



COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

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Children & Young People Forum Issue 1

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Response to the Current Spending Review by Children England

The sector was recently asked to comment about the spending review by the new coalition government and where further savings could be made. A response was made by Maggie Jones – Chief Executive of the charity Children England. The response is quite comprehensive and makes for interesting reading. The full response can be seen by following the link below.

Click [Here](#) to view the PDF Letter

Children/Young People

Courses offered by The Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Children Board (RBSCB) are **free** to CVS members. To book a place on any of these courses, please contact Becky White on 01706 631291 or email r.white@cvsr.org.uk

Working Together to Safeguard Children

This one-day course explores the roles and responsibilities in the safeguarding process, including themes from serious case reviews, the thresholds model, the assessment framework, attendance at child protection case conferences and writing child protection plans.

Suitable for: anyone who is in regular contact with children, young people and parents/carers. The course is considered **essential** for those who work regularly with children, young people or parents/carers, including **those with particular responsibility for safeguarding children**, such as designated child protection officers, managers and those who attend case conferences and core groups regularly.

The next 6 opportunities are Monday 13th September and Tuesday 14th September. Tuesday 5th October, Wednesday 6th October, Wednesday 17th November, Thursday 18th November. Please contact CVSR for details of dates later in the year.

Other RBSCB Courses and Seminars

The RBSCB also offer a range of specialist courses and seminars . Most of these are available only to those who have already attended the Working Together course. Please book places through CVSR.

Forced Marriage Protocol Awareness (Seminar): This seminar aims to raise awareness of the Rochdale Forced Marriage Protocol and its links to the Rochdale Safeguarding Children Procedures. The seminar considers the effects of forced marriage on children and young people and the issues surrounding forced marriage. Participants are informed about professional responsibilities when responding to forced marriage concerns.

Friday 24th September (pm)

Adult Substance Misuse and the Impact on the Child: This course explores adult substance misuse and the impact on the child, including serious case review themes, thresholds for safeguarding children, multi-agency assessments and local contact and services. Attendees must previously have attended the RBSCB's Working Together course.

Thursday 30th September (full day)

Places are still available on the following course.. **'Children's Empowerment Toolkit Training.'**

The course is aimed individuals providing services directly to/indirectly affecting children and young people and who would like to empower, involve and engage with them in a personal and professional capacity.

There are four sessions:

8th Sept 2010 9am-12.30pm or 1pm-14.30pm

22 Feb 2011 9am-12.30pm or 1pm-14.30pm

Venue: Centre for Learning and Development, Chichester St., Rochdale.

Course Reference: tool1-1529

Course Name:

Children's Empowerment Toolkit Training

Course Description:

Participants will be:

**Provided with an understanding and awareness of the importance of empowerment and participation of children and young people;
Enabled to familiarise themselves with, and understand the toolkit;
Provided with tools and skills to use the toolkit in their service design, planning and delivery.**

Objectives:

**Objectives: Use discussion and group activities to provide participants with an opportunity to:
Explore and share experiences of empowering and involving children
Identify barriers to empowerment
Use the toolkit to discover how they can empower, involve and engage with children and young people in a personal and professional capacity.**

Please contact the REAL Trust to book.

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Children & Young People **Forum Dates**

**The next forum meeting will be
held:**

**Thursday 26th August 2010
10.30-12.30**

Partnership House, CVS Rochdale



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