

Nectar: News from the sector

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NCVYS Update

Save the date: NCVYS Annual Conference and AGM - 'When life hands you lemons - make lemonade!'

NCVYS will be hosting our **Annual Conference on 3 November 2010 at Kings Place in London**. The overarching theme of the conference is a **celebration of the innovative nature of our sector** and its ability to solve society's most intractable problems in an innovative and creative way that offers a needs-led approach to delivering services to a wide range of young people and communities. The event will give delegates an opportunity to engage with key government officials shaping policy for the sector and young people, as well as academic specialists, leaders from the NCVYS membership and other delegates from the voluntary and community youth sector.

We are **looking for members to lead 4 seminars** at our annual conference. Seminars will run for approximately one hour and will be attended by around 30 conference delegates. NCVYS will assist seminar leaders by supporting leaders in the planning process and ensure that all requirements are met on the day, e.g. IT equipment, flip charts. The call for seminar proposals can be found [here](#).

Parliamentary Event

The National Council for Voluntary Youth Services (NCVYS) launched the **Big Society placement scheme** at our parliamentary event on 10 June for the voluntary and community sector to [meet the new parliament](#). The event was hosted by Natascha Engel MP, Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Youth Affairs, supported by NCVYS and partner organisations. Over 50 NCVYS members working directly with young people came together to meet new MPs and key ministers including Nick Hurd MP, Minister for Civil Society and Tim Loughton MP the new Children's Minister.

NCVYS would like to thank our members for their support for the event, and would like them to get in touch if they are interested in taking part in the Big Society Placement Scheme. We would also encourage members to nominate MPs who they know who might be interested in being involved with and supporting the scheme.

Young facilitators update

NCVYS's Young Facilitators are Ari Johnson (London), Sophie Field (West Midlands), and Teresa Santamaria (North West). They assist in recruiting and supporting more young people to get involved in the NCVYS youth forum, ENVOY across the nine English regions. As part of this role they promote ENVOY to NCVYS members and facilitate regional meetings. Young facilitators also have responsibility for assisting in the planning and delivery of ENVOY related activities and projects such as the Young Partners Award.

Ari says: 'I have been with NCVYS now since January and have been involved in lots of exciting things from the very beginning starting with meeting NCVYS staff, the other young facilitators and ENVOY members! Since then I have met with people from around London. From attending the Peer Leap Awards to my induction to ENVISION I have been around London spreading the word about ENVOY and recruit new members.'

Sophie says: 'The ENVOY residential was really cool because I finally had the chance to meet a range of ENVOY members! Most recently I went to the 'Meet the Parliament' event which was a great experience, not only to see what politicians had to say about the new parliament in relation to young people, but also to meet young people from NCVYS's member organisations and find out more about the projects they are running at the moment!'

Teresa says: 'As the North West Young Facilitator for NCVYS, since January I have been networking throughout the region visiting various groups and participating in different steering groups and conferences. Participation in the Circles of Influence conference and networking with the North West regional youth work unit has meant I have been able to contact many organisation within the North West region.'

Financial Monitoring

The NCVYS policy team is producing a [Financial Monitoring Service](#) in response to the number of new details emerging around government spending and cuts, and we will continue this service until the Comprehensive Spending Review in Autumn 2010. The site also includes a briefing on the Budget and links to other resources.

New NCVYS staff member

We have recruited Sarah Hadley as our new Development Officer (Skills and Training) and she will be starting work at NCVYS on Tuesday 6 July.

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Projects & Campaigns

British Youth Council Conventions

The [British Youth Council](#) is holding several one-day Conventions across the UK. NCVYS will be taking ENVOY members, as well as young people from NCVYS member organisations. They are taking place in London (3 August 2010) and York (12 August 2010). They offer: a choice of skills workshops; time to meet and share ideas with other young people and youth workers; a topical panel debate and lots of fun. Please email [Selena Brown](#) if you are interested in attending.

Showing the Value of Networks

With infrastructure organisations coming under scrutiny, it is more important than ever that we know, grow and show the impact of networks and our value. [The Value of Infrastructure Programme](#) has developed a set of impact tools specifically for networks. The tools will be available online allowing networks to store, track and compare their impact information with others.

NCVYS will be piloting these new tools between July and October this year and is **seeking 3 NCVYS local network members** to take this opportunity to try out the tools for needs assessment, planning and network development to show what local impact networks have. If you are interested in this opportunity, contact: [Jarina Choudhury](#), Networks & Learning Manager or call: 020 7843 6453. You will also be able to use the tools to plan and demonstrate the impact of your own work with members, when they become available in early 2011.

The London 2012 Inspire Programme

The [London 2012 Inspire Programme](#), which aims to bring the benefits of the 2012 Games to every part of the UK, has recognised a growing number of innovative community sports projects – and is looking for more. The Inspire Mark is awarded to non-commercial organisations who can demonstrate that their project or event is accessible, inspiring and stimulating, encouraging more people to take part in sport, culture, education, the environment, volunteering and business skills. Find out more [here](#).

