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Dear Children's Links Member

Your news bulletin is produced fortnightly and is designed to keep you up-to-date with the latest developments in children and family policy.

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If you have any news or information that you would like to share in the E-Bulletin please email membership@childrenslinks.org.uk

JOB CLUB - Every Wednesday - 10am -12pm - Children's Links, Horncastle

Do you live locally to Horncastle? Are you aged 19+ and unemployed? If you would like help finding a job, writing a CV or a cover letter, come and join our FREE weekly Job Club!

Why attend our Job Club sessions?

- It's FREE!
- Friendly and experienced staff on hand to help in a relaxed environment
- Access to computers and the internet for job searching and applications
- Open, drop-in session – you choose how long you stay!
- Learn what employers want – and how to impress them in an interview!
- FREE opportunities to progress onto further training

We'll help you create a professional and up to date CV which highlights your skills and qualities and will make employers notice you!

Our staff will help you identify your skills and support you throughout the job application process.

If you would like further information please contact our Training team:
Tel: 0845 373 0645 (option 5)
training@childrenslinks.org.uk
www.childrenslinks.org.uk



Sign, Sing and Sensory Session!

Every Tuesday 9:15-10:15

Starting 24/01/17

These structured sessions encompass Music, Makaton signing and a sensory play activity. To allow your child to learn through play and music in a fun and engaging environment.

These sessions are FREE however sign up prior to the sessions is required due to limited spaces.

Please book on by ringing 01522546215 or

Email: toylibrary@childrenslinks.org.uk



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Cambridgeshire LSCB Training Courses

- Alcohol Identification and Brief Advice
- Cambs FA- 31 Jan - 9.30 - 12.30

For more information and how to book a place on the courses please look at the training brochure on the LSCB [website](#).

Can you help?

Little Wings Nursery is planning a den building day on 10th February and would really appreciate any of the following donations:

Large cardboard boxes

Old bedding

Old curtains

Any large fabric

String, wool, rope

Any donations would be gratefully received

Little Wings Nursery, RAF Odiham, RG29 1QH
01256 701487

Free Trees from The Woodland Trust

The Woodland Trust are offering free trees to schools and community groups.

With funding from their lead partners; Sainsbury's, IKEA FAMILY, People's Postcode Lottery and Yorkshire Tea, they have 3,250 tree packs to give to schools and community groups for planting in March 2017.

For more information and to find out if your group is eligible, please visit their [website](#).

Kickstart Success

Learners have successfully completed the Kickstart course, a course which aims to build learners confidence and support a healthy lifestyle. Pictured below are 3 of learners receiving their certificates.

Well done to all learners that completed!



Workshop on Gang Exploitation

A workshop for practitioners to understand the current definitions of gang exploitation and to explore the national and local picture of how our young people might be at risk of being exploited both inside and outside gangs .

1st March 2017

9.30-11.30

**Buttsgrove Centre, 38 Buttsgrove Way,
Huntingdon, PE29 1LY**

**To book onto either of the above dates,
please contact Isabel Iglesias Vizoso
on 01733 863747 or email
pscb.training@peterborough.gov.uk**

Barnardo's appointed to run £8m national child sexual abuse centre

Children's charity Barnardo's has been appointed to run the National Centre for Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse being established by government as part of its efforts to tackle child sexual exploitation and abuse.

Backed by £8million in Home Office funding until 2020, the centre aims to gather and share high-quality evidence of successful schemes in preventing child sexual exploitation and abuse.

The centre of expertise has been tasked with building partnerships with academics and statutory agencies with the aim of turning evidence into practical solutions for practitioners and commissioners across local authorities, police, health services and the voluntary sector.

It also aims to increase understanding of child sexual abuse and exploitation, help advise ministers on national policy and assess the extent to which recent policy and practice initiatives have impacted on the scale and nature of abuse.

[Find out more](#)

Funding Finder

CYP Now have a directory that lists over 100 sources of funding and grants to support work with children, young people and families. [Find out more](#)

Upgrade your Children's Links Membership!

Children's Links' Membership Service is full of relevant children's sector benefits designed specifically to meet your needs. We have recently introduced new membership packages: Enhanced at only £75.00 per year, and Standard which is currently free.

If you would like to become a member please complete the membership application form or contact us by email.

As part of the Enhanced Membership package we can offer bespoke advice and support tailored towards meeting the specific needs of your setting. This will be provided via phone or email, time limited to one hour. The advice will focus on Committees, Recruitment and employment, Ofsted requirements and Finance

You will also have free access to Children's Links resources and guidance documents on key topics and legislation and much more!

To see the full benefits of our Enhanced Membership Package please visit our [new website!](#)

If you would like to upgrade your membership please contact us by calling 0845 3730645 or emailing membership@childrenslinks.org.uk

Children's Links' Vacancies

Children's Links have a variety of vacancies in the children's sector ranging from Childcare Assistants to Visit Centre Workers in prisons.

To view the current vacancies visit the Children's Links [website](#).