



Moving On Update

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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Moving On Up News

Item 1

Association for Real Change

Moving On Up Transition Fun Day in Birmingham

This is a FREE event for young people aged 14 to 25 who have a learning disability and want to meet other young people and do workshops helping them to think about their transition out of school.

Date: **6th June**

Place: **Queen Alexander College, Birmingham**

Cost: **FREE**

More information: Look at the flyer on the last page of this document

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Association for Real Change

Sexual health issues and education for young, learning disabled, people from ethnic minority communities.

We want to hear your views!!!

Do you think that young, learning disabled, people from ethnic minorities face barriers to getting information about sexual health issues? If so, what are they?

Do you have an understanding of the sexual health issues that young, learning disabled, people from ethnic minorities face?

Do you have an understanding of or ideas about how young, learning disabled, people from ethnic minorities can be better supported to access sexual health information and education?

The BME team at ARC are currently looking into these issues and are seeking the thoughts and views of the professionals who receive this Moving On Update.

Please email your views to carolyn.bayley@arcuk.org.uk

Meetings, conferences and events

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Capita conferences

Disabled Children - A New Priority

This conference has been organised in consultation with key organisations working towards the Every Disabled Child Matters campaign - Contact a Family, Council for Disabled Children, Special Education Consortium, and Mencap.

The conference will identify the most pressing areas of need and gaps in service provision that can contribute to poverty, poor outcomes and social exclusion for disabled children and their families.

Date: 21st May 2007

Place: Central London

Cost: Varies from £229.13 to £640.38 (Inc. VAT)

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Westminster Briefing

Children and Young People's Services Annual Conference 2007

'This special conference, bringing together local children's services practitioners, strategic partners in youth services and civil servants, will provide a timely insight into the Government's vision

for the next ten years, together with expert contributions from key figures in Westminster, Whitehall and beyond.

As well as considering current policy, delegates will discuss and debate the future development of children and youth services to ensure that the promises set out in *Every Child Matters* are fully realised.'

Date: **24th May 2007**

Place: **The Academy Conference Centre, London W1W 5EE**

More information: Contact Parvin Madahar. Telephone: 020 7096 2916. Email: parvin.madahar@westminster-briefing.com

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Pavillion conference

The International Child: Are we culturally competent to meet the needs of the diverse range of children with whom we work?

All services are finding themselves working with children from different races, religions and cultural backgrounds, with different languages including asylum-seeking children. Cultural competence means providing equal access to services as well as delivering culturally sensitive services.

This conference focuses on:

- An understanding of the implications of global migration on delivering children's services in the UK
- Good practice examples of working with diverse groups
- An action plan including identifying training gaps within the workforce

Date: **13th June 2007**

Place: **ORT House Conference Centre, London NW1**

Cost: **Varies from £195 to £295**

More information: Telephone Pavillion on 0870 890 1080 or email info@pavpub.com

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Aim Higher East of England

Disability and Ethnicity Conference

'The theme of the conference is 'Disability and Ethnicity'. The aim of the conference is to explore how different cultures, faiths and minority ethnic groups support their members with disabilities. Going to college to university means a transition for all students... For students with disabilities this transition could be compounded because the support that is provided is based on the 'norms' and values of a different culture to their own'.

'The conference will be relevant to everyone working with students with disabilities in post-16 education'.

Date: 20th June 2007

Place: **Churchill College, Storey's Way, Cambridge, CB3 0DS**

More information: Marion Reynolds, Aim Higher East of England. Telephone 0845 196 4865, Email m.e.Reynolds@anglia.ac.uk

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Brook Conference

Do the right thing - on relationships and sexual health for young people with learning disabilities

What's right for each child with learning disabilities is a major concern for professionals seeking to support the emotional and sexual development of young people. But, too often forgotten within that process are these young people's rights to sexual health, relationships and sexuality. It's an area where young people

with learning disabilities often do not get the same opportunities, education, support and services as do their non-disabled peers.

Unless we create positive, proactive opportunities for young people with learning disabilities to form friendships, have relationships, receive high quality PSHE, and access services in safe, supportive communities we continue to fail them.

Do the right thing is an important conference opportunity for professionals working with young people with learning disabilities to explore the issues, share knowledge and take away practical examples of how law, policy and best practice can be replicated in their own settings.

Date: 28th June 2007

Place: Nottingham Gateway Hotel

More information: Visit www.brook.org.uk/exchange or email training@brookcentres.org.uk

Developments in strategies and policy

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Council for Disabled Children, National Children's Bureau
Every Disabled Child Matters Campaign

To ensure that disabled children are prioritised in the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) everyone is being urgently encouraged to:

- Lobby their MP to ask them to write a letter to Gordon Brown enquiring how disabled children are going to be prioritised in the CSR. Go to

http://www.edcm.org.uk/Page.asp?originx_8588fm_98649192772951d79n_200735658r

- Write to government suggesting what should be done to support disabled young people. Go to

<http://csr07.treasury.gov.uk/survey/>

You can read more about the CSR at

http://www.edcm.org.uk/Page.asp?originx_8588fm_98649192772951d79n_200735658r

More information: To take part in this campaign visit

<http://www.edcm.org.uk>

Useful information & news

Item 9

Young People Now

Report on response to government consultation on the standards and information that the government provides for 11 to 19 year olds.