Working with unemployed young people

The Prince's Trust Explore Enterprise Programme is for unemployed young people aged 18-30 years who live in a rural area. It is a new programme for those who might have considered having their own small business and is an opportunity for them to look a bit further into whether this might be a good direction for them to take for. The Programme is free and is aimed at 18-30 year olds who are unemployed or working less than 16 hours who either live rurally or have a rurally based business idea. Get details from [Fiona Whitley](#) or from the Prince's Trust [website](#).

Youth Sector Workforce Development Survey

[Birkbeck, University of London](#) is doing a scoping exercise to gauge support for the establishment of under-graduate and post-graduate professionally validated qualifications in Youth Work. They want to ensure prospective courses reflect the needs of the sector and would be extremely grateful if youth project workers and youth leaders could spare some time to fill in a brief [online questionnaire](#) about Youth Sector workforce development. The deadline is 15 August.

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The Big Lunch 2010

[The Big Lunch](#) is calling on all neighbourhoods and communities across the UK to come together on **Sunday 18 July**. Events around the nation are taking shape from simple tea parties in back gardens to large street parties for the whole neighbourhood.

Can Local Strategic Commissioning and Total Place Survive and Deliver in the Challenges Ahead?

NCVO is holding seminar which will review national evidence and best practice on stimulating the voluntary sector to deliver public service efficiencies, cross-sector partnerships and locally responsive services. The [seminar](#) will take place on **Tuesday 13 July from 2pm to 4.30pm in the NCVO Conference Suite, London**. With public services entering their most difficult climate for decades and £55 billion of government cuts expected during this parliament, public services are being called upon to deliver reform, efficiency and the Government's localism agenda. How can reform be promoted at a time of reduced resources in all sectors?

Foyer Federation Practice Event 2010

The annual Foyer Federation Practice Event, from **Wednesday 14 to Thursday 15 July at Aston University Lakeside Centre, Birmingham**, is a great opportunity for Foyer Managers, front line staff and others working with marginalised young people to come together and share best practice across the Foyer network. This two day [residential conference](#) offers the perfect balance of workshops, plenary debates and key note speeches, combined with networking, presentation slots and a Foyer led Innovations Fair, to ensure everyone can contribute to and learn from shared knowledge and approaches to working with young people in transition from adolescence to independent adulthood.

Ethical issues in youth work

[Durham University](#) & [Regional Youth Work Unit- North East](#) are holding a conference to explore the ethical issues found in youth work. The [conference](#), on **Tuesday 13 July 2010 from 10.30 to 16.30 at Holgate House, Grey College, Durham University** is accompanied by the publication of the 2nd edition of the book, *Ethical Issues in Youth Work* (Routledge, June 2010). The day will involve some of the contributors to the book and other national speakers with an interest in youth work in a panel discussion (include NCVYS Chief Executive Susanne Rauprich), followed by afternoon workshops covering issues such as: when to breach confidentiality, information sharing in inter-professional contexts and the ethics of youth participation and active citizenship. For further information and a booking form please contact [Nicoletta Riccardi](#) or tel 0191 3341505.

Roundtable consultation events on skills

Skills Third Sector is running a **consultation process** which includes a series of nine regional roundtable events and an online consultation. They believe only thriving third sector can provide the quality public services that are needed to support the economic recovery and build strong local communities. The roundtable events are in **London (9 July), Birmingham (13 July), Leeds (15 July), Guildford, (20 July), Newcastle (22 July), Leicester (1 September), Cambridge (2 September), Taunton (7 September) Manchester (10 September)**

Great Expectations: The place of Detached Youth Work in the future?

The **Federation for Detached Youth Work** is holding its Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting 2010. The meeting will take place at **Yarnfield Park Conference Centre, Stafford between Friday 12 and Sunday 14 November 2010**. For further details and bookings visit the **Federation website** or contact **Acomo** or tel 0116 242 7490.

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Funding & Awards

Sustainable funding

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO)'s **Sustainable Funding Project (SFP)** works with infrastructure across England to support frontline voluntary and community sector organisations (VCOs) to explore a more sustainable approach to funding. The **deadline for applications is 5pm on 23 July**.

Infrastructure governance

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO)'s **Cracking the Code** is a bursary scheme for infrastructure organisations to improve their governance based on all or any of the principles of the Good Governance: a Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector (the 'Code'). The **next deadline is 30 September**.

Award for achievements

Barnardo's has partnered with the Marsh Christian Trust to launch a new **award** that aims to recognise the outstanding achievements of individuals or groups who work with children and families. The **deadline for nominations is 31 July**.

Grants to small charities

Yapp Charitable Trust make grants to small registered charities to sustain their existing work, with one of its priorities being children and young people aged 5 - 25. Grants are normally for a maximum of £3,000 per year and most of their grants are for more than one year because they give priority to ongoing needs.

