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## Introduction

Welcome to volume 148 of the Young Lives E-bulletin – your regular pick ‘n’ mix of news, information, updates, events and training. Please start by looking at the Young Lives update. If you are interested in becoming a Director of Young Lives please get in touch. There is also a second session of the very popular CAF training and there are a few places left so get in touch today if you would like to book a place. Next – would you like to sponsor someone doing a climb of Mount Kilimanjaro – the contact details are there. Have a look at What’s on Where – there is lots going on over the next couple of week, then please get in touch with Charlie Watson if the project in the Knottingley area is of interest to you. There are several items in the Safeguarding Section that everyone should look at. On a lighter note – if your group would like a free (and heavy) pool table, please get in touch with Young Lives and we will pass on your details. Next, have a look at the Reports and Resources sections to see what is of interest, then there are some voluntary vacancies at the Youth Association. In vacancies you will find information about becoming a Director of Young Lives (in case you missed it the first time) and this is followed by a tender opportunity at NOVA. We finish with a couple of items in Bits and Bobs – a section you haven’t seen for a couple of months.

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## Young Lives Update and Training

### Young Lives Directors

Young Lives are looking for Directors to represent our members at Board level. We would welcome applications from anyone who would like to support children and young people groups from the voluntary and community sector. To register your interest please email [fergus@ylc.org.uk](mailto:fergus@ylc.org.uk) attaching a maximum of one side of A4 setting out your relevant qualifications, experience and areas of interest. We particularly want Directors to take on the portfolios for human resources and children's safeguarding.

### Common Assessment Framework (CAF) Introductory Session

**Date:** Monday 3rd December 2012

**Time:** 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm

**Venue:** Then Old Court House, Town Hall, Wood Street, Wakefield

- Are you a voluntary or community group supporting children and young people?
- Do you want to find out more about the Common Assessment Framework?

The CAF awareness session aims to give practitioners and managers an overview of the Common Assessment Framework.

[CAF Poster](#)

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## Local News

### Mount Kilimanjaro

I have signed up to be part of a university expedition to climb Mount Kilimanjaro next September hoping to raise funds on behalf of Childreach International whose main purpose is to help achieve "A world where all children have the opportunity to unlock their full potential in life". I signed up for this climb after being inspired by the fantastic summer of sport that Britain has enjoyed this year and from my studies in economics realising how much inequality there is in the world and thought it was about time I did something to help. I am asking whether you would be willing to help with any potential sponsorship for the climb and support me, your local community and children who have little hope for the future

relative to what we have in this country. I understand that we are in a time of recession in this country but we still have a much easier life and access to facilities such as healthcare, education and sanitation which these children do not. I have currently raised £200 and had to pay £245 of my own money to register for the event towards an overall target of £2450, due by July 15th 2013. If you require any more details or would like to speak to me directly about this then I would be very willing to do so. If you were to sponsor me then I would be very willing to give your company some marketing/publicity by adding any logos/brands to my fundraising equipment and on the trek itself.

Many Thanks

Matthew Pollard

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[Pollard\\_6@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Pollard_6@hotmail.co.uk)

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/mattmountskili>

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## WOW – What's on Where

### If You Eat - You're In!! Ossett Community Centre

**Date:** Monday 3rd December

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Venue:** Ossett Community Centre, Prospect Road, Ossett.

Free Entry

Starting from December we'll be hosting a series of monthly talks, walks, demonstrations and get togethers on all things growing and local food called Meet The Incredibles.

**To kick off** - Mary Clear - co-founder of Incredible Edible Todmorden - tells the story of how a few people decided to stop waiting for someone else to save the world and what can happen when local people are allowed to do what they want, in a way they want, to secure the future they want. Don't miss the chance to hear this inspirational speaker in person.

