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Protection of Vulnerable Groups Bill Update

After much debate, the Protection of Vulnerable Groups Bill has passed through on to the next stage of the Parliamentary process. However, the Bill itself has been changed somewhat to accommodate the protests of the voluntary sector and in response to the Education Committees report. The Scottish Parliament's Education Committee called on the Executive to delete Part 3 of the Bill, which makes provision for sharing of information on child protection issues, to allow for a full consultation to take place before they would give their support to the Bill. Education Minister, Hugh Henry, has said there will be further consultations regarding the retrospective checks section in the Bill. The voluntary sector was very concerned about the potential costs of having to vet thousands of people to meet the vetting measures proposed under the Bill. The legal requirement to share information on workers also faces being dropped due to the concerns over confidentiality and the lack of consultation on the subject. However, the First Minister has indicated that, if he is re-elected in the May elections, he will try and re-introduce this measure.

Resources

Are You Wired for Sound?

The Royal National Institute for the Deaf (RNID) and the TUC are calling on workers and their managers to 'Break the Sound Barrier' and take the charity's telephone hearing check on 0845 600 55 55. It is thought that over 40% of people over 50 have some level of hearing loss. Employers are being urged to encourage staff to take the confidential, five minute check either in a quiet place at work or at home. For more information see http://www.tuc.org.uk/h_and_s/tuc-12809-f0.cfm

Resources (Continued)

Young Mum's Guide 2006 edition

The Young Mum's Guide is free to lone parents and is full of information, advice and ideas about what to do, who to ask and where to go for help. More information about the guide can be found at

<http://www.oneparentfamilies.org.uk/1/lx3x1oix297x1/0/0/160107/0/0/order-young-mums-guide.htm> or it can be ordered by calling 0800 018 5026.

Facts is Facts

One Parent Families has 2 new factsheets which are free to lone parents and organisations working with lone parents. One covers benefits and tax credits for those who do not work or work less than 16 hours per week while the other covers parental responsibilities and rights for lone fathers. In addition, they have recently updated their factsheets on Trust Funds for Individual and Family Needs and Education Trust Funds. To obtain copies of any of these factsheets, contact Darren Bain at OPFS on 0131 556 3899, email darrenbain@opfs.org.uk or download them for free at www.opfs.org.uk

English Charity Legislation

Any charity/voluntary organisation that conducts business south of the border should be aware that The Criminal Records Bureau launched its new online service on 03/01/07 to allow users to check the progress of their applications online. This service can be found at: <http://www.crb.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=4499>, or go to <http://www.crb.gov.uk/tracking>

What is a Typical Young Person?

The Scout Association conducted a study into what young people are really like today to try and help show today's young people in a positive light. The researchers interviewed 1,004 13-18 year olds between August and September in 2006. The subsequent research shows that, using their test group as an example, young people in the UK have a positive attitude to life and the communities around them. The full report is available at www.scouts-scotland.org.uk/upload/File/General_Information/Jan%202007%20-%20What%20Makes%20Young%20People%20Thrive%20-%20Final%20Report.pdf

Money! Money! Money!

Learndirect Scotland has worked in partnership with West Dunbartonshire CVS to produce a free CD-ROM with two e-learning games to help those involved with voluntary management committees. The games are designed to help increase knowledge about what the roles involve, the legal requirements and financial responsibilities involved in being part of a management committee. For more information see <http://www.wdcvs.com/>

New Research on Views of Parents and Carers of Disabled Children

The Disability Rights Commission (DRC) has published new research on the views and experiences of parents and carers of disabled children in the UK. Topics that were included were choice of school and activities available at school, the ambitions and aspirations that schools inspired in disabled children and their awareness of the Disability Discrimination Act. The research summary can be downloaded from <http://www.drc.org.uk/library/research/education.aspx>

The full report has not yet been released but is expected to be published early in 2007

Scottish Executive Publications

Expenditure on School Education in Scotland, 2005-06 - This document gives the latest figures for local authority spending on school education for the previous year and can be downloaded at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/01/16141836/0>

Looked After Children and Young People: We Can and Must Do Better - This document is the Ministerial Working Group Report (January 2007). The purpose of the report was to look at the educational barriers and issues that looked after children and young people experience and for the Ministerial Working Group report to act as a catalyst in driving forward positive solutions to the problems encountered by those children and young people. Find the report at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/01/15084446/0>

