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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

Volunteer Card Training

Sign up to Volunteer Card Training and join in an innovative **FREE** training programme to recognise and reward Lincolnshire Volunteers!

You will receive **FREE** training in 6 subject areas that are essential to volunteering:

- Good Practice Standards
- Health and Safety and Personal Safety
- Equality and Diversity
- Safeguarding and Confidentiality
- Customer Care
- Live Well

5 sessions:

Thursdays 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th May and 1st June 2017
09.30am – 2.00pm

At:

Children's Links

Holland House, Fortuna Horncastle

Business Centre,

Mareham Road, Horncastle, LN9 6PH

Are you aged 19+ and looking for employment? Upon successful completion the course you will be awarded your own Volunteer Card which is widely recognisable across many organisations in Lincolnshire, and is ideal for those seeking new paths in to employment or volunteering!

Places are limited, so book your place now by contacting Children's Links on:
Telephone: 0845 373 0645
Email: lvc@childrenslinks.org.uk

Health visitors report rise in children with communication difficulties

Health visitors have reported an 8% rise in children experiencing delayed language in the space of a single year.

A report by the [Institute of Health Visiting](#) reveals that 72 per cent of health visitors in 2016 said they had experienced an increase in the number of children they encountered with delayed speech and communication development - meaning they may use simpler sentences, fewer words and struggle to understand the same instructions as their peers.

This in comparison to a 64% increase in 2015 shows an 8% increase..

[Find out more.](#)

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](#).



The number of children with complex needs has doubled since 2004

The Council for Disabled Children and the True Colours Trust have published figures on the number of children with complex needs or life-limiting conditions - the first such figures in ten years. They show that numbers have risen from 49,300 to 73,000 children and young people. Within this:

- abuse or neglect was the main social care need for 18% of children in need with a disability
- the numbers of children with complex forms of autism have more than doubled since 2004, to 57,615
- The proportion of children with a disability supported by children's services is steadily falling, and now stands at 0.4% of all 0 to 17-year-olds, suggesting that qualifying for local authority help may be increasingly difficult for disabled children and their families

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](#)

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

Increasing inequality and child poverty

The IFS has produced analysis of current welfare policies' impact on people's incomes and living standards up to 2020-21, predicting:

- an increase in income inequality over the coming years, particularly if incomes are measured after housing costs have been deducted
- If earnings grow in line with the OBR forecast, median income in 2021–22 will be only 10% higher than it was in 2007–08
- absolute After Housing Costs child poverty will rise from 27.5% in 2014–15 to 30.3% in 2021–22, about of a third of which is explained by cuts to Universal Credit work allowances

Funding for SEND

Minister for Vulnerable Children and Families Edward Timpson has announced funding of £215 million for local authorities to increase and improve school places for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Each council will receive at least £500,000 to spend on settings including academies, free schools, grammar schools, colleges and early years settings. This is in addition to the £23 million committed for councils to review and strategically plan their SEND provision.



Stay, play and takeaway...

at Bardney Methodist Hall

The Toy Library will be visiting the Bardney Parent and Toddler Group to bring a variety of toys for hire* on



5 May and 9 June 2017**

between **10.00-11.00am** (group runs 9.30-11.30am)

For more information call 07584 341265

To request a specific toy, email toylibrary@childrenslinks.org.uk



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* Hire prices start from £1 after initial membership fee of £7 (per year). Payments to be made on day of hire by cash or cheque.

** Future dates to be confirmed



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