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### OCVYS News

Welcome to our spring newsletter. We at OCVYS have been busy putting on several training events which were initiated by requests from our members. These included several involved youth volunteering training events and a Safe Touch, Safe Hold workshop by trainer Tim Powell - an extremely valuable session for practitioners who work with children and young people (C&YP) with unpredictable behaviours. We also put on two 'Protective Behaviour' training events co-facilitated by young people from OCVYS' Young Executive Panel and trainer Penny Bassett (more about this later). Suzanne CWDC co-ordinator and Jess our administrator have just finished our training calendar which is bursting with over 250

training opportunities for anyone working with C&YP in Oxfordshire. We recommend everyone gets a copy of it (free to OCVYS members).

The Young Executives have also been involved in redesigning the new Youth Opportunity and Youth Capital Fund application forms, guidance notes and processes for Oxfordshire County Council. This was a fantastic opportunity to work in partnership with the Integrated Youth Support Services and have input into it's new development. More about this inside this copy which we hope you find useful. Best wishes from us all. Jacqueline Malone, Director of OCVYS [jacqueline.malone@ocvys.org](mailto:jacqueline.malone@ocvys.org)



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### Safeguarding

An announcement was made on 19<sup>th</sup> March giving details of the new, later, start date for the **Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS)**. Some parts of the scheme will come into force on 12 October 2009. However, it is not until 26 July 2010 that all new entrants to roles working with vulnerable groups, and those switching jobs within these sectors, will need to register with the **VBS** and be checked by the Independent Safeguarding Authority. More information is available at: <http://www.isa.gov.org.uk/>  
On Monday 6 April, the CRB launches its improved Code of Practice, more info at: <http://www.crb.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=311>

### New cyber bullying website

The CyberMentors website uses social networking and allows people at different levels to mentor each other. If you register on the CyberMentors website, you are given 'registered user' status, which means you can talk to a highly-trained young CyberMentor and get help straight away.

While most problems are sorted within a few conversations, anyone feeling upset, unhappy or perhaps even suicidal, will be referred by the CyberMentors directly to an experienced CyberMentors counsellor who will be more qualified to give support. Visit their website <http://www.cybermentors.org.uk/>



Oxfordshire Children & Young People's Trust

**Oxfordshire Children & Young People's Plan is due to refresh in 2010.** The timeline is as follows: **22<sup>nd</sup> May** the interim report on the C&YP's Plan will be presented to the OCYPT – after this date there will be a county wide consultation on the draft plan, this will be an opportunity to ensure the voluntary and community sectors' (VCS) views are integrated into the plan. The results from this consultation will be presented to the OCYPT on **20<sup>th</sup> November**. Contact: Sian Rodway, Lead Officer, Planning, Performance & Communications for more information [sian.rodway@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:sian.rodway@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

#### **Workforce Development Sub Group**

The aim of this sub group is to develop a skilled, integrated and flexible workforce in Oxfordshire, which focuses on improved outcomes for C&YP and families, as part of the national children's workforce strategy. Oxfordshire intends to do this by developing a 'common core of skills and knowledge' for everyone working in children's services. An exercise will be undertaken to map what training relating to the core competencies, is already being delivered on a multi-agency basis. In the OCYPT meeting, Sian Rodway acknowledged the great work already done by OCVYS with their development of a CWDC training calendar which goes out to the VCS twice a year. If you are interested in knowing more contact: [sian.rodway@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:sian.rodway@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

**Oxfordshire Children & Young People's Trust Board (OCYPT)** meets every two months. Anyone can access the agendas and minutes for each meeting through Oxfordshire County Council website. If you have any views relating to the next agenda items please contact Jacqui Malone the VCS representative for Oxfordshire. There is also a summary newsletter called '**news in brief**' that will come out approximately a week after each OCYPT meeting, giving short, concise information about what has taken place at each meeting. Here is Jan 09 link: [OCYPT News in Brief - January](#)

## XX Training News XX

### **OCVYS Children and Young People's Workforce Training Calendar is now available!**

With 25+ training providers and over 250 training courses available, this seasons calendar is very comprehensive and free to OCVYS members! Training opportunities includes courses in:

First Aid - Safeguarding Training - Child Protection  
Counselling - Mental Health Issues – Health and Safety Disability – Volunteering - Domestic Violence - Child Care/Children - Business/Management – Sign Language and lots, lots more.