On the Record: Evaluating the Visual Recording of Joint Investigative Interviews with Children - Report on an evaluation of two pilot schemes (in Glasgow and Dundee) to visually record joint police/social work investigative interviews (JIIs) with children. Their key aim was to replace contemporaneous 'verbatim' written note-taking as a record of the interview with a primarily visual record. Evaluation took place between June 2005 and April 2006, and covered the first 2 years of operation, from late 2003 to late 2005. A total of 509 interviews were visually recorded by the pilots in the 2 years following start up accounting for 89% of the 571 JIIs undertaken by them with children during that period. The report can be downloaded at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/01/10122102/0>

Scottish Social Attitudes Survey 2005 - This research presents the main findings from a core module of questions included in the 2005 Scottish Social Attitudes Survey, funded by the Scottish Executive in order to inform policy development and evaluation. The findings can be downloaded from <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/12/05122015/0>

The Nature and Implications of the Part-Time Employment of Secondary School Pupils
This study examined the nature and extent of part time employment of secondary school students across Scotland and examined the possibilities of recognising part time employment within the formal education system. The findings can be downloaded from <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/11/10143236/0>

Growing Up in Scotland: A Study Following the Lives of Scotland's Children
The first research report on Sweep 1 findings of the Growing Up in Scotland study has been published. The report provides an overview of the characteristics and circumstances of children and their families and begins to highlight the powerful inter-relationships between demographic factors, family structure and socio-economic circumstances. The report can be downloaded from <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/01/17162004/0>

Consultations / Surveys

Making Rights Matter - Scottish Executive Consultation on the Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) (closing Date 31/01/07)
The Scottish Executive and all the other UK governments, the Overseas Territories and the Isle of Man are getting ready to report to the United Nations on the implementation of children and young people's rights as laid out in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child - the UNCRC. The report, due to be presented in July 2007, will be in three parts: Part (A) Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland, Part (B) The Overseas Territories and Part (C) The Crown Dependency (The Isle of Man).
"*What's this got to do with you?*" *The Scotland Report* has now been written and the Scottish Executive would like young people to tell them what they think about it. The summary and the full report can be found at <http://www.article12.org/>

Consultations / Surveys (Continued)

Education Appeal Committees: Proposals for Reform (closing date 14/02/07)

Education Appeal Committees (EACs) hear appeals from parents and young people, in certain circumstances, against a local authority's decision to refuse a placing request, or to exclude a pupil from school. Local authorities establish EACs, but they are independent bodies with members drawn from a pool (including parents) of those who have knowledge of education, councillors, and others. The main proposals to try and improve the current system are issuing guidance for local authorities on arrangements surrounding Education Appeal Committees, producing national training materials for training those who sit on Education Appeal Committee panels, producing an information leaflet on Education Appeal Committees for parents and young people to be distributed by authorities and published on the Scottish Executive website. The consultation on this subject can be accessed at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/11/06152443/0>

Written responses should be sent to Education Appeal Committee Consultation, Scottish Executive Education Department, Schools Division, Area 2-B North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ or e-mailed to EAC.Consultation@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

A review of the Scottish Executive document - Guidance on the Circumstances in which parents may choose to Educate their Children at Home (closing date 14/02/07)

The Scottish Executive's Guidance on the circumstances in which parents may choose to educate their children at home was published in 2004. In it they stated that it would be reviewed in 2 years time. Therefore, the purpose of this consultation is to seek opinions from users of the guidance on how it is working so far and suggestions for improving it. The consultation document can be viewed at

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/10/26154527/0>

Written responses should be sent to Review of Home Education Guidance, Scottish Executive, Educational Options Team, Area 2B-(N), Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ or e-mailed to home.education@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

National Fostering and Kinship Care Strategy 2006 (closing date 16/02/07)

The National Fostering and Kinship Care Strategy consultation is about helping develop a strategy that will address the specific needs and rights of those children who need to live away from home and from their parents. The consultation proposes to identify the key issues that a National Fostering and Kinship Care Strategy needs to tackle now to ensure all children and young people have the safe, stable and secure environment they need. The consultation is seeking views on how the Executive can best achieve a fundamental and long-term transformation of the country's fostering services and kinship care arrangements over the next 20 years. The key proposals contained in the proposed strategy are providing every child in foster or kinship care with a safe, secure placement, allowing a young person in foster or kinship care to remain in care beyond their 18th birthday (if appropriate), improving the recruitment and retention of foster carers through additional support, determining and standardising payments across Scotland to foster carers. The consultation can be accessed at

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/12/07091551/0>

The consultation questions are at relevant stages throughout the paper and are all reproduced in Annex B at

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/12/07091551/11>

When completed they should be emailed to nationalfosteringstrategy@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or posted to National Fostering Strategy Consultation, 2-CS, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ.

