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COMING UP

Free Outdoor Skill and Fire Building – December 3rd

The Duke of Edinburgh Awards are running an outdoor skills and fire building session in Stanmer Park on Saturday 3rd December. The session is aimed at supporting vulnerable young people interested in taking part in the programme. The activity is led by leaders who offer individual or group support to individuals 13+.

For more information about the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, please email Rachel Paget or call 07827 880759.

Creative Career with Fabrica – Apply by December 5th

Fabrica are offering two placements to proactive students, with experience of volunteering in the arts and who have a passion for arts. The opportunity is unpaid and open to any student age 18 or over. The placement is for twelve months and successful candidates will need to commit to one day a week at Fabrica, who can accommodate their existing timetable and schedules.

The opportunity is unpaid, open to age 18 and over and the deadline is 5pm, on December 5th. For any more information, please contact Ratna Jan Bibi, Gallery Manager at Fabrica, on 01273 778646.

Dv8 Sussex Paid Internship Programme – January 2017

Dv8 Sussex are re-launching their Paid Internship Programme in January 2017. With expert support from a range of industry professionals, students get the chance to work with a variety of employers, gaining essential work skills, confidence and experience.

Please see more details of the internship in the link above. The programme will take place in Brighton and Bexhill. To contact Dv8 Brighton, please email apply@dv8sussex.com or call 01273 550432.

EVENTS

PACA Open Evening – February 2017

PACA are holding their next Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday 7th February, 6-8pm. The school sixth form - PACA 6 - combines A Level subjects with Level 2 and 3 vocational subjects. It also offers sixth form pupils the private sector for sports coaching, facilities and opportunities and partnerships with local businesses.

Please see the PACA 6 Prospectus for more information.

APPRENTICESHIPS

'Get In Go Far' – Apprenticeship Toolkit for Youth Organisations

The Government have recently issued an 'Apprenticeship Toolkit' for youth organisations. 'Get in Go Far', is aimed at informing and inspiring young people to consider apprenticeships, traineeships and work experience as valid and credible routes to a rewarding career. It also aims to increase interest and demand from employers to run apprenticeship programmes.

Please see the Get in Go Far website for more information or join the #GetInGoFar conversation on Twitter by following @apprenticeships.

Earning And Learning: Making The Apprenticeship System Work For Age 16-18

IPPR have produced a report - 'Earning & Learning: making the apprenticeship system work for 16-18 year-olds'. The report advocates for a pre-apprenticeship, phasing out Level 2, as employers are choosing to create more higher and degree programmes.

Please see the full report by opening the above link.

Mears Apprenticeships - Information Leaflet

Mears have put together an Apprenticeship Information Leaflet for young people to find out more about their apprenticeship scheme. Trades on offer include carpentry, plumbing and landscaping.

For more information, contact bhcc.enquiries@mearsgroup.co.uk or call 01273 574300.

LEARNING, TRAINING & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Traineeships in Airport Ground Operations & Childcare

Whitehead-Ross have places available for 16-18 year olds on their new Brighton-based Traineeships in Airport Ground Operations and Childcare, starting over the next few weeks.

For more information, please contact Whitehead-Ross on 07730 550607/Follow on Twitter #WREC_News.

'The Platform' Social Enterprise – Brighton & Hove

The Platform aims to create a thriving social economy in which businesses aim to improve society and the environment, achieve a purpose beyond profit and provide learning opportunities to unemployed people. In addition they offer support to local enterprises, ethical catering and venue hire.

For more information, please email info@theplatform.org.uk or call 01273 468200.

Adult Education: Courses and Workshops at Friends Centre

The Friends Centre run a variety of Adult Education courses and workshops. Their main training site is at Brighton Junction, though some courses take place at Jubilee Library, Ivory Place or BMECP Centre.

Please see the link for courses starting in the spring term. For more information, call 01273 810210 or email Friends Centre.

'Self Health - Mental Health Research Project at Friends Centre

'Self Health' is part of a government funded National Adult Education Mental Health Research Project. The Friends Centre in Brighton are part of the project and will be delivering free courses in a range of subjects, measuring their impact on the mental wellbeing of people (aged 19+) with mild to moderate mental health challenges. Research has suggested that adult education courses can have a positive effect on adult mental health across the country. Please see the full list of courses in the Mental Health Research Project link.

Enrolling on a Self Health course is different to other courses as **no applications will be taken online**. Applicants must be aged 19 or over to enrol. Please contact the Friends Centre for more information by calling 01273 810210.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Arts Award for Young People

BHCC Youth Service offers the national Arts Award to vulnerable or socially excluded young people aged 13-19 years old (up to 25 with additional needs). Young people taking part can get involved in free, creative projects/challenges of their choice, research artists or musicians, gain arts leadership skills and visit arts events and workshops.

For more information contact Julia Box on 07866 685729 or Sarah Pain on 07833 483245.

'Albion Goals' – Football Sessions

Albion Goals is a programme for ESA and JSA claimants, many of whom may have missed out on sport owing to drug/alcohol issues and/or no money to invest in leisure and fitness. The programme takes place at Moulsecoomb Leisure Centre each Tuesday (2-4pm), and at Preston Park (south side of the Chalet Café) each Thursday, from 12.30-2.30pm.

