

Nectar: News from the sector

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NCVYS Update

Shine Week and OPEN Weekend 2009

This week is **Shine week** (6-10 July) a national celebration of young people taking place through a combination of local and national events and supporting media coverage to create a real buzz about the talent in all young people. The **National Youth Week consortium**, including NCVYS, which has been commissioned by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) to support Shine Week 2009 and the **OPEN Weekend** (10-11 July) campaign as part of the development towards our delivery of a 'youth week' celebration in 2010. NCVYS's youth forum ENVOY has been working with organisers during the week to prepare for the big debate in the House of Lords on Friday and to promote the talents of our young people. More information will be available on the **NCVYS website** shortly.

'Stormy weather and silver linings' – Opportunities for members to get involved in the Annual Conference on 4 November 2009

The NCVYS Annual Conference on building resilience in young people and the sector will explore positive approaches to dealing with the current state of flux in our social, political and economic environments. Members can now find out more about the event and the range of **opportunities to get involved**. Alternatively contact the NCVYS team on **annualconference@ncvys.org.uk** or 020 7278 1041 for further details.

Disable the label: free copies of Exchange Summer issue

There are still some free copies of the summer issue of *Exchange* available. This quarter's topic is on **young people and dis/ability**: NCVYS is calling for readers to 'disable the label' they may have when working with young people who have disabilities. We are currently offering copies **FREE** to all interested organisations. To order, please contact Mariam Sheikh on T: 020 7278 1041 or E: **mariam@ncvys.org.uk**.

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Projects & Campaigns

TV production company looking for community champions

Do you have a unique hobby, talent or ability? Does it benefit people in your community? **Talent TV** is currently producing a series of one-off documentaries for Japan about British culture. They are particularly looking for **stories about individuals who have an interesting tale to tell** – whether overcoming adversity to achieve something remarkable or using a social entrepreneurship to reach out to their community. For example, Talent TV recently made a documentary about a deaf DJ from Hackney who puts on 'deaf raves' for the local deaf community. The production company is looking for **young people in their local community** who are a particular passionate about something, whether it be art workshops for young people or organising tea parties for the elderly. As long as you are engaging, passionate and possess a particular skill, talent or unusual hobby, Talent TV would like to hear from you. If you know anyone who might be suitable for this documentary, please email caroline.menzies@talenttv.com.

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19 July 2009: Gig with 33 breakthrough artists just for under 18s!

This summer, **Somerset House** is starting something new for under-18's, called **WHAT NEXT**. 33 breakthrough artists will take part in a development program, leading to a performance on-stage at Somerset House alongside internationally acclaimed urban and indie artists **The Wombats, Chipmunk, special guest Ms Dynamite, Lion Club and Ghetts**. The gig will take place on **Sunday 19 July**. Adding something distinct to the current offering for young people in central London, WHAT NEXT invites their peers to share a stage with headline acts, and allows different musical genres - and audiences - to meet in Somerset House's beautiful courtyard. There's also the opportunity for under-18's to join the promotion team and promote the event to their peers. All promotion participants will receive a certificate for future job applications and the potential to earn themselves tickets to the gig. To sign up email info@whatnextevent.org.uk. Tickets cost £15.

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Funding & Awards

First Light – new funding opportunities to support youth film and media projects

First Light is an initiative enabling young people to realise their potential via creative digital film and media projects. It operates a number of youth funding schemes including the **Young Film Fund** - the UK Film Council's Lottery funded filmmaking initiative for five to 19 year olds. **Mediabox** – a DCSF fund – will be launching a **new fund Mix Mediabox in autumn 2009** which will support young people to explore themes of **community cohesion** with funding from £5,000 to £20,000. A third initiative, **Second Light** is a talent development scheme which will give 30 young people aged 18 to 23 from BME background supported opportunities to move into the film industry through production based training.

Drinkaware is giving five young people the chance to win their ultimate day

Recent research carried out by Drinkaware has found 1 in 4 young people drink just for 'something to do'. As the summer holidays can be a pretty boring time, Drinkaware has set up a competition to give young people a fun activity to engage in, which begins the dialogue around

alcohol misuse. In order to compete, 16-17 year olds need to come up with **what an ultimate alcohol-free day would be**. It can't be illegal or immoral, must be an experience (they can't buy things), and can't exceed £2,000. Apart from that they can be creative as they want and can take along up to three of their friends. Entries must be **uploaded in video or photo format** to the [competition website](#). The ideas will be shortlisted by their peers so it's up to each entrant to get as many of their friends to vote as they can. A judging panel will decide on the final five winners and each **will get their ultimate experience organised for them!** The closing date is 31 August 2009.

