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## Editorial

It's another New Year and we are now beginning to unravel the impact that the funding cuts are having on the sector. We all need to develop new and better ways of working to combat the cuts, while still delivering quality work to achieve positive

outcomes for children, young people, their families and carers.

I would like to express my thanks to all those who took part in a short survey on this bulletin. The feedback was very useful and we will begin to implement some of the suggestions over the coming months. Hope you enjoy this month's edition.

Best wishes,  
Audie

## Children England

### Children England Consultation Responses

Children England regularly responds to consultations and calls for evidence from government departments and other public bodies.

Some recent consultation responses from Children England include:

- Response - Commissioning Green Paper (January 2011);
- Response to Supporting a Stronger Civil Society Consultation – Remaining Questions (January 2011).

### Meeting Room Available

Children England have meeting rooms available at discounted rates for members. If you're in London and need to use our meeting room or boardroom, please book via the website or call 020 7833 3319.

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## Child Protection

### A duty to whistle blow

If you fear that a colleague is working in a way that puts the safety of service users at risk should you report them? It's a dilemma that many social workers will face at one time or another and your response will say a lot about the way you see your job and your profession.

Find out more...

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## CWDC

### Statement on the new Level 2 and Level 3 Diplomas in Playwork (NVQ) and the Qualifications List for those delivering the EYFS

The new Level 2 and Level 3 Diplomas in Playwork (NVQ) developed by SkillsActive for the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) have now been independently mapped...

Find out more...

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## Education

### Academy schools regulation 'a real dog's dinner', says lawyer

Source: Third Sector Online

The Department for Education has postponed a plan to make academy schools exempt charities from 1 January this year, following confusion over who would be responsible for regulating them.

Find out more...

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## Funding

### Funding Central

Funding Central is a free website for charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises. The site provides access to thousands of funding and finance opportunities, plus a wealth of tools and resources supporting organisations to develop sustainable income strategies appropriate to their needs.

Find out more...

### Funds for volunteering announced in green paper on giving

Source: Third Sector Online

Minister for the Cabinet Office Francis Maude has launched a green paper on giving, which also says £80m will be available for the Community First programme.

Find out more...

### Service providers expected to raise £10m towards community organiser's programme

Source: Third Sector

The government is intending to provide £2m in start-up funding for its new community organisers programme and will expect the organisations delivering the programme to raise about £10m in order for it to continue.

Find out more...

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## News in brief

### Big Society – overview

Source: Cabinet Office

The Big Society is about helping people to come together to improve their own lives. A transfer of power from central government to local communities.

There are three key parts to the Big Society agenda:

- Community empowerment: giving local councils and neighborhoods more power to take decisions and shape their area.
- Opening up public services:
- Social action: encouraging and enabling people to play a more active part in society.

Find out more...

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## Parenting

### An essential guide for parents

No parent likes to think about their child being bullied or, even worse, being a bully but the fact is, more than half of all children are involved – either as a perpetrator, victim or witness. Here is an essential guide...

Find out more...

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## Play

### Lack of play policy is devastating the sector

Source: Children & Young People Now

The effect of the spending review and the local government finance settlement have left professionals fearing that public play provision will be severely weakened.

According to both Play England and London Play, members are concerned about whether sector expertise and vital services will be lost.

Find out more...

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## Qualifications & Standards

### New Level 2 and Level 3 Diplomas in Playwork (NVQ) accepted for work in early years settings

SkillsActive have announced that the new QCF diplomas in playwork (NVQ) at level 2 and level 3 are now both on the Early Years Qualifications List. CWDC has confirmed that the new playwork diplomas (NVQ) meet the mandatory 'full and relevant' criteria, which will enable holders to work in settings on the early years register.

Find out more...

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## Resources

### Children's services

The Department for Education (DfE) has published a report on research governance in children's services.

Find out more...

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## Resources

### Early Years

The Department for Education (DfE) has published a report on children's experiences of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

Find out more...

### Promoting the Emotional Health of Children & Young People – Free Guide

The emotional health of children and young people is increasingly recognised as being fundamental to the wellbeing and future prospects of individuals and communities.

This free guide provides an outline of effective ways in which services can reinforce the work of parents, carers and the community in nurturing, promoting and supporting children's emotional health.

Click here for your free guide

### Workforce

The Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC) has published A Review of Training and Materials which Aim to Support the Children's Workforce to Reduce the Impact of Childhood Poverty and Disadvantage.

Find out more...

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## Social Work

### Advice for employers on the regulation of Social Workers

This document explains:

- the role of the General Social Care Council;
- the requirement for anyone using the title of social worker to register with the GSCC;
- the responsibilities of employers to check that anyone they employ as a social worker is registered;
- the requirements for employers to inform the GSCC about concerns about the conduct of social workers and how they should make such referrals; and
- how the GSCC conduct process works to enhance public protection, public confidence and the professionalism of social work.

Find out more...

### More councils to join social work practice pilots

Source: Children & Young People Now

Funding for more GP-style social work practices for looked-after children has been approved, the Department for Education has announced.

Find out more...

### Registration renewal reminder

Over 40,000 social workers are due to renew their registration with the GSCC over the next few months. If this applies to you, the GSCC will send you a reminder letter and renewal form three months before your registration expires.

Find out more...

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## Tenders

### Social Work Practices

The Department for Education  
Closing Date: 5 February 2011

Find out more...

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## Training

### Training Opportunities from Young Lives

Training courses and development opportunities are now available through Young Lives as part of a national training project, but you need to book your place now as funding for this project comes to an end in March 2011 after which the course fees will increase.

All of the courses are nationally accredited under the new Qualifications and Credit Framework. Qualifications include the NEW Level 3 Award or Certificate in Working with Vulnerable Young People and the NEW Level 2 Award/Certificate in Youth Work Practice.

The courses are open to anyone working with children and young people.

Find out more...

### Work With Parents Level 3 and 4 Awards

CWDC are pleased to announce that the new offer of up to 600 training places for parenting practitioners on Level 3 and Level 4 Work With Parents Awards is now open for applications.

Full information and details for online application are now live at <http://www.workwithparents.co.uk>

Find out more...

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## Volunteering

### Survey finds nearly 60 per cent of staff would volunteer with support from employers

Source: Third Sector Online

Fifty-eight per cent of people would volunteer if their employer provided help in the form of paid leave, flexible working hours or a formal volunteering policy, a new poll suggests.

Find out more...

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## Consultations

### **Arrangements for Placement of Children by Voluntary Organisations and Others (England) Regulations 2011**

Closing Date: 24 January 2011

### **Tackling Child Poverty and Improving Life Chances: Consulting on a New Approach**

Closing Date: Tuesday 15 February 2011

### **Cabinet Office: Giving Green Paper**

Closing 9 March 2011

### **Workforce, education and training consultation launched**

The consultation *Liberating the NHS: Developing the Healthcare Workforce* sets out proposals for a new workforce, education and training structure driven by patient need and led by local healthcare providers.

Find out more...

## Events

### **National Conference Social Work Reform**

25 January 2011

London

For further information:

[www.neilstewartassociates.com/kd190](http://www.neilstewartassociates.com/kd190)

### **Facing up to Facebook**

London

2 February 2011

For further information email

[conferences@baaf.org.uk](mailto:conferences@baaf.org.uk)

### **Special Guardianship Orders**

23 February 2011,

London

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### **NCVO Annual Conference 2011**

1 March 2011,

London

For more details phone 020 7520 2447

### **Seizing Success 2011: Annual Leadership Conference**

15-17 June,

Birmingham

Find out more...

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