



# INFORMATION BULLETIN

## Children & Young People

November 2008

### WIMD CHILD INDEX: CONSULTATION EVENT

On 30 September the Statistical Directorate of the Welsh Assembly Government published the Consultation on the proposed approach and indicators for a Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation: Child Index. This is the first time that a Child Index of Deprivation has been produced for Wales. This is a measure of child deprivation for small areas in Wales and is based on seven different deprivation domains which model differing dimensions of deprivation.

**When / where?** - Conwy Business Centre - Thursday 20 November 2008 (10:30 until 15:00)

**Who should attend?** - Those with an interest in measuring child deprivation, particularly where this interest requires local level information. The event will not be a technical discussion but will focus on the factors important to deprivation among children and the type of measure that is needed.

**To reserve a place, please contact:** ● E-mail: [bookings.stats@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:bookings.stats@wales.gsi.gov.uk) ● Tel: 029 2082 5375 ● Ffacs: 029 2082 5350

### NEW WEBSITE - CHILD POVERTY SOLUTIONS - WALES



**Child Poverty Solutions - Wales**  
Reducing local child poverty through public service delivery

Child Poverty Solutions Wales is a website toolkit that aims to help local authorities and their partners to develop their work in tackling child poverty.

This website is the first of its kind in Wales and contains a wealth of information about child poverty, provides advice and guidance for improvement, and is a forum to discuss issues and develop best practice.

[www.childpovertysolutions.org.uk](http://www.childpovertysolutions.org.uk)

### ANNUAL POLICY & PRACTICE CONFERENCE - 4 DECEMBER 2008



Effectively translating policy objectives into practice represents a major challenge. This conference will look at the children's policy framework and the challenge of implementation.

Keynote speakers will highlight current policy frameworks and delivering better outcomes for children and young people in Wales focusing on broad areas including Well-being (including Welsh Assembly Government 2008 Children and Young People's Well-Being Monitor); Effective Partnership Working; Early Intervention; Combating Child Poverty and Social Exclusion; and the wider role of Education.

Workshops will pull out important aspects from each of these areas providing delegates with the opportunity to explore some of the factors that help or hinder implementation and to share some good practice examples from across Wales. There will be an opportunity for delegates to bring displays and literature to share with colleagues.

The Conference is aimed at policy makers and practitioners working in all sections of the children and families sector.

**Cost: Children in Wales Members £80 ● Non-members £95**

For further information, please contact Children in Wales: Tel: 029 2034 2434 Email: [info@childreninwales.org.uk](mailto:info@childreninwales.org.uk)

## NCH ARE NOW KNOWN AS 'ACTION FOR CHILDREN'



Remember that the new name for **NCH** (National Children's Home) is '**Action for Children**'. The new name better reflects the work they do and the principle '*always there for children*' is at the foundation of everything they do.

'**Action for Children**' is committed to helping the most vulnerable children and young people in the UK break through injustice, deprivation and inequality, so they can achieve their full potential.

For further information, please visit their website:

[www.actionforchildren.org.uk](http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk)

## PETITIONING THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES



### NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTARY SECTOR INVOLVEMENT

**Tuesday, 18 November 2008, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay  
9.30am – 12.00pm**

The Assembly's new Petitions system provides a unique opportunity for the voluntary sector in Wales to bring issues to the attention of Assembly Members, gain support for campaigns and suggest ideas for policy change or legislation. If

you'd like to know how the petitions system works; what the Petitions Committee does; what makes a successful petition and how your organisation could use the petitions process then this event is for you!

This event is aimed at voluntary and community organisations operating in Wales. As WCVA's Voices for Change Cymru project is supported by the Big Lottery Fund, and thanks to the generous support of Positif Politics, we are able to hold this event free of charge.

The event will end with a light lunch and networking opportunities.

**Places are limited and will be issued on a first come first served basis, therefore in order to secure your place, please send an e-mail to: [fcc@wcva.org.uk](mailto:fcc@wcva.org.uk) or telephone: 029 2043 1720.**

## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S RESEARCH SEMINAR - 14 NOV 2008

The **Gwynedd Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership** recognises the importance of using, commissioning and undertaking research to aid planning and decision making processes and improve service delivery for children, young people and families.

**The Seminar will be held on 14th November 2008 at 12.30pm in Studio 2, Galeri, Caernarfon.**

The aim of the seminar is to bring researchers, practitioners and managers together to learn more about children and young people's research, focussing particularly on the practical and ethical considerations of involving children and young people in research, working with young people as researchers and using research to inform policy and improve practice.

If you would like to attend, you need to secure your place before **Friday 7th November**. Contact Elin Wyn Hughes on:

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## TRAINING AND EVENTS - MANTELL / FORUM

As the Children and Young People Facilitator for Gwynedd, I have recognised the need to start putting together a short programme of training and information sessions to Third Sector organisations working with children and young people. The aim is to offer a varied programme in terms of subject matter and qualification, with the optimum intention of producing further sessions in future, depending on the needs and the resources available! We are hoping to offer training sessions free of charge or at a very reasonable rate. If you have needs that have not been met, then please get in touch!

### INFORMATION

As Mantell Gwynedd works closely with The Gwynedd Children and Families Forum, it is likely that the majority of information sessions will form part of the Forum's network meetings unless the need arises to organise something a little different!

### TRAINING / COURSES

We have already identified some areas of interest following contact from individual organisations and as a result we are in the process of arranging training and running the sessions before the end of March 2009. On offer will be (further details and dates to follow):

- **What Every Volunteer Youth Worker Should Know** - 3 day course (mid week) or a weekend course followed by a further day midweek! Certificate only.
- **Working with Children and Young People & Community Development** - 4 day accredited course (2 days 'Working with Young People' a 2 days 'Community Development').
- **The Context and Policy Framework for Safeguarding Children and Young People** – One day course. Certificate only.

If you would like to express an interest in any of the above courses or contribute to the planning of future training programmes, please contact me. **(See contact details below).**

## BBC - CHILDREN IN NEED - 14 NOVEMBER 2008

### DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT!

Do you want to do something for BBC Children in Need, but can't think what? Want to help make a difference this year, but not sure how?

Just order a fundraising pack ([www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey](http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey)) and you can get loads of ideas on how to make your fundraising event a success!

Children in Need's mission is to positively change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people in the UK and their vision is a society where each and every child and young person is supported to realise their full potential.

In **2007** the appeal raised over **£37m** which goes towards projects to help disadvantaged children across the UK. The size and scale of the Appeal means that hundreds of different organisations benefit each year.

Do you have a project that fits in with the aims of 'Children in Need? **The closing date for the next round of grants is 15th January 2009.** For further details, go to [www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants](http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants)



### **IMPORTANT - complaints procedures for Gwynedd's children and young people**

What statutory procedures have been adopted by your organisation? Gwynedd Children and Young People's Partnership Participation Strategy, notes that every child and young person in Gwynedd has the right to contribute and have a say in the procedures of service provision offered to them. Contact **Gwawr Davies - Participation Officer**, Cyngor Gwynedd for further information: **01286 679648** or **GwawrDavies@gwynedd.gov.uk**