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Handy Guide to LAAs

The Urban Forum has recently published a new [Handy Guide to Local Area Agreements](#). LAAs are now a central part of the design and delivery of public services in all local areas, and are the action plan for priorities and improvements that will be made in an area in the future. This Handy Guide explains **everything you need to know about LAAs** - what they are, how they work and how you can influence them. Voluntary and community groups can have a FREE copy.

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Facilitators Training - Dialoguing about the Middle East

In February 2009, Windows for Peace (UK) Youth Dialogue Group launched a Resource Pack written by and for Muslim, Arab, Palestinian and Jewish Young People to facilitate dialogue about the Middle East. A [residential raining course for facilitators](#) is taking place on 23 and 24 September 2009 at the Warrington Peace Centre, aimed at those who work with young people, who are interested in running dialogue groups about Palestine and Israel - especially with Muslim, Arab, Palestinian and Jewish Young People. The cost is £250 and covers accommodation and meals, and some bursaries will be. Please contact Judith Emanuel for more information on the course and to apply for a bursary – E: judith@windowsforpeaceuk.org or T: 07792 690278 by 1 September 2009.

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Social Enterprise Live

Social Enterprise magazine has launched a [new website for social entrepreneurs](#). The resource will provide free content and news on current issues in the social enterprise sector. Users will also be able to submit their own stories, creating a communications channel to tell people about **important social enterprise developments**. The site includes RSS feeds and a directory of service providers to assist with the growth and development of social enterprises across the world.

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Vacancies

Youth at Risk UK – Policy and Networks Officer - £22,000–£25,000

Youth at Risk UK, a charity dedicated to making a positive and lasting change to the lives of young people who are at risk of poor outcomes, has recently received part of the Youth Sector Development Fund to roll out its transformational programmes to 10 local authorities via several of its transformational programmes. The new post, based in Royston, North Hertfordshire is for someone who has an innovative approach to online networking, will seek opportunities to raise the organisations profile and who has a curious nature and is determined to keep their finger on the pulse in the policy world. Please see [full advert and job description](#) for more information. The closing date is 23 July and interviews will be held on 3 August.

British Youth Council - Volunteers Officer - circa £24,500 (including ILW)

The British Youth Council is looking to recruit a motivated and experienced Volunteers Officer to manage their new vTalentYear programme supporting ten Full Time Campaign Volunteers who are on a placement for a year. Based at the BYC London office at CAN Mezzanine London Bridge this post is offered on a fixed term month contract until 30 August 2011. You will be a self-motivated, organised individual with excellent communication and interpersonal skills who is passionate about volunteering and supporting young people to make a difference. The post is for 35 hours per week. The closing date is 5pm on 17 July 2009 and interviews will be held on 28 July 2009. Please see the [BYC website](#) for more information and to download an application pack.

IARS Board of Trustees – Treasurer vacancy

The Independent Academic Research Studies board of trustees is looking to [recruit a new Treasurer](#). IARS is a youth-led social policy think-tank that was set up to empower and give voice to young people so that they can influence policy and democratically engage in society as equal citizens. The deadline for applications is 10am on 31 July 2009.

UKYP - Secondment opportunity: Regional Co-ordinator for the West Midlands

UK Youth Parliament is offering a secondment opportunity for a Regional Coordinator for the West Midlands. They are seeking applications from Youth/Participation Workers, Youth Work Managers and other professionals/practitioners with the relevant skills, qualifications and experience, to step into this key role of supporting young people and coordinating the work of the UK Youth Parliament within the West Midlands Region. The closing date is 12 noon on Friday 17 July 2009. For more information contact [Anna Sterckx](#), Achievements Officer - West Midlands Regional Co-ordinator, UKYP on M: 07956 681150.

Young Lives - Head of Participation & Active Citizenship - circa £29,000

The postholder will manage the organisation's Participation and Active Citizenship strand and provide a strategic lead in relation to development of activity within this work stream. Tasks will include overseeing the day to day business of activities in this workstream; identifying and accessing funding opportunities/contracts; leading the ongoing development of Involve2Evolve training programme; and leading the development of the Youth Activators programme. The closing date is 12 noon on Tuesday 28 July and interviews will be held during the week commencing on 10 August 2009. For more information see the [application pack](#) or contact Emily on E: emily@young-lives.org.uk or T: 01480 494333.

Four vacancies – Strengthening the Voice of the BME Third Sector

The Strengthening the Voice of the Black and Minority Ethnic Third Sector project aims to develop, strengthen and integrate the Black and Minority Ethnic Third Sector across England.

The project is funded under the Big Lottery Fund's BASIS programme. This is a V4CE, BTEG and MENTER partnership project and a copy of the advert attached for your information and reference. The [4 new posts](#) are for a Black and Minority Ethnic Compact Officer; a Networks and Communications Officer; a Senior Policy Officer; and a Project Support Officer. The closing date is mid-day Monday 13 July 2009.

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