every [social venture](#) selected will receive: a training programme offering in-depth tutoring, coaching and facilitation worth £50,000; free hot-desking space and a series of intimate networking sessions; 1:1 mentoring from leading entrepreneurs and professionals; a

dedicated financial coach; opportunities to formally pitch your venture to social investors; a generous contribution to travel and subsistence costs. Visit the website for more information:

<http://www.growingsocialventures.org/>

You can find more funding information on the Young Lives website at:

<http://www.ylc.org.uk/funding/>

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## Vacancies

### KIDS

KIDS the national charity and leading service provider for disabled children and their families, wish to recruit to a keyworker to their successful Early Support, Advice, Information and Liaison Service for children with additional needs and their families living within the Wakefield District.

1 x 36 hour Designated Keyworkers - £19,993 FTE per annum

Or equivalent Job share 2 x18 hour posts temporary until March 2013.

Working to ensure the help and support parents receive is well planned, coordinated and targeted to their specific needs.

Essential experience includes a professional background within the statutory/voluntary sector, experience of negotiation and advocacy within multi-agency settings and be educated to at least NVQ level 3, level 4 is desirable.

For an application pack please e-mail [catherine.lacy@kids.org.uk](mailto:catherine.lacy@kids.org.uk)

For an informal discussion please phone Catherine Lacy on 01924 379015

Closing Date: 17.12.12

[KIDS Job Description](#)

[KIDS - Person Spec](#)

### Vacancies for Young People

You can download Babcock International Opportunities Bulletin, Apprenticeship Bulletin and West Yorkshire Vacancies by clicking the links below.

[Apprenticeship Bulletin](#)

[Opportunities Information](#)

[West Yorkshire Bulletin](#)

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