For more information E-mail:

[Andy@Incredible-Edible-Wakefield.co.uk](mailto:Andy@Incredible-Edible-Wakefield.co.uk) or call Andy on: 07971 098510

[Incredible Edible Wakefield - Helping Wakefield Grow](#)

### Wakefield LINK in transition to Healthwatch

Meeting in Public: TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2012 at 11.00 am

At Wakefield Wildcats, Belle Vue, Wakefield WF1 5EY

Come hear updates from the LINK, the Local Authority on plans for local Healthwatch; Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust and the General Medical Council

Networking Lunch following the Meeting

Booking essential before Friday 30th November 2012

Telephone ' 01924 374188

Email; [wakefieldlink@shaw-trust.org.uk](mailto:wakefieldlink@shaw-trust.org.uk)

Wakefield's Local Involvement Network for Health and Social Care

### Hall Green Community Association Xmas Fayre

**Date:** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

**Time:** 5.00 pm

**Venue:** 1a Painthorpe Lane, Hall Green, Wakefield WF4 3LA,

Tombola, Children's Lucky Dip, Whisky, Wine or Water, Find Santa's present's, Friday club's Tuck shop

Xmas Tree Lights Switch On

Music by 3+3 Company

Songs and Carols by St Georges Community Choir (Sounds of Broadway)

Children from Dane Royd school Choir

Hot Food

Mulled wine and mince pies available

Download a poster:



xmas fayre 2.doc

## Working with Local Businesses

**Date:** Friday 7th December

**Time:** 9.30 am – 1.30 pm

**Venue:** Kingswood Suite, town Hall, Wakefield

Change the way you think about working with local businesses. This is not a funding workshop. It is a free practical training seminar, aimed at helping you make better business connections including a broad range of support businesses can offer.

**Businesses are from Mars, Charities are from Venus event on Friday 7 December at 9:30 – 1:30, Kingswood Suite, Wakefield Town Hall.**

This is a **free event** for Wakefield District (and Morley area) based voluntary, community groups and charities with an annual income under £40,000. For groups outside Wakefield District (and Morley area) and for those with a higher income; fee £20 per delegate. Places are limited & local small groups will be given priority. To secure your place contact; Sam Grundy 01924 379015, [Samantha.grundy@kids.org.uk](mailto:Samantha.grundy@kids.org.uk)

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## RY4C NOT JUST ANOTHER UPDATE

From: Dominic King

I have some BIG news!

Get your diaries out since on the 14th December we're having a debate! We'll be debating whether the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child should become part of UK law. Of course I know your views on it but we're going to want to be documenting genuine points for and against this.

**What we need from you:** We need the organisations that work with young people to mobilise them and come to the debate to either watch, debate or report. We want young media representatives who have lots of Twitter followers, Facebook friends and blogs as well as passionate debaters. We also want experts in the field that have worked with the UNCRC to be debaters as well. Since there isn't much time to organise this event we'd be really grateful if you could let us know what you have to offer ASAP.

### **What we want to achieve**

Increase awareness of the UNCRC and its legal status, document points for and against its incorporation, a press opportunity involving budding young journalists, a networking opportunity for the organisations that aren't as heavily involved in children's rights and enthusiasm to carry on working in this area after this great year is over!! Wow that's a lot!! With your support we can achieve all of that!!

### **Details**

The debate is going to be held at UNICEF's best room in London from 2.30pm to 5pm on Friday 14th December!

UNICEF, 30A Great Sutton Street, London, EC1V 0DU

The nearest tube stations are Farringdon and Barbican.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions and I hope to hear from you very soon!!

Email: [dominicking@me.com](mailto:dominicking@me.com)



## Opportunities for Young People

### Potential Project in Knottingly area

I am contacting you all to inform you of a potential project starting in Ferrybridge to train young people living within the Knottingly area. The agencies involved are Pen 2 Print (contact Tommy Devanney) an organisation that trains people in computer skills, writing a book on their lives or something of their choice culminating in them having a book published, using the machinery producing the book that will give them the skills and confidence to use a computer through practical work.

The next partner is Sobriety Project who take groups of people onto the canal either putting them through a Crew Course, First Aid, Food Hygiene or any other agreed course. This proves to be a popular draw to young people taking them out onto the waterways, within a neutral environment, again this could link in with Pen 2 Print. The third partner agency is Social Enterprise Aspire Training (not Young Lives CRT funded A.S.P.I.R.E project) based at the Dancer in Wakefield; they work with NEETS working with media and delivering Routes to Employment courses

The idea is to create a pathway for young people from Knottingly (an area with high levels of youth unemployment) the young people we are trying to reach are those classed as 'NEET'. My suggestion/idea is to get other deliverers on board to create a pathway of training which includes the boat trip as the carrot for attending the training.