Young people now have identified criticisms from four national guidance organisations during the government's consultation about their provision for young people that took place in March 2007.

The National of Connexions Partners (NACP) has said that government guidance for 11 to 19 year olds is "seriously flawed and not fit for purpose". The institute of Career Guidance (ICG) criticised the "narrow understanding of diversity". Youth Access and Careers England also expressed concern over the amount of work that still needs to be done around informing young people appropriately.

Youth Access director Barbara Rayment has said that "The standards have prioritised careers and learning, leaving the provision of advice and guidance on areas it defines as 'life issues' to a continuing postcode lottery".

More information: Go to the Young People Now website

www.ypnmagazine.com/news

Item 10

Disability Rights Commission (DRC)

GOJO - Website to make travelling on public transport easier for young disabled people.

'A new website to make travelling by public transport easier for young disabled people goes live in May as part of a new campaign by the Disability Rights Commission (DRC).

GOJO is for the thousands of young disabled people (between 16-25 years old) who have difficulties or fears using public transport. The campaign is being launched following changes to the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) introduced in December 2006 which gave disabled people the right, for the first time, to fair treatment on public transport.

The GOJO website, www.mygojo.co.uk, went live on May 8 2007. It will be packed with useful information, such as an interactive journey planner, information on local services, hints and tips on planning ahead, and help on what to do if the journey doesn't work out as anticipated.'

More information: www.mygojo.co.uk

Item 11

Speaking Up

Toolkit - Promoting Self-Advocacy

Speaking Up, an advocacy charity, has developed a self-advocacy resource for young people with learning disabilities. It contains activities and games to help young people voice their opinions about their own lives. It includes over 100 activities and 15 games.

More information: Telephone 0845 260 3232 or email andy@writeidea.co.uk

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Association for Real Change

New website from the National Learning Disability and Ethnicity Network

The National Learning Disability & Ethnicity Network (NLDEN) now has a new website and address!

The website contains all information covered by previous newsletters and will constantly be updated, it includes:

- Good Practice
- Resources and Publications (including all past newsletters in a downloadable pdf format)
- Policy & Information
- News & Events

You are now able to contact us directly from the site.

More information: www.lden.org.uk

Item 13

Shared Care Network

DVD to recruit black and minority ethnic short break carers

Shared Care Network, the national charity promoting short breaks for disabled children, launched a new DVD at the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation on March 21st.

The DVD, "Welcome to the Family", aims to raise awareness of the need for short break carers from Black and minority ethnic (BME) communities, and inform potential carers about the rewards and challenges involved in providing short breaks to disabled children. It is in 10 languages.

More information: Contact Michelle Walker on 0117 9415361 or email michelle.walker@sharedcarenetwork.org.uk

Item 14

Transition Information Network

Getting a Life Newsletter: information for everyone working with and for disabled young people in transition from childhood to adulthood.

This quarterly newsletter has articles on practice from around the country, policy updates and information about consultations, publications, useful organisations and events to do with transition.

More information: To receive this newsletter register for free with the Transition Information Network on-line at www.transitioninforonetwork.org.uk

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Deafblind UK

Black and Minority Ethnic Services Development Project

The project aims to identify issues faced by users and carers in the Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities with a view to adapt to their needs in order that services and support offered by Deafblind UK are more appropriate for BME communities.

Katherine Leung and her colleagues at Deafblind UK would like to contact as many people who have dual sensory impairment who are from a black or minority ethnic background as possible.

Do you know of any people who are deaf blind and from a black and ethnic minority community in your region that would be able to take part in this project?

More information: Contact Katherine Leung by email: kat_leung61@hotmail.com

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University of Central England

African Caribbean Project Report 'Being Heard, Being Understood'

The AFCAR/UCE Project has undertaken an evaluation of the statutory and voluntary mental health service provision in Birmingham for members of the Black African and Black African-Caribbean communities.

To read the findings presented in the report 'Being Heard, Being Understood' go to the Centre for Community Mental Health website www.health.uce.ac.uk/ccmh

Hard copies can be purchased; Summary Report £5; Full Report £25

More information: Contact Dawn McCarrick, Administration Officer at Centre for Community Mental Health: telephone 0121 331 7151.

Email ccmh@uce.ac.uk



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Growing up and moving on? Got some questions?

Come to one of the **FREE Moving On Up Fun Days** in Chester-Le-Street or Birmingham! The days are for young people with a learning difficulty from black and minority ethnic communities who are becoming adults.

The Fun Days we held last year in Leeds and London were a huge success!

You can find out where to get information about transition, meet new people and think about what you want for your future.

The days start at 10am and finish at 2.30pm.

Different organisations will be there to help you think about work, college, advocacy, health and free time so that you can find out about what's out there and how you can get it!

Have fun celebrating our differences with workshops to get you moving and thinking using technology, drama and music.

Look at the news and events section of www.movingonup.info for more information.



Yes, I would like to reserve ___ place(s) for young people and ___ place(s) for supporters at the fun day in Chester-Le-Street on **Thursday 26th April** at Durham County Cricket Ground.

Yes, I would like to reserve ___ place(s) for young people and ___ place(s) for supporters at the fun day in Birmingham on **Wednesday 6th June** at Queen Alexandra College.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Please send this completed booking form back to Pam Smith Address: ARC house, Marsden Street, Chesterfield, S40 1JY Email: pam.smith@arcuk.org.uk Telephone: 01246 555043