**Thank you to Suzanne and especially to Jess**

## Lord Laming's Report

The Children's Secretary Ed Balls welcomed Lord Laming's progress report on child protection in England and on behalf of the Government accepted all of Lord Laming's recommendations. Mr Balls pledged that central Government will work with local government and front line services to drive forward the wide-ranging proposals.

In his report, 'The Protection of Children in England: A Progress Report', Lord Laming acknowledged that Government reforms introduced through Every Child Matters provided a firm foundation, but that there now needs to be a renewed commitment to child protection at every level of government and across all local services.

The independent Chair of the Oxfordshire Safeguard Children Board (OSCB) Andrea Hickman at the last OCYPT Board meeting commented that this was a very insightful report, full of information about front-line working and workforce development and recommends that anyone working with C&YP read it or at least the summary of the report. To know more visit Oxfordshire Safeguard Children's Board website [www.oscb.org.uk](http://www.oscb.org.uk)

Lord Laming's report can be found at : <http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/socialcare/safeguarding/>

## OCVYS 'YOUNG TRAINERS!'

**OCVYS** commissioned Penny Bassett a Protective Behaviours trainer to work with young people from OCVYS Young Executives Panel to teach them about Protective Behaviours, then to go on to train them in how to co-deliver this training programme to adults at two workshops which were held in Oxfordshire in March this year. Four of the ten Young Executives decided to be Young Trainers and underwent an intensive training programme with Penny over several weekends. Both workshops were sold out and one participant summed up the session by saying they felt... **'enlightened, informed & very impressed with the Young Trainers who did an excellent job!'**

**YEP**

We want to thank Anna, Jonathan, Laura & Nick for participating in this project. Their commitment was outstanding. We hope the skills and knowledge they have learnt will help them in their lives and their future career choices, we also want to thank Penny for leading this adventurous project, a great job, well done!

**OCVYS Young Executives Panel** continue to meet on a monthly basis with the director of OCVYS to ensure the voices and opinions of C&YP are heard and acted on in the planning & development of our service.



## Over £800,000 a year available in Oxfordshire for the next 3 years for young people's projects!

The overall aim of the funds (which are co-ordinated by Oxfordshire Integrated Youth Support Services, IYSS) is to improve the provision of positive activities for young people, by giving young people the power to decide how those funds should be spent. IYSS are looking for Young people to be involved in the planning, delivery and evaluation of a whole idea/project. This includes working out how much it will cost and filling out the application forms. Then teams of highly trained young people sit on **3** decision making grant giving panels in: North, South and Central Oxfordshire and they decide who gets the money. This funding project has **just been re-designed** (with the support of OCVYS Young Executives) and we know the IYSS are looking for new groups to **'host'** these panels. If you know of a group of young people who would like be Grant Givers, or if you want a copy of the new application form & guidance notes please contact: [ruth.kempson@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:ruth.kempson@oxfordshire.gov.uk) or you can download copies of the new forms etc. from [www.spired.com](http://www.spired.com)

### Here is a breakdown of what the funds are all about!

	Youth Opportunity Fund (YOF) Revenue Funding	Youth Capital Fund (YCF) Capital Funding	Chill Out Fund (COF) Revenue &/or Capital
<b>How much?</b>	Approx <b>£300,000</b> per year	Approx <b>£300,000</b> year	Approx <b>£200,000</b> per year
<b>Who Can apply?</b>	<b>Young people</b> supported by an adult sponsor	<b>Young people</b> supported by an adult	<b>Young People and/or Adults</b>
<b>How much can we apply for?</b>	Bids can be up to a maximum of <b>£7,500</b> . For any bid over <b>£1,000</b> the young applicants will be expected to attend a decision making panel to present their bid & be interviewed	Bids for projects between <b>£2,500</b> and <b>£50,000</b> . All applicants will be expected to present their bid to a decision making panel.	<b>This fund can give match funding of up to £5,000</b>
<b>Frequency of decisions?</b>	<b>Monthly</b> from <b>May to December</b>	<b>Twice a year</b> <b>May &amp; September</b>	<b>Monthly</b> <b>April to February</b>
<b>Can you give us some examples of what we can apply for?</b>	Sports, art, music, media, fashion, dance or drama projects, day trips, residentials, skills development courses, events, staff salary costs, hire of space, transport, other resources e.g. one laptop etc: this includes equipment under <b>£2,500</b> .	Capital items – this means work to refurbish or build premises, add constructions to or redevelop land and/or provide new equipment (as part of the construction work).	You can apply for revenue &/or capital money for your project <b>BUT YOU NEED</b> to have already got some funding in place before you can apply for this.