**You all have the expertise to deliver training to those furthest from the jobs market, would any of you be interested in partnering up with this group to deliver training and employment opportunities?**

Knottingly is undergoing a massive regeneration programme in the next few years with the new by pass, roundabout, Ferrybridge Power Station Extension, proposed quarry, proposed housing development, new supermarket with independent shops and the new Knottingly Power Station that will bring a £300M investment into the area along with jobs.

**We are anticipating the developments by preparing people to be job ready, can any of you help us to deliver this and give local residents a brighter future.**

**If so I will pull a meeting together to discuss all our options? If we meet before Christmas we could provide a Christmas lunch, with crackers? If you are interested please contact:**

Charlie Watson, Community Development and Health Facilitator, South East and Knottingly area, All Saints Community Centre, Barnsley Road, South Kirkby, WF9 3QE. Mobile: 07771387250. Email: [Charles.watson@wakfield.gov.uk](mailto:Charles.watson@wakfield.gov.uk)

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## Training and Events

### West Yorkshire Training Shop

West Yorkshire's one stop shop for all Third Sector training and capacity building needs. A wide variety of courses. Visit the website at:

<http://www.wytrainingshop.org.uk/>

Visit the Young Lives website at <http://www.ylc.org.uk/training-2/> to find out more about training opportunities.

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## Safeguarding

### **“I thought I was the only one. The only one in the world”. The Office of the Children’s Commissioner’s Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation In Gangs and Groups Interim Report**

The first year’s findings of a two-year inquiry found that 2,409 children and young people were confirmed victims of child sexual exploitation in gangs or groups in the 14 month period from August 2010 to October 2011. The Inquiry also identified that between April 2010 and March 2011 there were 16,500 children in England who were at high risk of child sexual exploitation. This is the equivalent of twenty medium-sized secondary schools. The conclusions are drawn from extensive evidence submitted by the government, police, local authorities, health services, voluntary sector agencies and children and young people themselves. Young people quoted in the report describe experiences of rape and violence of a relentless nature, often lasting years. They live in well-founded fear of those who violate and control them. Many suffer long-term physical, psychological and emotional harm as a result of their experiences. The OCC calls for urgent action to protect vulnerable children from all forms of sexual exploitation, advising that all agencies working with children should immediately ensure their operational staff are made aware of the list of warning signs of sexual exploitation. These include:

missing from home, care or school, repeated sexually transmitted infections, patterns of offending, misuse of drugs or alcohol, self-harm and other physical injuries.

Download the report from:

[http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/content/publications/content\\_636](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/content/publications/content_636)

### **Research into gang-associated sexual exploitation and sexual violence: interim findings**

The research into children and young people’s experiences of gang-associated sexual exploitation and sexual violence is exploring: the scale and nature of the issue in the specific areas of England under study; pathways into gang-associated sexual exploitation and sexual violence for young people living in these gang-affected neighbourhoods; and potential models of response. Evidence shows routine serious sexual assault of girls for whom saying ‘no’ is not an option because they are threatened and forced into sex. Although boys needed prompting to talk, they spoke about sex being used as both intimidation and humiliation between boys who are in conflict with each other. There are few clear boundaries between child victims and child perpetrators with children often both being abused, and abusing others themselves. Reporting of sexual violence is poor, with children feeling that nothing can be done to stop it, other than moving away from the area. Download the report from:

[http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/content/publications/content\\_637](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/content/publications/content_637)

### **Children first: the child protection system in England**

Commons Education Committee. Fourth Report of Session 2012-13. Volume II Oral and written evidence.

The culmination of a year-long inquiry, the report examines three key themes:

neglect, older children and thresholds for intervention, taking children into care and adoption. Twelve oral evidence sessions took place between October 2011 and June 2012 and there are 20 submissions of written evidence. Additional written evidence Volume III includes submissions from a wide range of organisations and individuals including Action for Children, Children’s Society, Children England, ADCS, NCB, DfE and the Office of the Children’s Commissioner.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmselect/cmeduc/137/137ii.pdf>

Volume III Additional written evidence

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmselect/cmeduc/137/137vw.pdf>



## **The failure of child protection and the need for a fresh start**

Speaking to the Institute for Public Policy Research Michael Gove said that the current child protection system failed vulnerable children by putting the rights of parents ahead of children and intervening too late. The Education Secretary sets out his ideas for the better protection of children in need, at risk and in care.

