

October Newsletter

Introduction

I would like to start this edition by telling you of some staff changes here at VOYC. Firstly, I would like to say thank you to Jeanette Brown who left her role as our Communications and Marketing coordinator on Friday 14th September. I would like to thank Jeanette for the time and energy she put into the role and send her our best wishes in her new full time job role. I am also pleased to tell you that after a successful recruitment process, we are looking forward to welcoming Luci Edwards to VOYC and will be starting with us in the middle of October.

Some news we have received this week is that on 1 April 2019, the health visitors, schools' nurses, and allied professionals will formally transfer from Virgin Care to Devon County Council's Children's Services. For more details, go to the Local and National News section.

You can also read more about the launch of the Teignbridge Youth Club Network on the 24th September at The Bank Youth Project in Ashburton. Read more on this within the Local and National News section in this month's edition.

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News from VOYC Members

Space and **Young Devon** were awarded DCC's pilot scheme to support asylum seeking children in Devon. DCC has commissioned the pilot

scheme to train volunteers and mentors to help support the children in their new homes, schools and local communities. [Read more.](#)

Congratulations to **Living Options Devon**, who announced that they have won the national lottery award for a heritage ability project which makes 20 much loved heritage sites across Devon and the south west accessible to all. More details on their website. [More details.](#)

Pete's Dragons have a new timetable of Suicide Awareness and Prevention Courses through the Autumn. They have now introduced Suicide TALK as well. This is a 90-minute presentation on introducing the topic of suicide, its prevalence and trying to encourage people to feel more comfortable discussing it. It does also provide some guidance on what to do if they think someone they know is feeling suicidal, but not as much detail. All bookings or enquiries to admin@petesdragons.org.uk 01395 277780

Lifeworks - Holiday Projects are delivering KEEP CALM TWO this October Half Term. Their aim is to provide a comfortable space for young people to gain confidence, build resilience and develop creative coping strategies involving physical activity and mindfulness as they explore 5 ways to wellbeing. For details contact: 01803 840744

The Plough Arts Centre has announced the opening of a Youth Theatre in St Anne's in the centre of Barnstaple on Saturday mornings from 10.30 am to 12.30 am. It is open to all children between the ages of 8 and 12 years, this can include children up to their 13th birthday. For more information or to book a place please contact the booking office on 01805 624624.

Devon Football Association offer inclusive Children's Football Clubs in Devon. There are now more football opportunities than ever before for children with additional needs and disabilities in

Devon. There are clubs in Bideford, Barnstaple, Tiverton, Exeter, Exmouth, Crediton, Newton Abbot, Torquay, Paignton, Tavistock and Plymouth. For further information on your local

club, please contact Ashley Harris (Disability Football Development Officer) by phone (01626 323560 / 07912089838) or email: ashley.harris@devonfa.com

Local and National News

Public Health Nursing update

On 1 April 2019, health visitors, schools' nurses, and allied professionals will formally transfer from Virgin Care to Devon County Council's Children's Services. To ensure smooth transition Kate Stephens (pictured below), Head of Service



for the Public Health Nursing Service and registered CQC Manager in Virgin Care, is on a part-time secondment to Devon County Council as Head of Public Health Nursing.

Kate says: "Devon County Council has developed a robust project to ensure a smooth transfer and as Head of Service I will have oversight of the project's progress and work closely with all the work stream leads.

"The County Council intends to maintain the full range of current services and, over time and in collaboration with staff and stakeholders, the Council is looking to provide an improved offer to children and families.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to integrate with social care and education colleagues to enable the best outcomes for families, children and young people in Devon and I am very much looking forward to developing stronger partnerships with colleagues in the voluntary sector to help achieve this. "

More information about the Public Health Nursing transition is available on the dedicated website including some helpful Frequently Asked Questions and a dedicated mailbox for any queries or concerns you may have about the transition.

For more information, follow this [link](#).

Youth Work Week 5-11 November 2018

This Youth Work Week is an opportunity to explore the changing landscape for youth work delivery and a time to celebrate the incredible difference it makes to young people's lives.

There are loads of great ways to get involved. First and foremost, we're asking everyone in the sector and beyond to record a 60 second video letting us know what youth work is to you.

[More information](#)

New Youth Club Network for Teignbridge

The new network supported by VOYC Devon, Space and Teignbridge District Council held its first meeting on the 24th September at The Bank Youth Project in Ashburton. There was an excellent turn out with representatives from seven Youth Clubs from within the District all welcoming the opportunity to meet and offer mutual support. Through coming together it gave those present the opportunity to learn from each other about the work they currently deliver as well as hearing about the issues for young people within in each of the communities. The final item was a discussion on how they can work together in the future and this will be developed at the next meeting on the 28th January at Kingsteignton Youth Centre.