**Special notice:**

You will see that OCVYS are advertising a post for a Chief Executive in this issue of the newsletter, initially for 0.6fte (22.5 hrs per week). Please note that Jacqueline Malone remains as Director and is the point of contact for OCVYS for the foreseeable future.

email: [Jacqueline.malone@ocvys.org](mailto:Jacqueline.malone@ocvys.org)

## **JOB VACANCY CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR OCVYS**

As many of you know, Oxfordshire Children and Voluntary Youth Service (OCVYS) is an umbrella membership organisation in the charity sector and we are now recruiting for a **Chief Executive** to continue with our exciting development work.

The post will be based in Oxford but serving Oxfordshire and is permanent subject to ongoing funding. Initially 22.5 hours per week (0.6fte).

**The salary is £33,000 pro rata.**

This is a demanding post that requires a passion for working for and with children and young people; an understanding of the voluntary and community sector; wide developmental skills; excellent management ability; experience of collaborative work.

You will be practised in bidding for funding, managing people and projects and reporting to a Board of Trustees. The word 'flexible' must fill you with enthusiasm, not dread!

For details, job description and on line application form go to: [www.ocvys.org](http://www.ocvys.org) or from OCVYS Administrator, Old Music Hall, 106/8 Cowley Rd, Oxford. OX41JE. [enquiries@ocvys.org](mailto:enquiries@ocvys.org). 01865 403303.

**Closing date: 12.00 noon 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009.**

**Interviews: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

## Fundraising Matters

**L**ots of money is available for local community groups!



### Lottery's Small Grants Scheme Set for Change

Awards for All England was a joint Lottery grants programme supported by Arts Council England, Big Lottery Fund, Heritage Lottery Fund and Sport England. Now each of the lottery distributors supporting the scheme have their own small grants programmes up and running as follows:

**Big Lottery Fund** will provide small grants of £300 to £10,000 to local communities

**Sport England** will provide small grants for sports ranging from £300 - £10,000

**Arts Council England** will provide small grants through 'Grants for the arts' programme, supporting awards between £1,000 and £100,000.

**Heritage Lottery Fund** small grants will be provided through 'Your Heritage' (£3,000 to £50,000) and **Young Roots** (£3,000 to £25,000)

**BBC Children in Need** offers grants for projects delivered by organisations working with disadvantaged C&YP under 19yrs old. Applications should focus on the C&YP your project works with and the differences your project makes/will make to them. Email: [pudsey@bbc.co.uk](mailto:pudsey@bbc.co.uk) or Tel: 020 8576 7788. **New application deadline dates are 15th April, 15th July and 15th October 2009.** There has also been a switch to online applications. Full guidance and application forms are available on Website:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/apply.shtml>

**For funding in Oxfordshire** take a look on Oxfordshire County Council website and click on [Home > Council services > Community and living > Funding and grants](#) to find funding and grants for groups and individuals. We hope you find this information useful.

## BA in Youth and Community Work at Ruskin College, Oxford

**Ruskin College** now has a BA in youth and community work; fulfilling the national requirement - that from 2010, qualified youth workers will need to hold a BA (Hons) as the basic minimum qualification. There is also an opportunity to top up your existing JNC qualification and join the third year of the BA which is one year full time and 18 months part time.

**Ruskin College** is an independent college based in Oxford that specializes in providing educational opportunities for adults with few or no qualifications. They aim to change the lives of those who need a second chance in education. Please contact: Bal Gill on 01865 759613 or [bgill@ruskin.ac.uk](mailto:bgill@ruskin.ac.uk) if you would like to discuss any aspect of the programme.