<http://www.education.gov.uk/inthenews/speeches/a00217075/gove-speech-onchild-protection->

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## **Sport Equipment**

### **Free Full size pool table**

Would anybody like a full size pool table that someone would like to donate to a youth group in Wakefield District? It is currently in the cellar of a house in Sowerby Bridge - and is extremely heavy (slate bed - good quality!) and whichever organisation wants it would have to collect it. It took 6 strong people and a transit van to get it to the house and will need the same to get it out! Contact Young Lives and we will pass on your details – [sheila@ylc.org.uk](mailto:sheila@ylc.org.uk)

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## **Resources**

### **The poverty trap**

The Children's Society has launched a new online game which shows the reality of living below the breadline.

[http://povertytrap.childrenssociety.org.uk/?utm\\_source=childsoc&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20121113campaignsfairandsquare&source=20121113campaignsfairandsquare](http://povertytrap.childrenssociety.org.uk/?utm_source=childsoc&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20121113campaignsfairandsquare&source=20121113campaignsfairandsquare)

Look at the Young Lives website to find all the other resources that may help you: <http://www.ylc.org.uk/resources/>

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## **Reports**

### **Open Public Services: experiences of the voluntary sector report**

From NCVO - read examples of innovative partnerships between charities and statutory authorities have developed specialist services. Download the report from:

[www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/sites/default/files/open\\_public\\_services\\_experiences\\_from\\_the\\_voluntary\\_sector.pdf](http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/sites/default/files/open_public_services_experiences_from_the_voluntary_sector.pdf)

### **A snapshot of the youth sector**

The National Youth Agency, on behalf of the Catalyst consortium, has published 'The relationship between local authorities and the voluntary and community sector: a snapshot of the youth sector'. It finds that the extent to which the voluntary and community sector (VCS) is involved in youth work delivery varies considerably, with an encouraging picture in the best performing councils. Download the report from:

[http://www.ncvys.org.uk/blogs.php?act=view\\_topic&id=299](http://www.ncvys.org.uk/blogs.php?act=view_topic&id=299)

### **Troubled families case studies**

This document describes how families were helped in Sheffield, Bradford, Lancashire, Leeds and Norfolk.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/troubled-families-case-studies>

### **'Youth Outcomes: a guide for service providers and commissioners'**

Social Finance has published 'Youth Outcomes: a guide for service providers and commissioners', which looks at Payment by Results in the youth sector. Produced on behalf of the Catalyst consortium the report is intended to complement the Payment by Results and Social Investment resource published by NCVYS last year to help organisations become more sustainable.

[www.ncvys.org.uk/UserFiles/SF\\_YOUTH\\_FINAL%20pdf.pdf](http://www.ncvys.org.uk/UserFiles/SF_YOUTH_FINAL%20pdf.pdf)

### **Measuring child poverty: a consultation on better measures of child poverty**

The government believes that poverty cannot be defined by income alone and this consultation proposes a number of potential dimensions of measuring child poverty, including: income and material deprivation, worklessness, unmanageable debt, poor housing, parental skill level, access to quality education, parental health and family stability.

<http://www.education.gov.uk/aboutdfe/departamentalinformation/consultations/a00216896/measuring-child-poverty>

You will find lots more reports on the Young Lives website at: <http://www.ylc.org.uk/research-and-reports/>

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## **Funding**

### **The Archer Trust**

The Archer Trust is a UK Christian charitable grant-making trust. The Archer Trust was set up in 1994 in memory of Ronnie Archer, who rose through the ranks of Unilever to become Vice-Chairman. It is hoped that the Archer Trust will be a fitting memorial to a talented but modest man.

#### **Guidelines for applications for grants – Criteria:**

You are a small UK charity for whom a grant of between £250 and £3,000 will make a big difference. In one way or another, you provide aid or support to a defined group of needy or deserving people, for instance those with physical or mental disabilities or the disadvantaged. You are competently run and can support your application with up-to-date accounts.