Consultations / Surveys (Continued)

Towards a Future without Tobacco - Have Your Say on Smoking Prevention Policies

Last summer the Executive established the Smoking Prevention Working Group, a sub-group of the Scottish Ministerial Working Group on Tobacco Control, to make recommendations to assist the development of a new long-term smoking prevention strategy. The Group was also asked to advise on the question of evidence to support raising the age of sale of tobacco products from the current age of 16 years. The subsequent report, "Towards a Future without Tobacco", makes 31 recommendations to protect or dissuade young people from starting to smoke and to deter adults from enabling them to smoke. The Executive is currently consulting on the report and its recommendations along with a draft Order and Partial Regulatory Impact Assessment on raising the age for the purchase of tobacco products from 16 to 18 years. The Executive are holding four consultations seminars around Scotland to give stakeholders an opportunity to meet members of the Smoking Prevention Working Group. There is also the opportunity for open discussion to allow stakeholders to have their views taken into account by Scottish Ministers when responding to the report's recommendations. The Edinburgh consultation day is on 21/02/07 at The Edinburgh Royal College of Physicians from 11.30am-2.30pm. To find out more contact Rebecca Greene on 0131 623 2519 or email her at Rebecca.greene@shsc.csa.scot.nhs.uk

Engaged and Involved: Attendance in Scottish schools (Closing date 27/02/07) This draft guidance replaces Circular 5/03 and the subsequent Addendum published in September 2003. In addition to the classification of attendance and absence there is one specific proposed change - to amend the classification of medical and dental appointments from attendance to authorised absence. The guidance also seeks to explore and address wider issues around the promotion and management of good attendance and the prevention and reduction of absence. The consultation can be downloaded at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/12/01160441/0> and any comments should be emailed to laura.meikle@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or tracy.o'hanlon@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Consultation on the draft Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005 (closing date 28/02/07)

The Scottish Executive proposes to implement a change to the legal age limit where someone can purchase tobacco products (from 16 to 18), making the change through the draft Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005 (Variation of Age Limit for Sale of Tobacco Products and Consequential Modifications) Order 2007. They have also undertaken a partial Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) to assess the likely impact of the proposed legislation. The consultation can be accessed at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/12/07153221/0> Comments should be sent to John Glen, Scottish Executive Health Department Tobacco Control Division, 3 E(R), St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG or email them to John.glen@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Community Investment Tax Relief (closing date 28/02/07)

A review of the delivery and operation of the community investment tax relief (CITR) scheme was announced on the publication of the government's Social Enterprise Action Plan in November. They are now inviting evidence from all interested parties on how the operation of CITR and other incentives might be improved. See http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/news/citr.asp

Consultations / Surveys (Continued)

Child Maintenance (closing date 03/03/07)

The UK Government published its Child Maintenance White Paper on 13 December 2006 which can be accessed at http://www.dwp.gov.uk/childmaintenance/csa_report.pdf
Comments from the public are being asked for and the specific questions the consultation is seeking answers to can be accessed at

https://secureonline.dwp.gov.uk/childmaintenance/response_feedback.asp

Responses should be sent to Child Maintenance Redesign Team, Department for Work and Pensions, 5th Floor, The Adelphi, 1-11 John Adam Street, London, WC2N 6HT

"A Stronger Voice for Health and Safety" (closing date 05/03/07)

This Consultative Document seeks views on merging the Health and Safety Commission and Health and Safety Executive into a single body. The document describes the origins of HSC/E, the role of Local Authorities and the existing governance arrangements sets out the case for merging the Commission and Executive, elaborates and seeks views on a set of principles that underpin the proposed framework for establishing a single authority for health and safety at work, outlines the objectives for an improved governance structure and invites comments on how the government proposes to achieve this and it summarises the legislative options for merging HSC and HSE and the timescales for transition. The consultation can be found at

<http://consultations.hse.gov.uk/inovem/gf2.ti/f/3938/116453.1/PDF/-/CD210.pdf>

Responses should be sent to Ami Badmus, Health and Safety Executive, Rose Court, 2 Southwark Bridge, London, SE1 9HS or emailed to governance@hse.gsi.gov.uk

