



Sharing information - learning disability - young people - transition - black and minority ethnic (BME)

Welcome to the electronic **Moving On Update**. This Moving On Update is here to provide information to the carers and supporters of young people aged 14 and upwards from Black and Minority Ethnic communities who have a learning disability and are making the change from school to adulthood.

This electronic Update **runs alongside our website** www.movingonup.info that is designed to be used by this group of young people supported by their carers.

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This Moving On Update goes out **free to all subscribers**. It will be **sent out monthly** and the project is currently funded until October 2007. Those who subscribe to come from a variety of backgrounds; some are professionals in both the public and private sector; some belong to voluntary organisations and others are people who have a learning disability or care for someone with a learning disability. Please feel free to forward the Update on to other people who may be interested.

If you have something you want to share amongst subscribers you are welcome to email it to us to pam.smith@arcuk.org.uk

Sections in the Moving On Update:

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- **Developments in strategies and policy**
- Interesting and important **meetings, conferences & events**
- **Moving On Up News** from our website www.movingonup.info

Useful information & news

Item 1

Connexions

Disabled role models for the 'Working in Science' publication

Connexions are currently updating their careers publication on 'Working in Science' and are keen to have disabled role models included in this publication,

Have any of your ex-students moved on to jobs in this field (at all levels, not just graduate jobs!)?

Would any of your ex-students want to be role models to young disabled people looking for jobs in science?

To see the current version of 'Working in Science' go to:

http://www.connexions-direct.com/_library/publications/WIScience-i.pdf

More information: Students who would like to participate can email Joanna Marriott, Student Information Coordinator at Skill jo@skill.org.uk

Item 2

Change

Information about sex and relationships for learning disabled young people

CHANGE is an organisation that works for the rights of all people with learning disabilities, and works to make information more accessible to people with learning disabilities.

A group of young people (16 - 25 year olds) with learning disabilities are meeting for weekly drama workshops on Wednesday afternoons. We will explore the young people's views and questions around relationships and sexuality, as CHANGE is researching what information is available to people with learning disabilities about sex and relationships, and what information people want to receive.

It is vital that the group includes young people with learning disabilities from Black and Minority Ethnic Communities. We are also aiming to develop a group for women of all ages with learning disabilities, and people with learning disabilities can become involved in other ways.

We would like to invite interested people to visit CHANGE, or we would be happy to meet people elsewhere. If you know of anyone who may want to join the group, or

anyone this information would be relevant to, please pass it on. We would also welcome any suggestions about how we can let more people from BME communities know about our work.

More information: If you would like to learn more about the project, please contact Rachel Boycott or John Tattersall at CHANGE on 0113 2430202, Rachel@change-people.co.uk, or John@change-people.co.uk

Item 3

New publication

Working with Black young people

Edited by Momodou Sallas and Carlton Howson (De Montfort University).

Offering insights into issues that confront Black young people - and presenting strategies for change - the chapters in this book are sometimes about specific sections of the community but often, and collectively, about the lives of many different people with shared experiences of oppression, immigration history and discrimination.

"Many Black young people survive and thrive, in spite of the struggles and obstacles... There are many people, working at a local level with young people from all backgrounds with a view to helping them realise their aspirations, hopes and dreams."

This book seeks to challenge both the accepted status quo of Black young people's negative overrepresentation in most aspects of life - including education, criminal justice, housing and health - and their under-representation in empiric literature.

Cost: **£24.95**

More information: visit Russell House Publishing Ltd www.russellhouse.co.uk

Item 4

Natural England (Formerly The Countryside Agency)

Diversity Outdoors

The Countryside Agency - now Natural England - investigated what could be done to support the participation in outdoor recreation of disabled people, black and minority ethnic people, people who live in inner city areas and young people. This programme of work is called the 'Diversity Review'.

The Diversity Review was a Defra Rural White Paper 2000 commitment.

Natural England is drafting a Diversity Action Plan on behalf of Defra. It aims to ensure that opportunities are maximised for more people from currently under-represented groups to benefit from everything that the outdoors has to offer.

More information: To read about this go to www.countryside.gov.uk/.../DR/index.asp

Developments in strategies and policy

Item 5

Every Disabled Child Matters Campaign

If I could change one thing...

The Every Disabled Child Matters team are currently working on a campaign to highlight to MPs and the Government what disabled children and young people would like to change.

If you work with young people, please could you ask them what they would do 'if they could change one thing', and feed their views back to the campaign. They would be most grateful and very keen to hear as many views as possible. The deadline for sending views in is 22 June 07.

More information: See the sheet at the end of this document.

