

Kingston's Network for Children and Young People's Organisations



The Network was launched in February 2004 as a partnership project between the local authority and Kingston Voluntary Action. It was established to bring together local voluntary and community groups that work with children, young people and their families, to exchange information on developments in the Children's sector, to share resources, facilities and expertise where appropriate and to co-ordinate responses to consultations within the sector on proposals for development and change. For further information please go to:

http://www.kingston.gov.uk/browse/community_people_and_living/voluntary_sector/childrens_work/childrens_network.htm

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Kingston's new Common Assessment Framework (CAF), Lead Professional and ContactPoint Trainer

Hello, my name is Shahilla Barok-Dokal and I have been in post since October 2007. I have come from Hounslow where I worked for the National Child-minding Association as Childminder development, Training and Support Officer for over five years. Previously I worked for a voluntary organisation providing information, advocacy and support to families of children with special needs. My main role was to recruit, train and place volunteers.

I am very excited about my new role as I know it will be a challenging and interesting one, ensuring that everyone is fully supported and kept informed about CAF, ContactPoint and the role of the Lead Professional.

I am looking forward to meeting with many of you in my new role with RBK.

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The Next Network Event

Wednesday 5th March 2008

9.30 am for 9.45 start

At the

**King Charles Centre
Hollyfield Road,
Tolworth**

Presentations from

Mike Corrigan

Strategic Manager, Integrated Services for Disabled Children

Laura Power,

Inclusion Development Coordinator, Disabled Children's Team

also

Training updates and opportunities

Finishing with light lunch and networking 12.30pm

To book a place please r.s.v.p. patricia.turner@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

Telephone 020 8547 6024

Common Assessment Framework (CAF), Lead Professional and ContactPoint Training

Now that RBK has its own dedicated trainer for CAF, LP and ContactPoint, training dates for the coming months have been published. Level 1 training is aimed at **all** those in the children's workforce who work directly with children and young people. This includes those who work and or volunteer in voluntary and community arts and sports groups, those working in community language schools, uniformed groups, youth clubs as well as those offering support and advice to children, young people and their families.

Level 1 training is delivered in a single 3 hour session at various times of the day including evenings and at a number of locations throughout the Borough. The training is free and we would encourage all organisations to come along.

Level 2 'CAF in Practice' and Lead Professional training is also now available to those who have completed the Level 1 training if it is appropriate to their role in their organisation. Details of Level 1 training can be found over the page. Details of training for Level 2 and Lead Professionals can be found on the flyer enclosed.



Meet the Funders Event

Thank you to all those that were able to attend the last network meeting in October. The focus of the meeting was funding opportunities. There were presentations from four funders:

Young Kingston.

Cllr Mary Reid spoke to the network about **Young Kingston**.

Young Kingston is open to anyone aged 5-19 (or up to 25 for young people with a disability) who live or study in the Royal Borough of Kingston and applicants can apply for up to £500 for activities that will be of benefit to the local community. Full details of the scheme and how to apply can be found at:

www.youngkingston.org.uk

BBC Children in Need

Kati Parrott from **BBC's Children in Need** gave a presentation of the scope of the fund. No organisations from Kingston received funding from Children in Need in its last grants round. Kati encouraged those present to think about applying for the next grants round. The deadline for the grant applications is now March 2008.

The average grant from Children in Need in 2006/07 was for £24,700

Last year there were £43.1m worth of applications made to Children in Need

261 out of 781 applications were successful, (33%) The highest grant was for £160,000 (over 3 years) and the lowest £655. For a copy of Kati's presentation please contact Patricia Turner

The Jack Petchey Foundation.

The Jack Petchey Foundation was established in 1999, but funding for organisations working in the south London boroughs has only recently become available.. Full details about the foundation can be found at <http://www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk>

The foundations approach to funding, especially it's 'Achievement Award Scheme', is a little different from many funders and may be of particular interest to youth groups and uniformed groups as well as schools. Anna Clark, the Grants officer for South London is very keen to meet organisations in the borough and discuss ways to bring additional funding into Kingston. Anna can be contacted on 0208 252 8000 or email her at aclark@petchey.co.uk

Help a London Child

Richard Horsnell from HALC talked about Help a London Child, the type of work they can and can't fund and the amount of grant available to organisations. In 2006 the average award was £1623 and 83% of awards were for below £2000. At the present time application rounds for are closed. Application packs and guidelines will however, be available from late April 2008. For further information please go the HALC web site <http://www.capitalradio.co.uk>

Copies of the presentations are available electronically from Patricia Turner

Funding support is available from Kingston Voluntary Action and the Voluntary Sector Unit at RBK

Training Opportunities for all voluntary and community organisations working with children, young people and their families

Training provided by Learning and Children's Services in Kingston is open to all voluntary and community groups in Kingston that work with children, young people and their families. KVA and the Voluntary Sector Unit fully supports the training offered by Learning and Children's Services and encourages all groups to participate in this free training. **Multi-agency Child Protection** training is held most months at Kingston Hospital. The course is led by RBK staff and is a one day training session from 9.30 am to 4.30pm. To book a place please call Carol Wicks on 020 8547 6092 or email Carolw@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

Common Assessment Framework and Lead Professional Training.

