

Every Child Matters Update

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Tea with Tony

The Project has won national recognition for its work with children and young people. At a drinks reception on Wednesday 13 June, Deborah Howe, manager of The Project met with the Prime Minister and got the chance to talk with him about the important role young people are playing in helping shape children's services across Leeds.

Deborah says, "I was looking forward to chatting with the him and letting him know what children and young people think". She added, "Working in partnership with others is what The Project does best to make sure that children and young people get a chance to have their say on all sorts of projects and issues. What children and young people say and do can make a real difference".

The Project is part of West Yorkshire Youth Association and currently works with many organisations across the city including the Primary Care Trust's Youth on Health and Education Leeds' anti-bullying and sustainable schools projects. The Project also won this year's Children Now award for Children and Young People's Champion of the Year.

For more information please contact Deborah Howe by email: theproject1@btconnect.com

ContactPoint

ContactPoint is the new name for the information sharing index. It will be the quick way to find out who else is working with a child or young person. This will make it easier to deliver more co-ordinated support and reduce the time it takes to find out who else is working with a child you have contact with. It will also help reduce duplicate work being carried out by another service. ContactPoint will be made available in October 2008.

For more information please contact Richard Irvine by email: contactpoint@educationleeds.co.uk

Latest Children and Young People's Plan

Thank you to those who took part in the review of the children and young people's plan. It will be completed this month. Final versions of the plan will be available online from the end of June at www.childrenleeds.org.uk A summary version will also be available in the middle of July.

The plan is an important document for everyone who works in children's services as it sets out how we will work together to improve services.

For more information about the plan please contact John Maynard by email: john.maynard@educationleeds.co.uk



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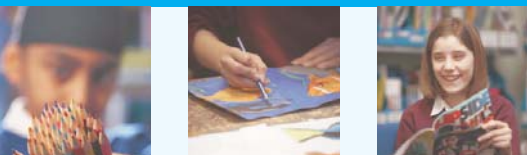
Welcome to the first issue of our Every Child Matters Update for everyone working to improve the lives of children, young people and their families. It will focus on how we are all working closer than ever before - from early years, education, youth work, health, the police, voluntary, faith and community organisations - and many, many more! As well as celebrating what you have achieved by working in partnership and involving children and young people, it will show how we are developing our children's trust arrangements.

This is your publication so please keep the ideas flowing and send us your articles and photographs - use the email address on the back page. Your involvement is vital to make this update the best way to be informed about children's services.

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Director children's services

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Parenting strategy

The importance of delivering high-quality family support and parenting services is now a central part of Every Child Matters and more recently Every Parent Matters.

The Children Leeds family support and parenting strategy is now out for consultation. It can be found by visiting www.childrenleeds.org.uk

For more information contact Liz Jeffrey by email: liz.jeffrey@barnardos.org.uk

Dates for your diary...

Children's services open forums are happening in your area during June. All are welcome to drop in at any time. Events are 9.30am to 12.30pm, except the central event at 6.30pm to 9pm. Short talks updating you on the latest developments will start 45 minutes into the event.

South

14 June, Morley Town Hall

West

15 June, Pudsey Civic Hall

North East

19 June, Space@Hillcrest, Chapeltown

East

25 June, Ramada Jarvis, Seacroft

North West

27 June, Jubilee Room, James Graham building, Becketts Park

Central

28 June, Leeds Town Hall, evening event.

Joint area review (JAR)

The JAR will look at how all the services in Leeds work together to help children and young people be happy, healthy, safe, successful and free from the effects of poverty. Our review in December will measure our success against the five national outcomes, specifically focusing on vulnerable children. Services reviewed will include all services to children and young people such as health, Education Leeds and social care.

An information sheet for JAR can be found by visiting the website at www.childrenleeds.org.uk. This includes answers to common questions and contact details for JAR representatives in your organisation and across children's services.

For more information please contact Jackie Wilson by email: jackie.wilson@leeds.gov.uk

Children's services working locally

Five locality enablers are now working across Leeds, and in your area, on behalf of Children Leeds. They will work with partners and other organisations to help us all work together and bring about real change for children, young people and families.

They are already working with schools, children's centres, regeneration, housing, planning, highways and leisure. They are also part of the local Children Leeds partnership and are engaging with other groups that can help deliver change such as district partnerships, area committees and area management boards.

Why not invite the locality enabler in your area along to meet you and your organisation.

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North East – Shaid Mahmood
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South Leeds – Suzanne Joyner
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so let us know about the great work you are doing in your organisation. How are you including children and young people in the changes you are making? We all want Leeds to have the very best children's services to make sure that every child matters.

Please send all your comments and suggestions on this update to the Children's Services Unit. Email: childrenleeds@leeds.gov.uk
Phone: 0113 395 0247

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