

BURY CHILDREN'S TRUST



Network Newsletter – Issue Number 30 (November 2011)

Welcome to the November edition of the Children's Trust Network newsletter. Thank you to those who sent information to be included. Please keep it coming, and do suggest how you think the newsletter could be improved – your ideas are always welcome.

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NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD

Children & Young People's Plan 2011-14

The 2011-14 Children & Young People's Plan is now complete and on the Children's Trust website ([click this link](#)). This document is very different from previous Plans. For one thing - it's short! For another, it has only 3 priorities; and what's more it doesn't have any performance indicators!



For those of you who need a reminder - the 3 priorities are:

- ★ [To improve the lives of families with multiple needs](#)
- ★ [Ensure that all children and young people experience parenting that keeps them safe, healthy and ready to learn](#)
- ★ [Ensure that all young people make a successful transition](#)

This Plan reflects the Trust Board's new approach - away from monitoring of work which individual agencies have responsibility for; towards actively working together on the most difficult issues that individually we can't resolve. In this Plan, the Board has set out our first steps towards meeting the priorities. The Plan doesn't include a long list of performance indicators because we don't think that this is the best way to make improvements - and we know that you don't either. Instead, the actions in year 1 will help us to get a thorough understanding of 'the story' under each priority so that we are clear and in agreement about what we need do together to make improvements. You will be crucial to helping us in this and the Network will continue to be an important and (hopefully!) enjoyable way for you to get involved.

Finally, this Plan has followed the guidelines that we set for all Children's Trust (multi-agency) strategies. This means that this is a true 'partnership' Plan which has involved stakeholders at every stage of its development - through network events, task & finish groups, consultation and participation activities, etc. It doesn't exist in isolation but is part of our broader framework of working. The Network is crucial to helping us meet the priorities - so please continue to get involved in the wide range of activities we offer.

We will, in particular, continue to produce our regular newsletters updating you on our work and areas of good practice across the Borough but we can't do this without your contributions, so please keep them coming.

Mark Carriline

Chair of Bury Children's Trust Board

For more information, to send comments or to get a copy of the Plan or the CT Strategy guidelines, please e-mail Lindsay Dennis at ChildrensTrust@bury.gov.uk

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Children's Trust Network

Find out more about Public Services for children and young people



Have you signed up for the next Children's Trust Network event on 18 November at the Elizabethan Suite from 9.30 – 12.00pm?

Regular attendees will remember the event in November 2010 about the Third Sector and the range of voluntary services for children and young people in Bury. We promised that we would hold a future event about the range of public sector services in the borough so don't miss the next event!

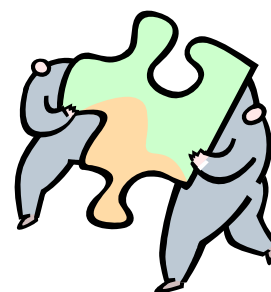
With so many changes to services – both nationally and locally driven, this will be an important event to bring you up to date, find out more about services in Bury and think about how you can work with them.

As always it will be a valuable opportunity to network - one of the big strengths of our Children's Trust is the Board's commitment to providing networking opportunities; so even though we are all busy do try to come along. It's important that you find out what's going on and make contacts which could benefit your work with children and young people.

If you want to attend the event and haven't returned an application form; e-mail Lindsay Dennis at ChildrensTrust@bury.gov.uk or ring 0161 253 7346

Forthcoming Events:

Watch out for information about 2 forthcoming Information Sharing Workshops early in 2012. Information Sharing Workshops focus on a specific issue and bring together people who have knowledge and experience that will help us to make improvements. This includes getting a better understanding of what data is telling us, what the story is, what is working well now and what needs to happen to make things work better.



The topics for the information sharing workshops early next year will be domestic violence and young people's homelessness. These are important issues for meeting the priorities in the Children & Young People's Plan 2011-14 and small multi-agency working groups are setting up to plan the workshops.

Watch out for more information, and if you are contacted and asked to provide information, data or assistance please do what you can to help.

For more information about any Network activities, including the Information Sharing Workshops, contact Lindsay Dennis ChildrensTrust@bury.gov.uk

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What's been happening around the borough?



The Edwin Street Recording Studio, situated in The Met, opened with a star studded event earlier this year by Craig Potter of Elbow.



The Studio started as an idea from the young people from Bury over 3 years ago. Due to the hard work of Bury Council's Youth Service and The Met, the project was realised over a 12 month period and

with significant investment a disused building at the rear of The Met was turned into a fully equipped, state of the art studio. The studio has already recorded a track for Manchester Band Dutch Uncles and Bury's Molly Bloom amongst others, and is quickly gaining a reputation in the region.

By far the best element of the studio is that young people can use the studio for free! A number of hours per month have been allocated to 13 to 19 year olds. There is also restricted time allocated to 19-25 year olds but special conditions apply. If you're interested please email info@edwinstreetstudios.com and send a link or an MP3 of a finished piece of work that you think is worthy of recording. Phil Bullement, the Recording Studio Manager will be in touch to discuss booking a session.



