

## Speaking Out project update

### New Speaking Out policy briefing papers

Since the last quarterly bulletin, the Speaking Out project has published a new policy briefing paper on **Financial capability** (No. 20 - May 2009). A paper on **education, employment and training** will become available on the [Children England](#) and [NCVYS](#) websites shortly.

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In our efforts to be environmentally sustainable, all future Speaking Out briefing papers will be available as electronic downloads on our websites. We will however be sending out quarterly project updates by hard copy.

### Policy recommendations and consultation responses

In February and March 2009, the Speaking Out partners organised three round table events as part of the Speaking Out Regional Events series. An event in London focused on [before and after youth crime](#) looking at prevention as well as resettlement. A second seminar in Peterborough looked at the emerging debate around [social mobility](#), while a third event in Manchester brought together [young refugee and asylum seekers](#) in England together with decision-makers to hear their views and experiences in accessing services.

Reports and recommendations were produced from all three events and used to influence Government. To view and download >> [Consultation and recommendation reports](#)

In March the project also published its response to the [Ending Child Poverty: Making It Happen](#) consultation.

### Small Grants Programme update

The Small Grants Programme (SGP) Winter 2009 round has allocated funding of up to £1000 to 16 projects working with children and young people in the voluntary and community sector. The successful projects are:

- Action for Children - Birmingham Employability Project
- ALOVE - the Salvation Army
- Barnardo's North East
- British Youth Council
- Chaverim Youth Organisation
- Fitzrovia Youth in Action
- Hub Youth - Church.co.uk Waterloo
- Irlam and Cadishead Youth Project (Spurgeons)
- Nacro

- Poor African Refugees Community Association (PARCA)
- RSPCA Education
- SkyWay
- Somerset Rural Youth Project
- The Together Trust
- The Wish Centre
- Warwickshire Council for Voluntary Youth Services (WCVYS)

**A further round of the Small Grants Programme will be launched in early October 2009.**

### **Save the date! Speaking Out National Conference 2009**

Following the success of last year's event 'From 0 to 25: Joining up cross-government agendas for children and young people', the **Speaking Out national conference** this year will take place in **London on Wednesday 9 December 2009**. More information will become available shortly. In the meantime, please register your interest by emailing [speakingout@ncvys.org.uk](mailto:speakingout@ncvys.org.uk).

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