



A FORUM FOR VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS THAT WORK WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

This e-bulletin has been put together to keep you up to date on the development of a county-wide forum for voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations working with children and young people.

The development of a forum forms part of the VCS Engage programme. As part of this, work is being done to improve VCS representation on the Hertfordshire Children's Trust Partnership. More details on the VCS Engage programme can be found at:

<http://connect.hertscc.gov.uk/yrccouncil/hcc/csf/childrenstrust/partnerships/vcseengage/?view=connect>

The next meeting of the Forum

The next meeting of the Forum will be on **Tuesday 29th June at;**

High Leigh Conference Centre
Lord Street,
Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire EN11
8SG

The Forum which is free, will begin with a buffet lunch at 1pm and the business being conducted from 1.30pm. The Forums is indebted to YMCA and HCTP for their support to deliver this event.

The Afternoon will include;

1. The opportunity to help develop the key themes for Hertfordshire' 2011-14 Children and Young Peoples Plan.
2. **The formal introduction of the new MPC lead**, and the new Strategic Partnerships Manager
3. The chance to hear from Ian Knowles about Hertfordshire's overall transformation plan and discuss its impact on Children and Young Peoples Services in the county
4. The chance to consider and discuss the proposals on the sectors representation on Hertfordshire's Children's Trust Partnership Board
5. The opportunity to help redevelop the VCS Engage Action Plan and identify future priorities for the children and young people's voluntary & community sector

The Election of an MPC outcome lead

The process for selecting a longer term Making a Positive Contribution lead is well underway. Ballot papers are being returned, the more that vote the greater the mandate.

The following candidates have put themselves forward, in no particular order;



William Allen
Chief Executive of Cross Herts
Counselling
Phil Willerton
Chief Executive of Watford YMCA
Kate Belinis
Chief Executive of Herts CDA
Nick Webb
Chief Executive of Pro Action Herts

Alongside this the election has afforded a further opportunity to register for membership and therefore eligibility to vote.

Key dates are;

18th June - Membership window
closes until after the
election
24th June - Close of voting
29th June - Result announced

The current Task and Finnish group have also reconsidered the role of the Chair of the Forum. Subject to resources, the candidate who comes second will be given first refusal on the role as opposed to a further election.

This decision will be subject to ratification by the Forum's membership.

For more details on; the election process and associated papers and becoming a member can be found at:

<http://www.childrenmattereast.org.uk/News.asp?selidx=0&viewmode=ViewRecord>

Strategic Partnerships Manager Post

HCTP are pleased to announce the appointment of Laura Power to the post, Laura will take up post on 28th June, and her work will have a focus on;

1. Supporting the work of HCTP Executive
2. Supporting the VCS to participate in Hertfordshire Children's Trust Partnership.
3. Supporting Parents and Carers to participate in Hertfordshire Children's Trust Partnership

VCS on the HCTP Executive

Key themes for HCTP Executive in its April and May meetings included;

- **Information Sharing and proposals for a specific HCTP schematic**
- **Responding to change in national government**
- **Hertfordshire's transformation programme**
- **Safeguarding Improvement Plan**
- **Performance management of Think Families work**

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