Alternatively you can go to www.edwinstreetstudio.com and fill in the contact form. The site also contains much more information about equipment and services.

Wheels for All



This summer we saw the launch of the new Bury Wheels for All Centre at Clarence Park. With cycle sessions running four days a week alongside other activities such as football, cricket, circus activities and arts and crafts, there has been something for everyone! Although the cycles are aimed towards children and adults with disabilities, the centre has attracted many different participants from new cyclists, to returning cyclists and those simply interested in trying out the different bikes on offer.

The feedback received has been excellent from the care centre, holiday clubs, carers and service users. With over 300 hundred participants accessing the cycles this summer it's safe to say the holiday programme was a great success, and many are eager to see the sessions continue through the autumn.

Wheels for All Cycling Projects will continue to work the Bury Children's Disability Short Breaks Team with the development of the Wheels for All Centre, by providing training, support and guidance.

If you would like to become involved in the project and become a trained cycle leader, volunteer or simply take part in the sessions, please contact 01925 234213

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New approaches to unlocking the potential for Apprenticeships in Retail – the Bury Way....



Bury is a key retail destination north of Manchester with the market, the Mill Gate and more recently of course, The Rock development. Retailing is now Bury's second largest employment area with 12% of the workforce. However, only 24 young people aged 16-18 started on a Retail Apprenticeship in 2009/10 and an even lower number the following year. Yet retailing offers many career opportunities for young people, and an Apprenticeship gives them a sound training framework to progress into management jobs in the future.

The Government is funding a trial to prepare for the Raising the Participation Age (from 2013 young people will be expected to stay in some form of learning until they are 17; increasing to age 18 by 2015). Earlier this year Bury Council successfully bid to develop an innovative Apprenticeship model in Retailing. This is led by the 14-19 Team working with Training for Today, a local training provider who has been commissioned to deliver the project.

In the Bury Retail Apprenticeship model, rather than being based with a single employer, apprentices (age 16-18) will have the opportunity to move to different retail placements, thereby increasing their experience and learning opportunities and their prospects of moving into sustainable employment.

From a large number of applicants, 7 young people took part in an intensive 2 week pre-apprenticeship retail programme. This taught them customer-service skills, an increased understanding of retailing and interview skills. The young people completing the pre-apprenticeship retail programme received a certificate which will help them when applying for retail jobs and 6 young people successfully progressed onto the full retail apprenticeship programme.

Training for Today is working hard to increase the number of employers willing to take part in the retail apprenticeship programme, and to secure employment for the apprentices. Their discussions with a local cycle shop led to the young person who was working for them in a job without training being recruited onto an Advanced Apprenticeship in Retail – a good outcome for both the employer and the young person!

The 14-19 team have found that many young people don't seem attracted to retailing as a career, despite the opportunities. However, in the current climate of high fees for university education, it may be an option that young people may consider more seriously in the future. This project has taught the team many lessons that can be built into future programmes particularly around engaging employers and the perceptions of retail as a career.



For more information, contact Roger Pakeman in the 14-19 Team; R.Pakeman@bury.gov.uk

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Movie Premiere Puts the Spotlight on Drug and Alcohol Issues



A special movie premiere-style event was held to showcase three films by young people about issues that affect them.

Since 1994, the substance misuse service Early Break has been working with vulnerable young people on their substance related needs. Over the past few years, young people from

Bury, Rochdale and East Lancashire have undertaken some amazing work on short films for the service. Using their own life experiences and creativity they have been involved in the writing, acting and production of the films and on **Wednesday 26th of October** Early Break celebrated this work by holding an official launch screening at the Met in Bury.

The three films shown were:

- **2 Bottles of wine and a bag of chips**
Short film created by young people involved in the Holding Families Project
- **Wasted**
Short Film created by Early Break Service Users and Council Members
- **Who is Grooming You? The Stacey Story: 'A Twisted Fairytale'**
An animated short film focused on Grooming, created by Early Break service users and ITV Fixers

The cast and crew of each film were in attendance and there was opportunity to purchase official film merchandise and educational resources, available to order at the launch and via the forthcoming new Early Break website (www.earlybreak.co.uk) due to be launched in the next month.

This event also marked a new direction for the service in marketing our expertise via the educational resources on offer.

This development of a marketing arm supports Early Break as a charity to continue to ensure the best service possible for the young people and families that we serve in our local communities.



For more information about the event please contact Vicky Maloney Area Manager Bury and Rochdale on 0161 723 3880 or via email info@earlybreak.co.uk

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Do you know about **New Horizons**

New Horizons is a new programme for Learners with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities at Bury College. It has been developed through the joint working of a range of organisations and partners in Bury. Previously a number of learners with learning difficulties and disabilities have either attended residential specialist colleges or travelled out of borough with lengthy daily journeys to attend provision. This was not ideal for both young people and their families, and also the costs were increasing year on year for the Council as more young people were taking up places outside of Bury as there was no discrete provision locally which met their needs.



