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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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- **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

Family Planning Association

Love Sex Life

The FPA have produced a pocket-sized booklet for young people aged 16 and above who want to explore all aspects of sex and relationships.

The booklet is written in a clear, straightforward and inclusive style and reflects the views of 400 young people and professionals who were consulted during its production. Covering topics including relationships, contraception and safe sex, Love Sex Life costs £20 for 50 copies.

For more information or to order a copy got to their website : <http://www.fpa.org.uk/>

The FPA also offer training courses for everybody working with young people. See their website for more information.

Item 2

Council for Disabled Children

Every Disabled Child Matters Christmas card competition

Every Disabled Child Matters campaign have been chosen by the Chancellor, Alistair Darling, to design his Christmas card for 2007. A competition for disabled children and young people has been launched to find a winning design. The Transition Information Network email states

"EDCM's panel of judges will chose 12 designs to go forward for the Chancellor to choose the winning design for his Christmas card. Two runner-up designs will appear on this year's EDCM and Council for Disabled Children Christmas cards and all the short-listed entries will be posted on their website."

"All 12 young people who are short-listed will be invited with their families to a tea party at 11 Downing Street on 30th October 2007, where the winner will be announced."

"The competition will run until Friday 5th October and is open to all disabled children and young people up to the age of 25. The theme for the design is Enjoying Christmas."

Please send in your designs to EDCM by email to info@edcm.org.uk or post them to:

Every Disabled Child Matters
c/o Council for Disabled Children
8 Wakley Street
London
EC1V 7QE"

Please pass this information on to any disabled young people or children who you think would be interested in taking part.

Item 3

Child Locate

Mobile phone location service

ChildLocate, a UK-based company, are offering a service that allows parents to locate their children using the child's mobile phone. This technology has been around for a while and uses triangulation between phone masts to locate the handset. This is less accurate than GPS (Global Positioning System) but cheaper. Permission is required to track a particular handset from its owner. Similar services are offered by other companies such as MST Locate.

For more information look at their websites :

<http://www.childlocate.co.uk/>

<http://www.mstlocate.co.uk/>

Developments in strategies and policy

Item 4

Speech by Minister for Children & Families

Working across children's and adults services: creating seamless services in the post ECM world" - 13th June 2007

In this speech Beverley Hughes, the minister for Children & Families, says that effective joint working is a key factor in ensuring the well-being of some of our most vulnerable children, young people and families. She makes particular reference to families affected by disability, and takes their situation as a focus for discussing the broader principles of integrated service provision.

To read this speech online at the DFES website go to:

http://www.dfes.gov.uk/speeches/search_detail.cfm?ID=626

Item 5

Ruling by Local Government Ombudsman

Council failed to meet needs of disabled young woman

Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council failed in its legal duty to meet the needs of a young woman with multiple learning difficulties finds the Local Government Ombudsman, Anne Seex. The complaint was brought by the parents of the young woman as a result of the lack of provision of appropriate services in transition which left the parents to care for their daughter without support. Compensation was awarded and conditions were made for the Council to make a ensure an "independent, impartial, credible and comprehensive assessment", secure a long-term placement and to report back to the Ombudsman six monthly.

For the full report on the Local Government website :

<http://www.lgo.org.uk/news/docs/164-05c11921.doc>

Item 6

Research Report on SEN & Ethnicity

Special Education Needs & Ethnicity: Issues of Over- and Under-Representation

Following concerns about the attainment and progress of children from minority ethnic groups a report was commissioned from the Centre for Educational Development, Appraisal & Research at Warwick University. This study looks at the incidence of students with different categories of SEN from minority ethnic groups and the extent to which it is representative when corrected for other factors such as socio-economic disadvantage, gender and year group.

<http://www.dfes.gov.uk/research/data/uploadfiles/RR757.pdf>

Meetings, conferences & events

Item 7

UK Youth

Youth Led Delivery Solutions - National Conference

This major conference focuses on young people's participation, inclusion and achievement is for anyone working in services that assist young people to meet the Every Child Matters outcomes.

UK Youth develops new young people centred programmes that use innovative and effective ways of working with young people to enable them to raise their aspirations, realise their potential and have their achievements recognised through accredited learning and personal progression outcomes.

Date: **3rd October 2007**

Place: **One Great George Street, Westminster, London.**

Cost: **£230/£280 (Voluntary/Statutory) + VAT**

To find out more and to register to attend contact **Becky Wyatt** at becky@ukyouth.org or visit: <http://www.ukyouth.org/whatwedo/conferences.htm> to download the booking form.

Item 8

Commission for Equality & Human Rights with The Guardian

Diverse Britain 2007

Diverse Britain 2007 is the UK's landmark annual event on race equality. The event is for anyone who strives to work towards and live within a society that is fair and free, and which enables each individual to realise his or her potential to the fullest.

The programme will look at the future for multiculturalism in the UK and explore how racial equality is progressing in government, education, the criminal justice system, health, culture and the arts and in business.

Date: **10th & 11th December 2007**

Place: **Central London (To be confirmed - see website)**

Cost: **£295/£450/£595 (Supported/Reduced/Full rate) + VAT**

For further information contact Natasha McDonough on 020 7324 4357, e-mail natasha.mcdonough@neilstewartassociates.co.uk or visit <http://www.neilstewartassociates.com/re103/registration.html> to register online.

Moving On Up News

Item 9

Changes at Moving On Up

Team changes

Now that the summer holidays have come and gone, change is afoot at Moving On Up. Over the summer Kathryn Forster and Carolyn Bayley have both moved on to new jobs and training. We wish them good luck in their new ventures and would like to say a big thank you for all they have done in developing Moving On Up in their time at ARC.

We welcome Simon Nieder to the team. Simon is taking over Carolyn's role and continuing with the work he has done previously developing the Moving On Up website. Simon can be contacted by email at simon.nieder@arcuk.org.uk.

Item 10

Moving On Up Telephone Hotline

Change of day and time

With the change of personnel, we have changed the day and time that the Moving On Up hotline is operational. The new times will now be Monday morning from 10AM to 12PM, and Wednesday morning from 10AM to 12PM and this will start from Monday 1st October.