Item 6

Disabled Children's Review

Aiming Higher for Disabled Children: Better Support for Families

The report of the Disabled Children's Review, *Aiming High for Disabled Children: Better Support for Families*, has been launched. It sets out the key elements of the £340 million funding package for disabled children, which includes:

- A specific grant of £280m to deliver a step change in the provision of short breaks
- £35m to pilot accessible childcare
- £19m for a Transition Support Programme, modelled on the Early Support programme but focussed on young disabled people in

transition to adulthood - £5m to help more parents get involved in shaping services at a local level, including through parents forums.

More information: To download '*Aiming high for disabled children*' and find out more go to: <http://www.edcm.org.uk/aiminghigh>

Straight after the government's announcement at Number 11 Downing Street, Ed Balls MP, Economic Secretary, spoke about the new measures through You Tube. This was the Ministerial launch of the report, where five Ministers from four government departments stated their commitment to making every disabled child matter.

You can watch Ed speaking from the launch on You Tube and post questions and comments for him. This is a chance for you to find out more about what the review means for you.

More information: Watch Ed Balls on You Tube:
<http://www.edcm.org.uk/edballs>

Meetings, conferences & events

Item 7

National Children's Bureau

Involving Disabled Children in Planning and Reviews

'Effective communication is key to ensuring disabled children are involved in every area of their lives. This one-day training course looks at various forms of communication from verbal to emotional, with a view to improving participants' engagement with the disabled children with whom they work.'

Date: **28th June 2007**

Place: **Leeds**

More information: Email training@ncb.org.uk or telephone 020 7843 6084

Item 8

The Ethnicity Training Network

Working with Minority Ethnic Communities

This conference aims to support service providers and people on Partnership Boards who want to engage with minority ethnic communities and make policies work for them.

All who attend will receive a briefing on "Communicating with Service Users from Minority Ethnic Communities" and a guide on how to carry out Race Equality Impact Assessments.

Workshops included:

- Race Impact Assessments in practice
- Engaging with minority ethnic communities
- "We're not really hard to reach"
- Examples of good practice

Date: 4th July 2007

Place: **Parkinson Building, University of Leeds**

Cost: **£100**

More information: Contact the Ethnicity Training Network, Centre for Health and Social Care, University of Leeds, 71-75 Clarendon Road, Leeds LS2 9PL. Telephone: 0113 343 4832 or email: medetn@leeds.ac.uk

Item 9

Sunfield

Key Stage 4 and beyond

This course is led by Deb Rattley and Maureen Porter (Asst. Headteachers at Sunfield)

Deb is an Assistant Head Teacher and Curriculum Manager at Sunfield. She has worked with staff to devise a KS 4 curriculum incorporating accreditation through the Award Scheme Development and Accreditation Network (ASDAN) and Accreditation for Life and Living (ALL).

This course will benefit you by developing your awareness of the requirements at key stage 4 and for Further Education. It will outline how to develop your own curriculum and how accreditation can be built into this.

At the end of this course you will be familiar with models of curriculum development used to meet the needs of young people aged 14 to 19 with learning difficulties have improved confidence to design or adapt a suitable curriculum model for the students you work with incorporating accreditation

Date: 11th July 2007

Place: **Sunfield PDC, Woodman Lane, Clent, near Stourbridge, West**

Midlands DY9 9PB

More information: Email pdcsunfield.org.uk or telephone 01562 883183

Item 10

Paradigm No-frills conference, Offshoot Events

Reach No-frills

Reach is the only set of standards for Supporting Living. The new edition of Reach now maps itself (as far as is possible) to Domiciliary Care Standards and Supporting People QAF.

This conference is an opportunity to learn about the Reach Standards.

This budget conference will give delegates:

- Knowledge of how Reach fits into Domiciliary Care and Supporting People's standards
- A clear understanding of what supporting living is
- Knowledge of the Reach Standards and an understanding of what quality is in Supported Living
- Knowledge of how the Reach individual review process works
- An understanding of a Reach comprehensive service review

Date: 12th July 2007

Place: GMCVO St Thomas Centre, Ardwick Green North Manchester, M12 6FZ

Cost: Prices start at £50

More information: Contact Offshoot Events, telephone: 0870 066 3627, email: info@offshootevents.com

Item 11

Ethnic Health Initiative

Mental Health Conference: Intercultural Perspectives in Mental Health

Aims of the day:

- To critically explore the relationship between culture and mental health within BME communities (in the UK)
- To consider racism, discrimination and prejudice and their effects on mental health
- To consider alternatives to the medical model of care

- To discuss how imams/healers may support statutory and voluntary sector mental health services in facilitating access, assessment, care planning, treatment and follow up of people suffering from mental distress
- To generate practical solutions for participants to act upon, in relation to how mental health services in the UK could be more sensitive to the cultural, religious, social and economic needs of the Black and minority ethnic communities in the UK

Service users and professionals in education and health are all welcome.