Who should attend? All staff working in statutory organisations, partner agencies and voluntary and community organisations who provide support services to children, young people and their families.

Level 1- Introduction to Information Sharing, CAF and Lead Professional. This is a half day course, held a various times for the day, including some evening sessions (6.00 to 9.30pm) and at a number of different locations in the borough. **Please see below.**

Level 2- Two modules: Using the CAF in practice and Lead Professionals. Each module takes place over half a day, morning or afternoon.

Please note that if you attended the **Every Child Matters, Making it Happen in Kingston** training run by George Hawthorne at the end of 2006 then you will have already received Level 1 training.

A rolling programme of dates for all level is now available.

Level 1 Training

TARGET GROUP

All staff in children's workforce, schools, healthcare, early years, voluntary organisations who directly work with children

AIMS and Objectives

By the end of the course it is intended that participants will gain an understanding of:

- ✦ What makes a child vulnerable
 - ✦ Why it is important to share information on vulnerable children
 - ✦ How to share information legally
 - ✦ Introduction to The Common Assessment Framework (CAF)
 - ✦ Introduction to the Role of the Lead Professional
 - ✦ Future Developments: ContactPoint
- How the CAF relates to ASKK and can trigger a multi-agency response with the appointment of a lead professional

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CAF Lead Professional and Contact Point Training Officer

Linda Jackson

Co-ordinator for CAF and Lead professional

Tues	12 th February	9.30—12.30	TBA
Tues	4 th March 08	9.30—12.30	King Charles
Thurs	6 th March 08	9.30— 12.30	Star Centre
Wed	26 th March 08	6.00—9.30pm	Star Centre
Tues	29 th April 08	9.30—12.30	Star Centre
Thurs	1 st May 08	9.30—12.30	King Charles
Tues	13 th May 08	2.00—5.00	King Charles
Tues	10 th June 08	9.30—12.30	Star Centre
Thurs	12 th June 08	9.30—12.30	King Charles
Tues	1 st July 08	2.00—5.00	Star Centre
Wed	2 nd July 08	6.00—9.30pm	Star Centre

To book a place please call Carol Wicks on 020 8547 6092 or email Carolw@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

Details of Level 2 training can be found on a separate flyer enclosed with the newsletter

Up dates from the Domestic Violence coordinator through the Safer Kingston Partnership



New Child Protection Procedures

The London safeguarding children board have just published the 3rd edition of the London Child Protection Procedures (see <http://www.londoncpc.gov.uk/>) which includes supplementary guidance on safeguarding children abused through domestic violence. Kingston's domestic violence children and young people subgroup have worked to produce some easy to use guidelines for local implementation in Kingston and a policy document will be distributed to all agencies in the borough shortly.

New service at Chessington Children's Centre

Since November 2007 a new service has been piloted at Chessington Children's centre offering advice and support around domestic abuse on Wednesday mornings. Confidential drop-in sessions are held from 9.15 am – 11.15am every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesday of the month up until 27th February 2008. The pilot is currently being reviewed and it is hoped that the service will be extended beyond February. For further details call 020 8397 6319.

Support groups for survivors of domestic abuse

The survivor's group is a fortnightly support group for women who have experienced domestic abuse and is facilitated by the Hestia domestic abuse floating support worker. Meetings are held every other Thursday from 9.30 – 11.30 am and a crèche is available. For further information call 020 8786 2128.

Domestic Abuse Training Kingston 2008 Programme Did you Know...

Domestic abuse affects 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men in their lifetime. The way you respond to someone who has told you they are experiencing domestic abuse can have a significant impact on their safety and that of their children.

Why it's relevant to you...

It is important for all staff and volunteers who have contact with members of the public to have at least a basic awareness of the issues surrounding domestic abuse and know where to refer people to. Don't miss out on the opportunity to help.

Free Training is available to anyone working or volunteering in Kingston. There are 3 levels on offer:

Level 1: Half day foundation domestic abuse awareness

Level 2: Full day intermediate domestic abuse training

Level 3: Full day advanced domestic abuse, children and risk assessment

Dates for 2008

LEVEL 1

Friday 14th March
Thursday 15th May
Weds 10th September
Friday 21st November
Tuesday 15th July

LEVEL 2

Tuesday 5th February
Weds 11th June
Thurs 16th October

LEVEL 3

Weds 5th March
Tuesday 22nd July
Weds 26th November

For further information call Kingston's Domestic Violence Co-ordinator on **020 8547 5040**.
To book a place call Carol Wickes on **020 8547 6092**