Over the last year Connexions and Children's Services 14-19 Team have worked closely with Elmsbank Specialist Arts School and Bury College to identify the type of learners and their needs, and to design the programme. The new provision has opened up opportunities for Bury young people aged 19-25 who are below milestone seven (educational attainment level) and who wish to improve their independent living skills in small groups and develop skills for living in the community such as travel travelling, shopping etc. The benefits are that these young people live and learn in Bury, and gain confidence from being more settled and have a greater social wellbeing within the local community. Many learners moving into New Horizons have attended Elms Bank Specialist Arts College, which has strong links with Bury College staff to support the next stage of development for this group of young people.

New Horizons is a two year course over 4 days a week and there are links with adult services so that the young person benefits from other available support and also, this will ensure a smoother transition to other local services after college.

In September 2011 five learners started in a discrete group at Bury College on the programme. Whilst it is early days, there has been very positive feedback from the students, parents and college staff and it is planned to grow the provision in future years. One of the key benefits of New Horizons is that learners can now study locally and apply the skills they have learned within the local community after they have finished the course.

If you would like further information, please e-mail Sandra Blackmore, S.Blackmore@bury.gov.uk



Can you help?

LDST 2 NEED A NEW AND DISTINCTIVE NAME FOR THEIR SERVICE

A PRIZE OF A LUXURY HOME MADE CHRISTMAS CAKE OR CHRISTMAS PUDDING WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE BEST NAME.

The Learning Disability Support Team 2 (LDST2) is looking for a new name so we can create a distinctive brand for our team.

We are looking for suggestions of something which sums up our team. A panel will shortlist suggestions down to 3 and the staff team and the service users will have the final vote on our new title.

Our team provides support to people with learning disabilities across the authority. We provide a 24-7 service to people offering support in every aspect of their lives.

Any suggestions need to be in to Lesley Fleming (lesley.fleming@bury.gov.uk) by Friday 25th Nov, the winner will be announced on the 9th December.

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A day in the life of The Whitefield School Nursing Team

The Whitefield School Nursing Team consists of Petra (team leader), Sue (school nurse), Natalie (school nurse staff nurse) and Pam (school nurse support worker). The team is based at Windsor House and offers a service to 2 high schools and 6 primary schools in the Whitefield area. The team covers all areas of safeguarding from Common assessment Framework (CAF) to Child Protection Plans as well as carrying out Looked After Children assessments. They also offer health promotion advice and support and conduct screening such as hearing and vision tests.



Petra Hayes -
Bower

8.30 The day starts with a cup of tea and team meeting - a chance to professionally catch up and discuss the caseload/workload requirements.

9.30 Communication time for responding to and making phone calls and e-mails; whilst Pam attends a Special Educational Needs medical session at Prestwich Walk in Centre to support the medical review process.

10.00 Petra attends and chairs the School Nurse Development forum, whilst Sue attends a Child Protection Core Group meeting at a local primary school for a

child subject to a Child Protection Plan. Natalie stays in the office to complete a Review Child Protection Conference report in order to identify any unmet health needs and to share in the appropriate professional forum. Then telephone advice/assessment to parents who want support on enuresis (bed wetting).

12.00 Back to the office to grab some lunch.

12.30 Time to write and review paperwork, and then Petra and Sue attend the School Nurse Drop In at the two high schools. Meanwhile Natalie and Pam attend

a primary school to carry out health promotion to a Yr 1 class - on this occasion it is hand washing, but the Team also cover puberty, hygiene, healthy lifestyles, sexual health and much more!

2.30 Petra and Sue return to the office to write up their records, while Pam catches up with inputting clinical information into the health IT system called Lorenzo. Natalie attends a Child in Need (CiN) meeting at another primary school to give health input and support to the family.

3.30 Sue goes back out to a school to complete a CAF document.

4.00 Natalie returns to the office to write up the CiN meeting notes and update Petra. Then it's time to read/assess and sign off Accident & Emergency forms so Pam can file them in the records.

4.30 Pam goes home, while the rest of the team go to a high school where they have been invited to have a display on the School Health Service and School Health Drop In. This is a great opportunity to communicate and highlight the services the school nursing team offers.

8pm A rare but late finish and home to our families!

The School Nursing Service provides early identification and prevention of ill health, health promotion and health protection programmes. The Service helps to ensure school age children and young people to achieve their full potential for physical, mental and social well being and to gain maximum benefit from their education.

Schools have a named school nurse working closely with them, and many high schools run drop in sessions when pupils can meet the school nurse confidentially. School Nurse Teams carry out the National Child Measurement Programme and provide advice on many topics such as healthy lifestyles, positive parenting & behaviour management, support with medical conditions, emotional needs, smoking, drugs & alcohol, protecting children from harm, and sexual health & relationships advice & counselling. They work closely with a range of agencies to ensure the best outcomes for the child/family.

If you want more info about the Whitefield School Nursing Team contact Petra Hayes-Bower petra.hayes-bower@bury.nhs.uk 0161 762 3742

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