South West Youth Impact Network

The next meeting will be on Thursday 8th November, 10.30 – 3pm at Tiverton Youth Centre. The agenda will include 'Linking Quality and Positive Outcomes for young people'; 'Numbers and Stories - getting the balance right' and opportunities to share what's going on in the region and nationally/internationally. Bring along examples of impact in the youth sector that you'd like to share. We will also be able to update on progress on the revised outcomes framework commissioned by LGA. For more details on the Centre for Youth Impact and the next meeting email Gill Millar on gillmillar2000@outlook.com



keeping you informed about work with children and young people in Devon

We see the big picture is an annual survey of Girls' Attitudes produced by Girlguiding. One of the headlines is that the number of teenage girls who aspire to become leaders has fallen, with girls blaming the decline on a working climate that favours men and negative media coverage of women. Read the report [here](#).

Playing Out is a Children's Commissioner for England report looking at the importance to children of play and physical activity. [Read more](#).

Uniformed youth groups to expand with £5m funding boost

A further £5m has been set aside to uniformed youth groups to expand into deprived areas and offer places to vulnerable young people, the government has announced. The money, from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, will be managed and distributed by the Youth United Foundation, to support expansion of police cadets, Scouts, Guides and faith-based organisations. The aim is to create an additional 5,500 places. [More details](#).

Charity Commission: Safeguarding for Charity Trustees

If you are a Charity Trustee, then please be aware that the Charity Commission have recently updated (1st August 2018) their guidelines "Safeguarding duties for Charity Trustees". You can find the document by following this [link](#). If you are a Trustee and you want to learn more about your responsibilities, you might want to look at the VOYC training course that's covers this subject on the 21st November!

Whiteleigh Big Local are commissioning a feasibility for a new community led space/community centre. For full information click [here](#). The completed expressions of interest should be sent by email to Pippa St John Cooper by no later than 5pm on Monday 19th October 2018.

Training

VOYC Safeguarding Training courses:

9th November 9.30 – 4.30

Group 3 Child Protection for designated safeguarding officers is being held at the Devon YFC Rural Hub at Cheriton Bishop. Fully booked.

16th November 9.30 – 12.45

Safer Recruitment Awareness at the 100 Club Wear Barton Road, Exeter.

21st November 13.00 – 16.30

Trustees and Management Committee Member safeguarding at the 100 Club Wear Barton Road Exeter.

28th November 16.15 – 19.15

Group 2 Awareness Raising child protection training in Ashburton.

3rd December 16.00 – 19.00

Group 2 Awareness Raising child protection training in Barnstaple

More details on all of the above can be found [here](#).

Y Smart Foundation Training:

Substance misuse and young people course, cost £65.00.

A two-day multi-agency training for those who work with young people.

Thursday 6th and Thursday 13th December 2018 from 9.30am -4.30pm, Ivybank, 45 St David's Hill, Exeter. EX4 4DN. For a booking form 385637 or email:

y-smart@devon.gov.uk Tel: 01271 388162 or 01392 or have a look at their website: www.y-smart.org.uk

The Devon Children and Families Partnership (DCFP)

Find details about the DCFP training and events [here](#).



Remember Early Help is when.....

a child/young person/family needs something extra - Early Help is the initial response offered by all services in contact with children, young people and families. This builds an understanding to address extra needs and prevent situations from getting more difficult for children and young people. The aim of Early Help is to build on people's capacity and resources to manage their own dilemmas, resolve their own difficulties and prevent further problems in the future. Early Help is not a designated team it is the way that EVERYONE works together to support the needs of families.

Find out more and look at all the resources available [here](#).

Early Help Creative Conversation Day

On Wednesday 17th October there will be a Creative Conversation day at the Kenn Centre near Exeter. This is an exciting opportunity to bring together a wide range of professionals and commissioners from health, education and social care, as well as parents / carers and children / young people, to explore the need to improve access to communication services and support across the whole of Devon.

Contact sarah.miller@devon.gov.uk.

Diary

17th October 2018

The Early Help Improvement Programme Creative Conversation day at the Kenn Centre.

5-11 November

Youth Work Week 2018 theme will be What is Youth Work...?

8th November

The next South West Youth Impact Network meeting, 10.30 – 3pm at Tiverton Youth Centre. The agenda will include 'Linking Quality and Positive Outcomes for young people';

15th November

SEND Parent Information Event at Woodlands Park School, Ivybridge, Devon PL21 9TF, 10am -12 noon.

Funding

Vodafone opens a funding programme for charity technology.

Vodafone has launched a new technology award programme, Techstarter, to fund with prototype ideas in the UK. There is a total of £300,000 available in its first round and all the winners will receive in-kind support for one year. Read the full article [here](#).

Hedley Foundation

Deadline Applications must be received well in advance of a Trustees' meeting. The next meeting is on 21 November. The [Foundation](#) makes grants to small charities working with young people in the areas of recreation, sport, training, health and welfare, support and outdoor education of young people between the ages of 11 and 25.

The Joyce Fletcher Charitable Trust

Deadline 1 November 2018. The [Trust](#) supports music and the arts in a social and therapeutic context, particularly in the lives of children, the disabled and disadvantaged. A strong preference is given to applications from the South West. Funding from £1,000 to £2,000 is available.

More online access to funding streams can be obtained through the Devon County Council Website [page](#) Charitable Funding Streams.

Job Vacancies

Visit the VOYC [website](#) to find job vacancies