The Trust prefer to support organisations working in areas of high unemployment and deprivation. They favour charities which make good use of volunteers. The Trust support projects both in the UK and overseas, but for overseas projects only via UK charities which can ensure that funds are being well used.

Apply in writing - any correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary, The Archer Trust, Bourne House, Wadesmill, Ware, Herts, SG12 0TT.

Visit the website at:

[www.archertrust.org.uk/](http://www.archertrust.org.uk/)

### **Magdalen Hospital Trust**

The Magdalen Hospital Trust gives grants of between £500 and £2,000 to registered charities working with deprived children and young adults up to 25 years old. Priority is given for literacy, special needs education, training for work and personal development; clubs; crime prevention; emergency care; play schemes; and counselling. Visit the website for full details:

<http://www.magdalentrust.org.uk/>



## Breaks4kids - YHA

Breaks 4 Kids is a charitable fund, founded and supported by YHA (Youth Hostel Association). They help to fund youth group and school trips for children from low income households, by contributing up to 50% of the cost of their YHA accommodation and food. This gives children who would otherwise be left behind, the chance to be included in the trip with the rest of their group. Residential trips and activities allow children to expand their horizons, build their confidence and self-esteem, and develop important skills in communication and team building. They believe that all children should have the opportunity to experience learning beyond their classroom, allowing them to appreciate the countryside and the cultural value of our towns and cities. Visit the website for full details:

<http://www.yha.org.uk/school-trips/breaks-for-kids>

## BIG - Reaching Communities

Reaching Communities funds projects that help people and communities who are most in need, and can really make a difference. It funds revenue projects of between £10,000 and £500,000 and/or capital projects up to £50,000. Projects can be new or existing activities, or be the core work of your organisation. They want to fund projects that respond to needs identified by communities, and those that fund projects that help those most in need including those people or groups who are hard to reach. They want to encourage the following changes to communities as a result of their funding:

- people having better chances in life, including being able to get better access to training and development to improve their life skills strong communities, with more active citizens,
- working together to tackle their problems improved rural and urban environments, which communities are better able to access and enjoy healthier and more active people and communities.

You can apply to Reaching Communities if you are: a registered charity a voluntary or community group a statutory body, (including schools) a charitable or not-for-profit company a social enterprise - a business that is chiefly run for social objectives, whose profits are reinvested in the business rather than going to shareholders and owners.

Reaching Communities has proven to be a popular and highly competitive programme. Sadly, they have had to turn down some very good projects. You should note the high levels of interest in this programme and consider whether your project would be better suited to another Big Lottery Fund programme.

**Application Form:** For the first stage you submit an outline proposal form following the guidance on the website.

**Deadline:** Applications can be submitted at any time.

**Contact:** Call their national helpline for advice Tel: 0845 410 20 30.

Email: [general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk](mailto:general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk)

**W:** [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_reaching\\_communities?fromsearch=-uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities?fromsearch=-uk)

You can find more funding information on the Young Lives website at:

<http://www.ylc.org.uk/funding/>

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# Volunteers

## Youth Association

The Youth Association (TYA) is a registered charity which aims to create opportunities for young people of Yorkshire and make positive changes in their lives. TYA offers children and young people opportunities through its own direct service and by working in partnership with others. We are looking for highly motivated and reliable volunteers for the following roles:

**Volunteer Co-ordinator** – This role will consist of co-ordinating our newly developed Volunteer programme, with duties including; volunteer recruitment, induction, training and management as well as ensuring volunteer support is offered to our youth programmes and the services of our Associates

**CRB Co-ordinator** – This role will involve co-ordinating our CRB service, ensuring CRB checks are carried out in pre-arranged locations with volunteer CRB checkers allocated to each workshop. Other duties will include offering support with booking CRB check appointments and supporting the TYA management team with this process.

