



Information Bulletin

August 2008

BABY TALK 0-9 MONTHS - CONFERENCE

On **15 October 2008**, **Basic Skills Wales** and **Twf** will be holding an early years conference on **Working Together to Promote Baby Language Development**.

This free one-day conference will present an opportunity to discuss the importance of children's early language development, and will also respond to the new emphasis placed on bilingualism in the Foundation Phase. In addition, it will provide an opportunity to recognise the importance of co-operation between early years partners.

Twf and Basic Skills Wales would like to invite you to join them at this special event which is held at the Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells on the date specified above.

To register for the conference or register a stall please contact the Twf office on twf@cwmni-iaith.com or phone 01745 585120.



COMPLAINTS PROCEDURES FOR GWYNEDD'S CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Does your organisation have a complaints procedure for children and young people? The Gwynedd Children and Young People's Partnership are looking at strengthening the opportunities for children and young people to voice their concerns. The aim is to produce a standard procedure that can be used by all organisations in order to streamline the process for all children and young people.

The Partnership is eager to hear about your procedures, therefore if you have a complaints system in place, could you please forward any details to me:

Ann Vaughan Jones at Mantell Gwynedd and I will pass on all the information to the Partnership on your behalf.



YOUTH WORK WEEK - NOVEMBER 1st - 7th

Wythnos Gwaith Ieuencid



Tachwedd 1af-7fed 2008

Promote your Youth Work Week event for free in one of four What's On Guides adapted for your region. Over 500,000 will be printed and distributed to homes around Wales.

To ensure that your event is included in this year's Youth Work Week regional guides, please contact me at once: **(Ann Vaughan Jones: annvaughan@mantellgwynedd.com or 01286 672626)**, and I will forward a copy of the relevant registration form to you.

To ensure accuracy and reduce the margin for error, all events must be submitted on the form in question with all fields completed. This can be returned as an email attachment or fax. Contact details are included on the form.

WELSH CONSUMER COUNCIL BRIEFING PAPER - ACCESS TO CASH

Financial hardship and the lack of choice in the way we pay for services contribute considerably to poverty in Wales today. Research by the **Welsh Consumer Council** has found that life is more expensive for over 190,000 people in Wales simply because they pay bills and make everyday purchases in cash.

The report was launched by Brian Gibbons, Minister for Social Justice and Local Government, on 7th August 2008 at the Blas tent, National Eisteddfod for Wales in Cardiff.

The full report together with further information is available for download from the Welsh Consumer Council website:

http://www.wales-consumer.org.uk/news_press/index_eng.php under the headings '**Latest news**' and '**Latest Publications**'.

For further information please contact: Angharad Griffiths, Communications Officer on: 029 2025 5454 ext. 227

SOUTH GWYNEDD CIL

South Gwynedd CIL (the Centre for Independent Living): operate a daily activity centre for disabled people. They aim to offer disabled people an accessible, friendly, interesting, safe, and reasonably priced place to go to once or twice a week; the main idea is for people to socialise, relax, and do things together. They hope to have a beauty therapist visiting one day a week, and other activities as they become available. The activity centre is based in Porthmadog and caters for anyone over 18 years, (people needing full time care will have to bring a carer).

If you know people who might benefit from this centre and would like further information, please contact Hedd Thomas, (Development Officer, CIL De Gwynedd) directly by e-mailing: cildegwynedd@googlemail.com

INFORMATION FROM THE WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT

ASSEMBLY SEEK GREATER POWERS TO HELP THE VULNERABLE

The Assembly Government took another step closer to fulfilling its One Wales commitment of halving child poverty by 2010 and to legislate in the area of vulnerable children when the Assembly voted (Tuesday, 15 July) in favour of the final draft of the Vulnerable Children and Child Poverty Legislative Competence Order (LCO).

The Order – which was laid by Deputy Minister for Social Services Gwenda Thomas – will now go on to be debated in both Houses of Parliament. If approved by both Houses, the Order will provide the Assembly with the broad powers to develop specific Welsh solutions to tackle child poverty and pass Measures across a number of policy areas including social welfare, education, training, recreation and sport for children and young people up to 25 years old.