Release of radio resources (closing date 20/03/07)

The Digital Dividend Review has been launched by media regulator Ofcom, setting out proposals for the most effective use of the radio spectrum released by the switch to all-digital television broadcasting. Public Voice has been commissioned to encourage civil society groups to participate in the consultation, and argue for more citizen-centric use (e.g. local TV). The Ofcom documents can be found at

<http://www.ofcom.org.uk/consult/condocs/ddr/>

West Edinburgh Planning Framework, 2006: Consultation Draft (closing date 31/03/07)

Whilst still pitched at a strategic level, the West Edinburgh Planning Framework 2006 provides more detail about the location of additional investment planned for the area.

The consultation can be accessed at

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/11/30125742/0>

and responses should be sent to Tom Williamson, Scottish Executive Development Department, Planning Division, Room 2-H77, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ.

Equalities strategy for charity regulator (closing date 30/03/07)

The Scottish charity regulator OSCR has published a consultation document entitled, 'Mainstreaming Equalities', which is to form the basis for its three year equalities strategy. They are planning to run a series of focus groups to be held mid-March to discuss the issues raised and the general themes involved. The consultation can be found at

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/MainstreamingEqualities.stm>

Consultations / Surveys (Continued)

Draft Children's Services (Scotland) Bill Consultation (closing date 31/03/07)

In June 2006 the Scottish Executive published its implementation plan for getting it right for every child. A number of further issues have developed since the publication of the proposals for action in 2005. These are: Changes arising from the Vulnerable Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2004; Engaging with young people involved in offending and Changes to the Scottish Children's Reporter Administration and procedural changes to the Children's Hearing system. The draft Children's Services (Scotland) Bill is intended to support this wide programme of reform and to place the child at the centre of service provision in Scotland. It affects all agencies and services that provide care and support for children and their families. This includes local authorities, police, NHS Scotland and voluntary sector organisations. The Draft Bill and explanatory notes can be found at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/12/18140606/7>

Responses to the consultation should be sent to Children's Services (Scotland) Bill Team, Scottish Executive, 2B (South) Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ. Responses can be emailed to gettingitrightforeverychild@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

An online response form is also available at www.scotland.gov.uk/childrenservicesbill

Disability Equality Scheme

The FSA Agency seeks your views and comments on its initial Disability Equality Scheme which can be viewed at

<http://www.food.gov.uk/consultations/ukwideconsults/2006/initialdes>

They want to be elected

The Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP) has launched a three month consultation period to give young people (aged 14 to 25) across the country the opportunity to contribute to their election manifesto. The SYP is seeking feedback on a draft of their manifesto, which identifies key campaigns for the run up to the 2007 election. Young people interested in participating can access the consultation at www.youngscot.org/manifesto

Just how far will you go?

A panel set up by the Scottish Executive to plan the future of child healthcare is questioning how far families are willing to travel for expert medical attention. A survey has been launched to ascertain the public's views on this and a range of other issues, including how well NHS staff communicate with children. The answers that are received will influence the composition of the new children's hospitals due to be built in Edinburgh and Glasgow. The survey is available for completion until 07/02/07 at www.rocketscience.co.uk/childrenshealthservices

What to do when you are under 5?

Contributions are being sought for the next edition of the 330-page Edinburgh National Childbirth Trust (NCT) book "Edinburgh For Under Fives" which details essential information for parents of under 5's living in the city or planning to visit it.

Send an email to Kathy McGlew at kaye@efuf.co.uk if you'd like to help.

Working for Families survey

Working for Families in Edinburgh is conducting a survey whose answers will help shape future Working for Families projects and hopefully identify opportunities for collaborative working. The survey takes about 5 - 10 minutes to complete and they would welcome responses from more than one representative of an organisation. To take part, see

http://www.surveygala.com/surPublishes.asp?survey_id=3347

Funding

HELP Awards (closing date 23/03/07)

The HELP awards give up to £1,000 for projects by young people that help make their communities healthier, more engaging or safer places to be. Projects that are funded are expected to take place between June and September 2007. To find out more information about the funding go to www.helpyourselves.org.uk

The Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) (closing date 02/02/07)

The CAF scheme is open to UK based charitable organisations that have an annual income of up to £3m. The maximum award is £20,000 which can be used for financially supporting external training costs, flexible funding for organisational costs during the consultancy period and up to 20 days of CAF consultancy. For more information about the scheme, go to <http://www.cafonline.org/Default.aspx?page=6882>

BT Community Connections Award Scheme (closing date 15/02/07)

Organisations which do not have internet access can apply to British Telecoms (BT) Community Connections scheme to help get themselves online. Those interested in the scheme should go to <http://www.btcommunityconnections.com/> to find out more about it.