Please see the link for more information or email Mark Slide at Albion in the Community.

November Briefing from ru-ok?

Please see a link to the [ru-ok? November Briefing](#). This issue includes information on energy drinks, prescribed medication and illicit drugs along with current trends and names. The second page focuses on the ru-ok? service and contact details for the team.

Young Person's Health & Relationship Advisers

The Young People's Health & Relationship Advisers work with 13-19 year old young men and women across the city (up to 25 with SEN), providing one-to-one interventions to young people who are vulnerable to poor sexual health, early parenthood and/or sexual exploitation. Most interventions take place in schools, although advisers will also visit young people in their home or another location if required.

For more information about YPHRAs and their work, please see links to the [Team Flyer](#) (includes contact details) and [YPHRA Support](#).

Directory of Health & Wellbeing Services

Please see a link to the [Directory of Health & Wellbeing Services](#), which lists a comprehensive range of information for front line workers.

Young Women's Therapy Service

[Young Oasis](#) is announcing the launch of its new [Young Women's Therapy Service](#), funded by Sussex Community Foundation. The service is aimed at 18-25 year olds who have experienced violence, abuse, neglect or disadvantage in their early lives. Young Oasis aim to help young women to process these experiences, learn improved relationships and healthier choices. All those taking part will be offered long-term, arts-based psychotherapy, following an initial assessment.

For an informal discussion about the service or to request a referral form, please email [Jo Parker](#) at the Brighton Oasis Project or call 01273 696970.

'Go Skate' Project

The ['Go Skate'](#) project aims to help change the lives of young people by developing learning, improving confidence, increasing physical activity, and connecting with peers through skateboarding. The project is aimed at 14-18 year olds and is delivered through collaboration with Brighton Youth Centre.

For more information about the project, contact Ricardo McGee on 01273 292726/ 07584 581018.

'Art and Chat' – Weekly Drop In with Threshold - Tuesdays

[Threshold Women's Service](#), run by Brighton Housing Trust, offer a weekly 'Art and Chat' drop in, offering safe, supportive and welcoming spaces to meet other women and get involved in informal activities (with no pressure to participate). Sessions are free and run each Tuesday from 1-3pm.

To find out more email [Jez Parsons](#) at BHT, call 01273 929471, or just drop in.

SUPPORT AND ADVICE

Youth Employability Service - Drop In Times

The YES drop in takes place at 11 St George's Place, Brighton BN1 4GB each Tuesday and Thursday (1-3pm). The Friday drop in at Whitehawk Community Hub (1-4pm) remains the same.

Please see a link to [YES Information Sheet](#) and the latest [YES Flyer](#) for more information and contact details.

Employment Support Services in Sussex

[Employment Services in Sussex](#) has advice on employment services for young people, job clubs and useful websites.

Rise Young Person's Project

[Rise Young Person's Project](#) supports young people (13-25) of all genders, around the issues of domestic abuse and healthy relationships. They offer regular drop ins at locations across the city, offer outreach sessions in existing young people's services and/or attend team meetings to talk about their service.

Please see a link to more details. [Rise YPP](#) can be contacted by email or by calling 07964 842319/01273 622822.

Safe Space at St Paul's Church – Fridays and Saturdays

[Safe Space](#) offer a support service to anyone who has become distressed, lost, vulnerable, intoxicated or injured during a night out in Brighton. Support includes practical and medical assistance, along with practical support such as recharging mobile phones.

Safe Space runs from St Paul's Church on West Street every Friday and Saturday night from 11pm-3.30am. The service is free but any donations through [Just Giving](#) are gratefully received.

TRAINING FOR PROFESSIONALS

Youth Homelessness Prevention Training Workshop - January 25th

YMCA Downlink Group run a series of [Youth Homelessness Prevention](#) training sessions, aimed at professionals working with young people and families in Brighton and Hove. The workshops provide an understanding of the triggers of homelessness and how to identify/support young people at possible risk. **Please note that these courses get booked up quickly.**

For more information or enquiries, please complete a [Booking Form](#) or contact [Aidan Stark](#), Housing Advisor, on 01273 624432.

C Card Training – February 1st

The next C-Card training for Full Access Points (signing young people up for C-Cards) will take place on Wednesday 1st February (1.30-4.30pm) at School Clinic, Morley Street, Brighton.

To book a place, please email SC-TR.BrightonCASH@nhs.net. Training is free to all staff on the C-Card scheme but there is a £50 charge for non-attendance.

Community Works Training - Voluntary and Community Sector

Community Works provides learning and support opportunities to the local voluntary and community sector, in response to identified need.

Please see a link to [Community Works Training](#) webpage for more information. To book a place on a course or to discuss bespoke training, email training@bhcommunityworks.org.uk or call 01273 234023.

NEWS , UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES

Women's Network Newsletter – November 2016

Please see a link to the latest [Women's Network Newsletter](#). This edition has information about the LGBT Workers Forum Winter Social, 16 Days of Action (global initiative) and a call for new Steering Group members.

Integrated Team for Families (ITF) and Parenting Team Merger

Please see the link for information on the [ITF and Parenting Team Merger](#).