

Dear Colleagues

There is a definite change in the atmosphere these days – some of you are busy running holiday schemes and others enjoying a well-earned break. Whatever you are doing I hope you have a very good summer. Here is a brief news update from your local voluntary sector Alliance:

### **Briefing Event CHANGE OF DATE!**

I attach a poster for the next Alliance Briefing event which takes place on 30 September from 12:30 – 3:00pm at the Haven. There are two subjects: Monitoring & Evaluation (outcomes measurement) and an update on the Common Assessment Framework (CAF). We've extended the time so you can bring a sandwich and have a chat before the main event begins. Booking details are on the poster.

### **Children's Workforce Development**

A big thank you to the organisations which supported the first meeting of our working group. If you have an interest in Workforce Development and want to get involved please contact me for details of our next meeting, which takes place on 19 September. Some of the topics we are looking at include core skills, integrated working across sectors, capacity-building (including the potential for a train-the-trainer scheme) and mapping.

### **Consultation Event – future of the Local Strategic Partnership 8 September 10:00am – 12:00pm at the Haven, Lake Rd.**

The Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) is a partnership of statutory and non-statutory agencies from across the city, working together to ensure that key priorities are met. The voluntary & community sector has representatives on the LSP who do their best to put forward the views and experiences of the sector. As the LSP is currently going through a review process to determine its future shape, we want to ensure that the voluntary & community sector retains a strong voice and also develops better mechanisms of communication. Please come along to share your views on how this can happen. To book a place contact [june.hancox@portsmouthccs.org.uk](mailto:june.hancox@portsmouthccs.org.uk).

### **Child Poverty**

The Government has announced a package of new initiatives to help families and end child poverty as part of a renewed drive to increase social mobility. <http://digbig.com/4xccr> or <http://www.dcsf.gov.uk>

### **Parenting 'mixed' children: difference and belonging in mixed race and faith families**

New research from Joseph Rowntree Foundation.

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/knowledge/findings/socialpolicy/2232.asp>

### **Adolescent Health Training Programme April 2008 - March 2009**

Free training for all multi-agency staff working with young people in the City of Portsmouth  
Adolescent Health Liaison Officer  
Tel: 023 9284 1714

### **Mid and Big Mediabox Stage 1 Application Guidelines**

Mediabox is a fund that offers disadvantaged 13 to 19-year-olds the opportunity to develop and produce creative media projects, using film, television, print, radio, games, interactive or online platforms. Mediabox enables young people to express their own opinions, ideas and

views, to gain new skills, to be creative, boost their personal development and get their voices heard. Mediabox also wants to improve the portrayal of young people in the media. Online applications are now open. Go to [www.media-box.co.uk](http://www.media-box.co.uk) to apply.

### **Portsmouth City Council Child Car Seat Checks**

Every year Portsmouth Trading Standards provides free car seat checks for local residents. Please publicise this event to those who may be interested.

The days are 10-4 with qualified checkers and road safety officers on hand.

Wednesday 6th August at Sainsburys Farlington Thursday 7th August at Asda Fratton

Wednesday 27th August at Morrisons Eastern Road Thursday 28th August at Tesco North Harbour

Further details available from Andrew Townley, Senior Trading Standards Officer, Public Protection, 02392 834689

### **Did you know?**

The Hampshire Children & Young People's Alliance has an excellent website. Have a look <http://www.hants-alliance.org.uk/web/>

### **Participation: The Essential Tools and Resources - Thursday 18th September, London**

Hosted by Participation Works, **Participation: The Essential Tools and Resources** is a one day conference that will explore the available tools and resources to support children and young people's participation in a range of settings. Delegates at the conference will learn how to use tools and resources to improve children and young people's participation. Participants will also be able to discuss specific participation issues through a number of workshops. The conference will be a great networking opportunity for everyone involved in participation. Participation Works Enquiry Line: 0845 603 6725 Gateway: [www.participationworks.org.uk](http://www.participationworks.org.uk)

### **Portsmouth Council of Community Service**

**Community Transport:** Does your group need to hire a minibus with driver? Try the Community Transport service at PCCS. For details of costs and booking requirements e-mail [communitytransport@portsmouthccs.org.uk](mailto:communitytransport@portsmouthccs.org.uk) or phone 023 9287 7308.

**Training:** Go to [www.tracs-pccs.org.uk](http://www.tracs-pccs.org.uk) for information on forthcoming training course, including food hygiene and first aid.

### **Portsmouth City Council's Summer Activities Guide**

Visit <http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/living/13584.html>

### **How Should We Tackle Poverty in the Portsmouth Area?**

Join the debate on September 9 at 7:30pm, sponsored by the Bill Sargent Trust. To reserve a (free) ticket call 023 9289 6719 or e-mail [bst@portsmouthha.org.uk](mailto:bst@portsmouthha.org.uk)

### **Your information Here!**

If you would like to publicise your group, forthcoming events or activities, please let me know. I am happy to include local information in the September edition of the Alliance newsletter.

Best wishes,

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