To get Ahead, get a SCARF

Scottish Community Action Research Fund (SCARF) (closing date 28/02/07)

The Scottish Community Action Research Fund gives community groups support to improve their skills and the confidence to plan and carry out their own research. Support under this fund includes advice & guidance and a project grant of normally between £3,000 and £10,000. Full eligibility, assessment and application details can be found at <http://www.scdc.org.uk/scarf/>

European Social Fund (ESF) 'Shadow Round' (closing date 16/02/07)

As we reported in the Eke Outreach in December 2006, in order to bridge the gap caused by the delayed start to the 2007-13 Structural Funds programmes, the Executive is committed to providing up to £10 million for this round of ESF funding to the Lowland's area. A 'shadow round' of Priority 1 of the new (ESF) Programmes for the Lowlands opened on 22/01/07. Appraisals will be carried out in March, and announcements (subject to clearance from Ministers) will be made in April 2007. For more information and how to apply go to Intermediate Administration Bodies' websites www.esep.co.uk

Praise where praise is due

Sunday Mail and Lloyds TSB Scotland Young Scot Awards 2007 (closing date 21/02/07)

Nominations are being sought for this year's Young Scot awards which will take place in Glasgow on the 29th March. To make a nomination you can fill in an online form at www.youngscot.org/awards

Spreken sie Deutsche?

Deutsche Bank Spotlight Awards

The Deutsche Bank Spotlight Awards are for young people aged 11-18 who have helped improve, change or create something in their school, club or community. There are five £1,000 awards available, which can be awarded to individuals or small groups. To find out more about them go to <http://www2.commonpurpose.org.uk/home/about-us/spotlight.aspx>

Lest we Forget

It has been almost 200 years since the abolition of slavery in the UK and 2007 marks the bicentenary of the abolition of the slave trade in British ships. Plans to commemorate this historic legal decision are currently underway. The Heritage Lottery Fund is inviting applications for projects that seek to explore issues surrounding the transatlantic slave trade, as part of the Remembering Slavery initiative. For more information on the subject go to <http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/features/rememberingslavery>

Funding (Continued)

And now for some Good News

The good news is that young people make decisions about providing grants for other young people under the Good News initiative. Funding of up to £2000 is available for projects and training services that benefit young people in their communities from Local Youth Banks with Edinburgh's nearest office being in Tranent.

See <http://www.youthbank.org.uk/content/page.asp?s=82&loc=home>

Or, to find out more about the scheme, go to

<http://www.youthbank.org.uk/content/page.asp?s=47&loc=grants>

Events

You can Bank on us

Scottish YouthBanks Network Day takes place on 24/03/07 March at "The Bridge" in Westerhouse Road, Easterhouse, Glasgow. The day hopes to provide a national interactive information and experience sharing opportunity for all Scottish YouthBanks. The programme of the day will include an update from all YouthBanks, workshops, market place and a networking lunch, as well as an acoustic musical set.

The event will be hosted and run by Glasgow East YouthBank and supported by YouthLink Scotland. For more information go to <http://www.youthbank.org.uk/> or see Youthlink's website at <http://www.youthlink.co.uk/>

Would You Credit It? Accrediting Young People's Achievement Conference 2007

This one day conference takes place on 22/02/07 at the Hilton Hotel, Edinburgh Airport. The conference will be of interest to those who wish to recognise and accredit young people's achievements for themselves and their communities. The conference's theme this year is Peer Education and a case study workshop and presentation from the Peer Education Project in Dundee is on the conference programme. For more information, go to

http://www.youthscotland.org.uk/events/index.asp?a=display&news_id=44&name=Would%20You%20Credit%20It%20Conference%2007

