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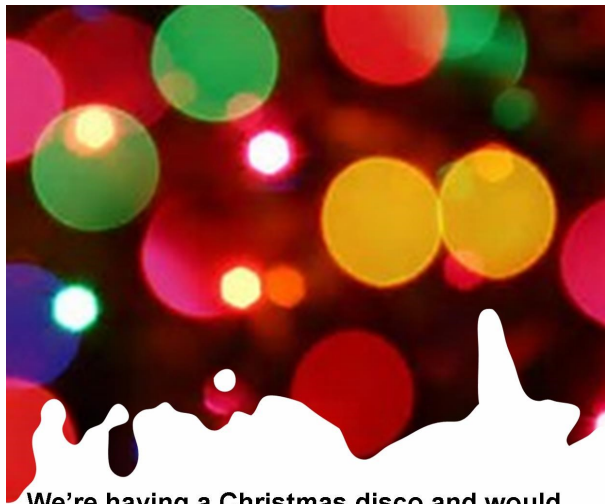
Dear Children's Links Member

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



We're having a Christmas disco and would love you to come!

Friday 22nd December 12.30-2.00pm

We'll be playing some games, having some hot dogs and of course a disco!

Tickets are £5 per child and can be booked by calling into the toy library, emailing toylibrary@childrenslinks.org.uk or calling us on 01522 546215.

Activities will be suitable for birth to 8 years but older siblings are welcome to come along.

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Weston Charity Awards Expands Programme For 2018

Following the success of previous awards, the Weston Charity Awards has expanded its area of eligibility into Wales as it re-opens the programme for 2018.

Registered charities in the North of England, the Midlands, and Wales, can apply for a package of support intended to provide long-term benefit.

Applications will be accepted from registered charities that are ambitious and working to alleviate disadvantage in youth, welfare or community sectors.

It is expected that 20 charities will receive: A fully funded year of support from Pilotlight. An unrestricted cash contribution of £6,200 to support the work with Pilotlight, this includes travel expenses to meetings. Access to the advice and support of both Pilotlight and the Garfield Weston Foundation.

Three 'connect' sessions with other Award Winners across the year. Charities must have an annual income of less than £5 million, and at least one paid full-time member of staff in a leadership position.

Applications will be accepted from 1 December 2017 until 12 January 2018 (5pm).



We're having a Christmas party and would love you to come!

Friday 22nd December 10.00-11.30am

We'll be playing some games, having some Christmas Crafts, with a special visit from FATHER CHRISTMAS and of course they'll be lots of time for play too!

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Did You Know?

Children's Links & Linking Up have relocated in Horncastle.

You're invited to join us at our new Head Office.

Come along and see our new office, find out about what we do, our plans for the future and see how you can get involved!

Please feel free to extend this invitation to any other members of your organisation that may wish to attend.

14th December 2017

11am-2pm

Suite 1 & 4, Gymplex Buildings, Boston Road, Horncastle, LN9 6HU

Did You Know?

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](#).

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](#)

Early years services

Family and Childcare Trust has published the results of research conducted by parent researchers from across the country, who spoke to nearly 500 parents to understand what families need and want from early years services. Finding that parents are concerned the lack of early years services, and most value activities where they can take part with their child, the report recommends a national strategy from the government which:

- Ensures adequate investment in crucial early years services from central Government with earmarked funding for local authorities.
- Effectively engages parents in the development of the national strategy, and outline how parents should be involved in the development of local services.
- Prioritises strengthening communities by reaching out to and welcoming all families in the local area.
- Makes sure families know about the services on offer locally by providing clear and comprehensive information.

Children and young people's mental health

The government's response to the Education and Health Select Committees' report on children and young people's mental health has been published. While the Committees' report made recommendations including: support for student well-being that goes beyond PSHE lessons to leadership, staffing, training and non-academic activities; more prominence for mental health in Ofsted inspections; and a review of the effect of budget reductions, the government response emphasises:

- The role of PSHE and RSE lessons and the DfE's upcoming 'wide-ranging engagement on the content of these subjects'
- Ofsted maintains that its inspections already give due prominence to mental health but that it will keep this under review
- The £1.3 billion for schools over the next two years in addition to the new school funding formula