

E-bulletin April 15th 2009

(1) Real Help for Communities (2) Thinking About Carers (3) Jobs at Age Concern (4) VCS Children's Trust

Dear members,

- 1 Here is a link to a government website advertising 'Real Help for Communities: Volunteers, Charities and Social Enterprises' with free regional road shows in April, May and June 2009. <http://www.coievents.co.uk/realhelpforcommunities/>
- 2 Both the PCT and Adult Services have kindly agreed to contribute funding for a light sandwich lunch for the workshop participants on 7 May, Thinking about Carers. The workshop flier has been amended accordingly to allow time for lunch, and they would be grateful if you could please distribute the amended one attached.
- 3 Please see the attachment for details of jobs currently available at Age Concern West Sussex.
- 4 **WEST SUSSEX COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY YOUTH SERVICES**
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Hanna Moore, WSCVYS Chief Executive, has written to say that at the VCS Children's Trust conference in November they looked at the NCB VCS Engage Self Evaluation Toolkit (SET). From that experience they secured a small amount of funding to do a piece of work on the SET toolkit and decided to link it to the development of the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP2010).

They are running 2 short sessions on 14 May with their NCB facilitator Susan Okokon – 10.30-12 in Horsham and 3.30-5.00 in Bognor.

The NCB grant is to help them to use the toolkit to assess VCS engagement in the planning, strategy, delivery and evaluation of services for children, young people and their families. They have overall agreement with their Children's Trust Partners to undertake the process with their NCB facilitator using a joint approach.

To keep the consultation real – their focus is Children and Young People's Plan – CYPP 2010. This means that a nationally agreed protocol, linked to a well renowned national agency, acts as a framework for good Children's Trust VCS practice and how that can be embedded in the arrangements.

Whilst they realise it is following the VOLG Forum in Shoreham – where the toolkit will be looked at in a wider context – they hope that that means that for those of you who can attend everything that week you will be revved up and raring to go. And for those that are only able to make it to the VCS Forum earlier in the week, they have the option of identifying how they might input in to the CYPP sessions via a delegated representative perhaps.

If you are able to attend one of the sessions on 14 May – Hannah appreciates that time is precious so assures you that the session will be very focused and people should get a lot out of the process. There will be more information concerning the venue after next week when she is back from leave.'

I do hope the above is of interest to yourself and your organisation

Many thanks –
Janet

Attachments: [Workshop](#) [Age Concern jobs](#)

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