The National Arts Fundraising School 2007

As there are over a quarter of a million organisations competing to raise funds, including those in the Arts, The National Arts Fundraising School 2007 aims to help those taking part in it gain and maintain a competitive edge in the field of raising and securing funds. This course is the UK's only comprehensive fundraising programme designed specifically for arts and cultural organisations. The Scottish Arts Council is offering two-thirds bursaries, worth over £1,200 to help people participate in the course. For more information contact The Management Centre on 0207 720 6042 or email them at

r.morton@managementcentre.co.uk There is also more detail on the Web at www.nationalartsfundraisingschool.com

Improving Your Community - Getting Young People Involved Conference

This conference takes place on 01/02/07 at Scottish Youth Theatre, Old Sheriff Court, 105 Brunswick Street, Glasgow. The event is aimed at those within Community Planning Partnerships and key stakeholder organisations and agencies (voluntary and statutory) within the planning process, working directly with children, young people, or indirectly making decisions on their behalf. The conference hopes to highlight the importance of multidisciplinary working in support of children and young people's effective engagement within the planning process. For more information, please contact Julie Lockley, Save the Children, 2nd Floor, 5 Prospect House, Thistle Street, Edinburgh, EH2 1DF. Tel. 0131 527 8200.

Events (Continued)

Trust your Mother!

Changes to maternity rights for those expecting a baby on or after 1 April 2007 are coming in and One Parent Families is running free half-day training courses that will focus on these changes and also on the Child Trust Fund initiative. The courses aim is to bring the attendees up to date on these key entitlements to enable them to pass the information on to their clients. The Edinburgh date for the Child Trust Fund courses is 06/02/07 from 10.00am-12.30 and 2.00pm-4.30pm. To find out more, or to book a place, go to <http://www.oneparentfamilies.org.uk/1/lx3x1oix1857x1/0/0/150107/0/0//child-trust-fund-courses.htm>

Mental Health Conference

"The Mental Health of Children and Young People: Framework for Promotion, Prevention and Care" was published in 2005 and the responsibility for overseeing the delivery of the identified elements has recently passed to the Delivering for Mental Health Unit, within the Health Department. With early progress in mind, a Conference has been arranged to review and address the work underway and to agree the attention still needed to deliver the aims and objectives set out in Section 8 of the Framework. Anyone interested in attending the conference should go to http://conventions.nss.scot.nhs.uk/event_50 and register online by 02/02/07.

Training

Young People and Mental Health

This introductory level course taking place in Edinburgh on 01/02/07. It will look at the impact of mental illness and trauma on the lives of young people. It will cover risk factors, symptoms and signs, support working, self-harming behaviour and depression. For more information, contact SCSH on 0131 226 4382 or see their website at www.scsch.org.uk

Trainer Training 1: How to be a Trainer

This SCVO course takes place in Edinburgh on the 06/02/07 and is for those new to training or where training is part of their job. The course hopes to equip the participants with an understanding of the training cycle, how to design a training course and employ a range of methods when delivering training. For more information contact SCVO on Tel: 0131 474 8019 or see their website at www.scvo.org.uk/training

Grant to a Contract

Social Enterprise Edinburgh (SEE) is running free training sessions for those who are considering a move from grants to a contract culture at Forth Sector Offices in Edinburgh on 07/02/07 from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. Anyone who is involved in the tendering process, or may be in the future, could find the sessions useful. The training will complement "Tendering for Public Sector Contracts: A practical guide for social economy organisations in Scotland" published by the Scottish Executive. Anyone interested in finding out about the sessions should contact Erin Gray at see@forthsector.org.uk call 0131 539 7374 or visit www.go4see.info

Step It Up 2

Step It Up Training

This Step It Up training event, which will cost £40 takes place on 01/03/07, 10am to 4pm at YouthLink Scotland. (Step it Up materials have been produced to support development work with young people in youth work settings across Scotland. They are a resource for youth workers and young people to help raise the effectiveness, profile and status of this demanding work) As part of the training package, participants will receive a Facilitator's Resource Pack which can be used to train others in the use of Step It Up. For further information on Step It Up, please contact Timothy Frew, Development Officer Training at tfrew@youthlink.co.uk or see <http://www.youthlink.co.uk/practicedevelopment/stepitup>

Training (Continued)

Child protection awareness study day

The study days at Napier University are aimed at employees (in all sectors) who have contact with children or family members. Attitudes about child abuse will be explored and participants will learn how they can recognise children who might be in need of protection and what they can do about it. Individual and professional responsibilities will be considered along with issues of staff welfare and safety. Participants will also gain awareness of the child protection legislation and procedures. Three sets of dates are offered and all sessions will take place in Napier University, Comely Bank Campus, Crewe Road South, Edinburgh from 9.30 am - 3.30pm on either: 13/03/07, 26/04/07 or 29/05/07. For further information contact Stephen Hogg on 0131 455 5327 or email him at s.hogg@napier.ac.uk