Date: **3rd September 2007**

Place: **The Resource Centre, 356 Holloway Road, London, N7 6PA**

Cost: **Varies from free to £150**

More information: Go to www.bme-mentalhealth.co.uk

Item 12

NIACE and The National Youth Agency

Celebrating 10 years of YALP - Young Adults Learning Partnership

The Young Adults Learning Partnership is a joint initiative between NIACE and The National Youth Agency. They research, develop, manage and disseminate effective and innovative approaches to learning and personal development for young adults aged 16-25 on the margins of education, training and employment. They work within the areas of education, training and employment, to support young adults to realise their potential as young workers, parents and citizens. They also work closely with practitioners in the field to support them in sharing and developing effective and innovative practice, and to build capacity to create exciting and engaging learning opportunities for young adults.

This year will mark the 10th anniversary of YALP and to celebrate they will be holding a conference in London entitled "Learning from the Edge: engaging and motivating young adults".

One of the aims is to learn how government plans to support and engage marginalised and 'hard to reach' young adults in learning.

Date: **13th September 2007**

Place: **Thistle Marble Arch Hotel, Bryanston Street, London W1H 7EH**

Cost: **£195 (includes lunch, tea/coffee)**

More information: Look on the Niace website <http://www.niace.org.uk/Conferences/edge.htm> or contact Gurjit Kaur, Tel: 0116 204 2833, email: gurjit.kaur@niace.org.uk stating your full postal address.

Item 13

Interconnections

Seminar: Team Around the Child (TAC) for vulnerable and at risk children and young people

A growing number of children have conditions or situations that require many professionals from various agencies to work together in pursuit of effective support for the child and the family.

Since the publication of *The Team Around the Child: Multi-agency service co-ordination for children with complex needs and their families* (Interconnections, 2001), TAC has become established as a system to promote effective joint-working in the most complex situations.

This seminar will be of interest to managers and practitioners in the UK and Ireland who are seeking to improve their local multi-agency support for vulnerable babies, children and young people.

Date: 6th November 2007

Place: Friends Meeting House, Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ

Cost: Varies from £130 to £160 + VAT

More information: Visit the Interconnections website: www.icwhatsnew.com or email p.limbrick@virgin.net for a booking form or telephone 01497 831550



Every Disabled Child Matters – our campaign needs you!

Every Disabled Child Matters is a campaign to get rights and justice for disabled children, young people and their families.

We want disabled children, young people and their families to:

- get the services and support they need to live their lives the way they want
- have the same rights as everyone else so they are fully included in society
- get the education that meets their needs
- have their say about the services they use.

If you want these things too, you can sign up to support the campaign on our website: www.edcm.org.uk/cyp

We want to get **25,000** people to sign up before July, so tell your friends and family to sign up too!

How you can get involved

We need YOU to tell us what you think needs to change to improve things for disabled children, young people and their families.

We'd like you to give us your answer to this question:

"If you were Prime Minister for the day, and could change one thing, what would it would be?"

You can talk about what you'd change for disabled children and young people generally, or what you'd change in your local town, or maybe something about your life that you want to change.

You can [email us](#) your answer, or send us a photo, or a drawing - anything that works for you.

Please send us your responses before **Friday 25th May**. We'll put them up on our website over the next few weeks, so look out for them! Over the summer we hope to pull your answers together and publish them, so that even more people can find out about what you want to change.

There will be a **£20 voucher** for the first three entries we pick out of a hat after the closing date, as a 'thank you' for getting involved.

Our email address is: info@edcm.org.uk

You can post things to us at:

EDCM Team
8 Wakley Street
London
EC1V 7QE

We look forward to seeing what your answers are!

Sign up now

We plan to have an action network of children and young people all around the country to help out with our campaign. Through our website, you will be able to email people in government, and people that are responsible for providing services in the area where you live, to tell them what you think needs to be done to improve things for disabled children and young people.

In order to join the action network, fill in the form on our website at www.edcm.org.uk/cyp and we will be in touch soon about how you can get involved.

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Every Child Matters

Every Disabled Child Matters is a campaign to get rights and justice for disabled children, young people and their families. We want to tell people about what **children and young people** think needs to change.

Please write **one thing that you want to change for disabled children and their families** in the box below. You can talk about what you'd change:

- in your local town
- for all disabled children and young people
- for your family
- in your life

You can **email us** your 'one thing' to info@edcm.org.uk, send us a **photo** or a **drawing**, or fill in the box below. Please send your answer back to us at the contact details below **BEFORE Friday 22 June 2007**.

If I could change one thing for disabled children and their families, it would be...

We will be using some of these answers in a booklet that we will send to people in government. If you are happy for us to use your name, please tell us:

Your name: _____

Your age: _____

Your phone number: _____

Your email address: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO US AT:

EDCM, National Children's Bureau, Freepost, London EC1B 1DB

Or you can fax it to us at: 020 7843 6313