Please send CV's to Helen Duke (Operations Manager) at [helen.duke@youth-association.org](mailto:helen.duke@youth-association.org) or to HQ office, 12 South Parade, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, WF1 1LR. For further information regarding these posts please contact 01924 333400 and speak with Helen Duke or Gill Day (Finance Manager)

**Closing Date for these roles is Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012**

**Volunteers** - We are also looking for volunteers who have some time to spare and share their skills and experience as well as having opportunities and training for those who want to gain experience working with young people. Some of the skills we are looking for include (but not exclusive):

- Qualified Drivers (for mini bus and mobile units)
- CRB Checkers
- Administration support
- Youth workers (qualified and unqualified)
- Gardeners / Sports / dance coaches
- Mentors
- Young Advisors (13 – 19 years old)

If you are interested in volunteering for us and our partners please complete our online form <http://youth-association.org/volunteer/> or email [headoffice@youth-association.org](mailto:headoffice@youth-association.org) for more information

### **Young Lives Directors**

Young Lives are looking for Directors to represent our members at Board level. We would welcome applications from anyone who would like to support children and young people groups from the voluntary and community sector. To register your interest please email [fergus@ylc.org.uk](mailto:fergus@ylc.org.uk) attaching a maximum of one side of A4 setting out your relevant qualifications, experience and areas of interest. We particularly want Directors to take on the portfolios for human resources and children's safeguarding.

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## **Tender Opportunity**

### **Diagnostic Tool and Provider Directory tender opportunity**

Voluntary Action Wakefield District is promoting a tender opportunity to recruit a consultant to develop and pilot a web-based diagnostic tool and provider directory for its NOVA Transforming Local Infrastructure (TLI) partnership project.

The overall purpose of NOVA is to transform the structure and delivery of infrastructure support in the Wakefield District, to provide a single point of contact and quality support to the third sector, to strengthen voice and influence and to develop a cross sector volunteer strategy.

This tender will support the development of the necessary tools that will enable third sector groups and organisations across the Wakefield District to identify how they need to develop and grow to become sustainable and where they can secure quality support.

The closing date for tender submissions is Monday 10 December 2012 at 12 noon. Interviews will be held on Friday 21 December 2012.

[Download full details of the tender opportunity](#) and how to apply.

Learn more about NOVA and read the NOVA bid submission for TLI at [www.vawd.org.uk/main/nova](http://www.vawd.org.uk/main/nova)

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## Bits and Bobs

### Minister to investigate 'unfair' cuts to voluntary sector youth services

A government minister has pledged to probe allegations that local authorities are breaching statutory guidance by making disproportionate cuts to youth charities. Speaking at a conference staged by UK Youth, the National Council for Voluntary Youth Services (NCVYS), and Leap, junior local government Minister Don Foster said claims that councils are not adhering to guidance is a "cause for concern". His comments came after a delegate, NCVYS trustee Kevin Curley, asked Foster why the government had issued guidance on protecting charities against cuts, but failed to take action against councils flouting it. The Best Value Statutory Guidance was published by the Department for Communities and Local Government in September last year. It called on local authorities not to pass on larger cuts to the voluntary and community sector than they are subject to themselves. After being told that the guidance was "not being observed" across the country, Foster admitted that the same issue had been raised with him several times. Read what he said and more at C and YP Now and download the report as well:

[http://www.cypnow.co.uk/cyp/news/1075522/minister-investigate-unfair-cuts-voluntary-sector-youth-services?utm\\_content=&utm\\_campaign=291112\\_Daily&utm\\_source=Children%20%26%20Young%20People%20Now&utm\\_medium=adestra\\_email&utm\\_term=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cypnow.co.uk%2Fnews%2F1075522%2Fminister-investigate-unfair-cuts-voluntary-sector-youth-services](http://www.cypnow.co.uk/cyp/news/1075522/minister-investigate-unfair-cuts-voluntary-sector-youth-services?utm_content=&utm_campaign=291112_Daily&utm_source=Children%20%26%20Young%20People%20Now&utm_medium=adestra_email&utm_term=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cypnow.co.uk%2Fnews%2F1075522%2Fminister-investigate-unfair-cuts-voluntary-sector-youth-services)

### Small donations bill – clears final hurdle in House of Commons

Following the campaign by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) and others the Treasury has agreed to make some changes to the Small Donations Bill. The bill sets up a scheme which will allow charities to claim gift aid-style payments on cash donations in collecting tins without the need to get gift aid declarations from donors. Read more at:

<http://backbritainscharities.org.uk/>

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