<http://new.wales.gov.uk/news/presreleasearchive/2396095/?lang=cy>

REMOVING THE BARRIERS AND SUPPORTING YOUNG FARMERS

The Welsh Assembly Government invites views, comments and suggestions on the actions proposed in this consultation. The consultation period is 12 weeks and the closing date for comments is 10 October 2008. Encouraging young entrants to the industry can not only bring innovation and enthusiasm to farming, but it is also important in sustaining rural communities and the Welsh culture. The publication of the consultation meets a One Wales commitment to support young entrants to farming, and includes proposals on how to use £2m of funding available from 2010 to best effect.

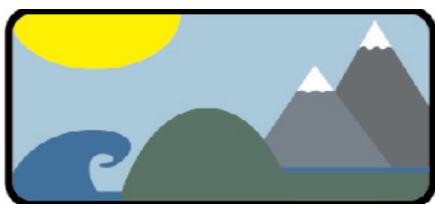
For further information contact the Sustainable Farming Branch at WAG on: 01970 653 834 / 029 2082 1712.

NATIONAL VOLUNTARY YOUTH ORGANISATION GRANT SCHEME (NVYO)

The Scheme is currently open to applications, for the 2009-12 funding round. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, 1st October 2008. Guidance notes and application forms are available from:

<http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/housingandcommunity/grants/voluntary/nvyo/?lang=en>

NORTH WEST WALES OUTDOOR PARTNERSHIP



The North West Wales Outdoor Partnership (NWWOP), through the Sports Council for Wales, has up to £5000 of capital funding available to new and existing NWWOP clubs in order to purchase new or additional items of outdoor sports equipment costing from £1000 up to £5000. The maximum grant for any one application from new NWWOP clubs is £5,000 or £2500 for existing clubs currently working with NWWOP.

The Partnership will consider applications on 18th September and 4th December and recommend that you apply at least a month before the planned start of the project.

Further information on the Partnership's website: www.partneriaeth-awyr-agored.co.uk

TRAINING AND EVENTS

LIFELONG LEARNING UK ON BEHALF OF CARE COUNCIL FOR WALES - CONSULTATION - CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

A Consultation on 'The Children and Young People's Workforce Strategy' and 'Common Core of Skills Knowledge and Understanding for the Children and Young People's Workforce in Wales' will be held on Thursday 25th September 2008 between 10am and 4pm at Venue Cymru, Llandudno. The Strategy outlines suggested common development for the Children and Young People's workforce across Wales, and the Common Core is designed to be appropriate for the training and development of all individuals working with Children and Young People in all service sectors, including the voluntary sector. Please share this diary marker with your colleagues and partners.

If you would like to attend, please send an e-mail to beverleybailey@lluk.org or sandie.grieve@ccwales.org.uk naming proposed attendees. Places at the event will be limited.

TRAINING - PARENTING SUPPORT (CHILDREN IN WALES)

Positive parenting is critical if a child's potential development is to be optimised. Children in Wales aims to promote the development of positive parent/child relationships, recognising the importance to children of growing up in a positive family environment, which is both nurturing and empowering. This reflects the provisions and spirit of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Welsh Assembly Government's Seven Core Aims for Children and Young People and the Council of Europe's Recommendation on Positive Parenting. Children in Wales is able to offer, between September and December 2008, the following Parenting Support training courses for staff who work with parents and families in the statutory and voluntary sectors: ● **Working With Fathers**, ● **Using Creativity in the Workplace**, ● **Living with Teenagers**, ● **Mum and Dad Argue a Lot**. Please contact for further details on: **029 2034 2434**

INTRODUCING THE 'HELP AT HAND' TOOLKIT - CHILDREN IN WALES

'Children are Unbeatable!' have recently launched the 'Help at Hand Toolkit', a web based resource which provides materials to change attitudes and behaviour around the physical punishment of children. A free seminar will be held in Llandudno on 16th September between 2pm and 4pm in order to introduce the 'Help at Hand Toolkit' and provide an overview of how it can be used within your agency or organisation by practitioners working with children and families.

For further information or to download the information sheet and the application form please visit the Children in Wales's website: <http://www.plantynghymru.org.uk/9977.html>

If you have any further queries, please contact Children in Wales, Cardiff on: **029 2034 2434**