British Council Active Citizens programme

The **British Council** are looking for local delivery partners for the Active Citizens programme. They are looking for those who run a voluntary or community sector organisation, or a network working to promote active participation and social justice (such as tackling poverty and inequality) in your community. Active Citizens connects organisations and people involved in local initiatives that benefit their local communities, and gives them and their communities the opportunity to gain an international perspective on the valuable work they're already doing, contribute to social research on global themes, develop cross-cultural engagement skills and international professional networks. The **deadline is 9 July**.

I Do Ideas – an interactive funding opportunity for young people

The Young Foundation has launched I Do Ideas, an interactive funding opportunity for young people across England who have an idea they want to put into action in the local area. I Do Ideas has been designed to provide leadership opportunities for young people who can now be champions of change in their communities. The fund has been designed and created by young people from across the country. For further information please visit the **website** or contact **Jenni Clutten**

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Resource pack for involving young people in decision making

The National Participation Forum has launched a resource pack aimed at making it easier for young people to become involved in the running of local organisations and community groups. The resource pack, called [An Equal Place at the Table for Children and Young People](#), highlights the benefits to organisations and young people of involving the younger generation in decision-making.

Contraception

The YWCA has produced [Not using contraception?](#) which offers no-nonsense, factual information about contraception and sexually acquired infections. The young women included a section about the cost of childcare based on the experiences of the mums in the group. To publicise the leaflet to local young women and professionals, the group organised a launch evening which featured presentations and discussions. They talked about their own experiences of sexual health services in the area and how they hope their leaflet will help more young people aware of how important it is to be aware of the facts.

Workforce Wheel Outcomes tool

The NCVO has produced the [Workforce Wheel](#), a tool that takes an outcomes approach to all aspects of people management. The Wheel is easy-to-use and aims to help voluntary and community organisations understand where they want to get to as they grow into their full potential. Effectively, it is a model of a high performing organisation with strong leadership.

Trustee Recruitment for Small Organisations

The NCVO has produced [Trustee Recruitment for Small Organisations](#). This resource has been designed to help you find, recruit, induct and keep trustees. It has been developed with small voluntary and community organisations bearing in mind that trustee recruitment can be challenging for small organisations that have limited resources. For the purposes of this resource 'trustee recruitment' also refers to the recruitment of management committee members, members of the committee, council members, and executive committee members. No matter what title your organisation gives them, this resource is intended to help you recruit new members of the governing body.

Report on children's views of fairness

Ofsted has published [Fairness and Unfairness](#) a report of children's views by the [Children's Rights Director for England](#). Two hundred and sixty-eight children and young people in boarding schools, children's homes and other care and residential settings gave their views and experiences about fairness and unfairness. They defined fairness as everyone being treated equally unless there was a good reason for different treatment, having your rights, being listened to, having what you ought to have, only being punished for things you had actually done and only as much as you deserved, and getting along together without anyone being left out.

Guides on working with young adults with multiple needs

[Revolving Doors Agency](#) has published two guides on working with young adults with multiple needs during their transition to adulthood; [Aiming Higher](#) is a good practice guide for practitioners compiled using the views of young adults and professionals; and [Towards a Shared Future](#) is a guide for commissioners. Both are available to download at Revolving Doors Agency.

The role of public services in reducing inequality and promoting cohesion

The [2020 Public Services Trust](#) has launched [Equality, Cohesion and Public Services](#), a report which brings together contributions from three respected authors to look at the role of public services in reducing inequality and promoting cohesion. It asks whether the reform principles suggested by the Commission on 2020 Public Services could take us forward, and how they might be put into practice.

Diversity resources

[NCVO Workforce Development](#) has produced [a guide to diversity resources](#). They will help you navigate the wealth of diversity information and tools available. Each section looks at one strand of equality and provides useful links and introductions to a range of information.

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Working with faiths

Participation Works are holding an event, [How to work successfully with children and young people from various faiths and cultures](#), on **13 Jul 2010 from 10am to 4pm in Birmingham**. This one-day course is based on the popular How To Guide on the same topic. At the end of each training day you will have developed their skills and knowledge enabling you to: Understand faith through culture and identity and its potential influence on the development of young people; explore ways of working with young people that reduce barriers to participation; understand diversity; and plan for the delivery of inclusive practice. For more information please contact [Participation Works](#).

Working with boys and young men

UK Youth are holding a [Working with Boys and Young Men Training Day](#) on **Wednesday 8 September 2010 in Birmingham**. This training course provides all the information needed for participants to deliver a one-day training course for those who work with young people on the theme of 'working with boys and young men'. It is expected that attendees have facilitation and training skills. The training aims to equip those who work with young people with the skills, information and ideas necessary for running sessions and activities on the theme of 'working with boys and young men.'

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Vacancies

Envision seeking a new Head of Communications

Envision are looking for a new [Head of Communications](#). Envision supports 16-19 year olds to set up their own social and environmental community projects and in the process build their confidence.

Prisoners Education Trust seeking a Fundraising Manager

Prisoners Education Trust are seeking a [Fundraising Manager](#) in London, to plan, manage and deliver its fundraising strategy. The post is a 0.8 contract, open to some flexible working, and will suit someone who wants to combine strategic development and hands-on activity in a growing organisation.

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