Children's Counsel

The growing need for Children and Young People's counsellors has inspired the setting up of a new Diploma. The course is subject to validation through Middlesex University and COSCA, Scotland's professional counselling body. It will be based in Edinburgh, will start in April 2007 and will run for 24 months on 1 long weekend every month. The deadline for applications is Friday 2nd March with interviews/workshops being held on the weekend of 17/18 March. The core model will be psychodynamic. The creative therapies and a knowledge base of other theoretical approaches will also be included.

If you would like an information pack, then please contact: Nicholas or Liz at Simpson House, 52 Queen Street, Edinburgh, EH2 3NS or telephone them on 0131 220 5996 or by email at timeforchildren@crossreach.org.uk

Have your say

The Scottish Executive and NHS Scotland are interested in hearing from parents/ carers of children who have used a specialist health service. They want to know about those parents' experiences and to find out how they think the services could be improved in the future. The online survey can be found at www.childrenshealthservices.co.uk

There is also a focus group is being held for parents and carers in Edinburgh on Monday 5th February 10.30am-12.30pm. Lunch will be available afterwards at 12.30pm. For more information on this event, call David McNeill on 0131 226 4949 or go to www.edinburgh.childrenhealthservices.co.uk

All parents/carers who attend the meetings will receive £10 in cash towards their expenses.

EVOC Courses

Accredited Management Training from EVOC in partnership with Stevenson College Edinburgh

Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council, in conjunction with Stevenson College Edinburgh, will be running a range of accredited management training specially tailored for the voluntary sector, starting in March 2007. More details about the courses below can be found on www.evoc.org.uk/learning (You can now book on-line.) To receive a paper copy of the programme, email learning@evoc.org.uk or phone 0131 555 9100.

Certificate in Training Practice Every Wednesday starting 07/03/07 until 12/12/07 (excluding college holidays)

This is a hands-on course, which provides a thorough grounding in the knowledge, understanding and skills required of an effective trainer today. The course is accredited by the SQA.

EVOC Courses (Continued)

Introductory Management Certificate Every Thursday starting 15th March until 26th April (5 full days with Easter holidays on 5 and 12 April)

This course provides a first-step introduction to management for people new to or contemplating a management role. The course is accredited by the Institute of Leadership and Management.

Diploma in Management Every Wednesday from 18th April until 26 March 2008 (1 year with academic holidays)

This widely recognised management course is for established managers and those senior workers in Care Organisations who need to undertake a management qualification to meet Registration requirements. The course is accredited by the Chartered Management Institute.

Non Accredited Courses

Personal Safety for Lone Workers

This 1 day course for lone workers takes place on 05/02/2007, 10:00am - 4:00pm at Update and costs £55. Working alone carries specific personal safety risks. The course aims to help people understand the risks involved in lone working and to provide ways to reduce them, by way of interactive group work and realistic problem solving.

Practical Skills for Chairing Meetings

This half day course for anyone who is looking to build confidence in a chairing role takes place on 22/02/2007, 9:30am to 12:30pm at Update and costs £30. The course aims to help participants identify the necessary skills for effective chairing and build their confidence in the chairing role.

E-marketing explained

This half day course for people who are responsible for marketing, communication and site promotion takes place on 26/02/2007, 9:30am - 1:00pm at Update and costs £30. This course has been designed to make individuals aware of the issues associated with email marketing and online promotion and covers topics such as the merits of email marketing, legal aspects and running smooth campaigns.

Introduction to Coaching and Mentoring in the Workplace

This half day course for Managers/Team Leaders and Supervisors takes place on the 27/02/07, 9.30am to 12.30pm and costs £20. This training seminar provides an opportunity to explore the principles and skills involved in coaching and mentoring and to discover the benefits of applying them in the workplace.

To find out more information on the above EVOC courses online see:

<http://www.evoc.org.uk/learning/programme/index.asp> or you can contact Julie Anne Hill on 0131 555 9127 or email her at julieannehill@evoc.org.uk. All the above courses can be booked online at: http://www.evoc.org.uk/learning/programme/booking_form.asp