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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](mailto:membership@childrenslinks.org.uk)

## Wear it Orange Week 2017

Children's Links are organising a whole week of fun and exciting events to raise money for Children's Links.

Our charity helped improve the lives of over 113,000 children, young people and their families last year and we need you to help us do more.

We would like to ask for your support and invite you to take part in your own office, branch, department or even whole company!

### Orange Tuesday Tea Party - 19th September

All you have to do is arrange your own tea party/coffee morning and collect the donations.

### Wear it Orange Day - 22 September

We would like to get as many of our partners, supporters and local businesses involved as possible. All you have to do is Wear it Orange; in return for a donation of £1 (or more!) everyone can come to work in their own orange style.

### Skydive Saturday – 23rd September

We have 12 willing volunteers that will be doing a tandem skydive. They will be harnessed to the front of a BPA qualified instructor, and after just a 20 minute briefing they will fly up to 15,000 feet and then take the jump! If you want to donate to the skydivers challenge please follow the link [www.everyclick.com/childrenslinks](http://www.everyclick.com/childrenslinks)

By supporting our Wear it Orange Week with fundraising and donating, you will positively improve the lives of thousands of children, young people and their families.

Any promotional materials you need can be provided, just get in touch.

## Let's get U Started and Job Club (Free\*)

Children's links are supporting people to build confidence and become work ready and in Louth, Lincolnshire. Lets get U Started is a 6 week workshop which enables participants to build confidence through fun activities in a supportive and safe environment.

Taster session 16<sup>th</sup> October 11am – 12pm

Course start: 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017

- subject to eligibility

### Job Club

Through the Job club people will be given support throughout the job application process. CV writing, job searching friendly experienced staff.

Open drop in session, Wednesday mornings 10am – 12pm

The place to go for both these courses is - At Louth Methodist Church, Nichol Hill, Louth LN11 9NQ

## Grant Funding Available from Children Health Fund

No child should go hungry and Children Health Fund recognise that for some children there is a vital food provision gap that needs filling during school holidays.

Their Holiday Food Fund provides grants of up to £5,000 for projects in the UK that provide holiday activities with food for children.

The Holiday Food Fund will be **open from Friday 8th September until midday Friday 6th October 2017**. To access the Guidance Notes and Application Form please visit: [www.childrenshealthfund.org.uk/grants](http://www.childrenshealthfund.org.uk/grants) and complete an Application Checklist.

Previously funded projects can be found [here](#).

### 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](#)

## Young people's views on gender and mental health

The National Children's Bureau has talked to over 100 young people about how gender affects their experience of mental health issues and support, with findings including:

- Some healthy ways of managing stress are widely acceptable to the young males and females we surveyed – e.g. having fun and exercising
- Young people are very aware of expectations on boys and men to be strong and not show emotion
- Sharing problems with others seems more widely acceptable among the young women than young men but not as much as stereotypes might suggest.

## Cambridgeshire Safeguarding Board Website

The Cambridgeshire LSCB website has moved to: [www.cambslscb.co.uk](http://www.cambslscb.co.uk)

Following a major re-design and review the new Cambridgeshire Safeguarding Board website has now been launched. Please save the new address.

## Supporting families when young children's disabilities or health needs become known during or after adoption

The Council for Disabled Children (CDC) is seeking examples of good practice in supporting families with children aged 0-5 who have disabilities or complex needs and are adopted or in early permanence placements. Specifically, CDC is interested in children whose needs only become well known by parents/carers after the child's placement with them. Examples involving partnership working are being sought from professionals working in local authority adoption services, voluntary adoption agencies, disabled children's services and SEN teams; IROs; and relevant health professionals. Please find out more at <http://bit.ly/2vfgFX2>. This call is open until **29 September 2017**.

## 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 Good Childhood Report 2017

The Children's Society's latest Good Childhood Report shows that young people's happiness is at its lowest level since 2010, and says 'Government cuts are having a devastating impact on children.' Calling on central government to fill the funding gap for early help services for children, and on local government to ensure local agencies work together to prioritise children with multiple disadvantages, the report identified the most common concerns amongst children as

- Fear of crime
- Family struggling to pay the bills
- Moving home many times

## Inquiry into school transport for disabled children

In response to issues raised by families of disabled children, charity Contact has conducted research finding that 48% of parents with disabled children can't work or had to reduce hours because of school travel arrangements and that 23% of parents say their disabled child struggles to learn because of a stressful journey to school. It recommends that the government:

- Review statutory guidance on school transport and post-16 transport, including vehicle safety and escort training
- Extend eligibility for free school transport to 16 and 17-year-olds, to reflect the change in the participation age and the ethos of the SEND reforms
- The Secretary of State should write to all local authorities reminding them of their statutory duties