

*Children England (Yorkshire & Humber) and VCS Engage
(Yorkshire & Humber) invite you to a:*

Regional Workshop

Now it's Personal:

A seminar for the VCS on person-centred approaches to services for children, young people and families

**Thursday 27th May 2010
10.00am-2.00pm, including networking lunch**

Hinsley Hall, Leeds

Change is in the air and not just in the area of 'big' politics. Talk of person-centred planning, self-directed support, budget-holding lead professionals and direct payments all foretell a fundamental shift in welfare thinking. The key unifying idea is the devolution of power and control to people and families who need support. The question to be explored at this event is 'what will this mean for the VCS?'

The session will include background information about the change agenda, an update on what's happening around our region, and a range of views about the positive potential and pitfalls for the VCS. As always with these events, however, a key aim will be to make connections and encourage good conversations between key players in the region who want to ensure that the changes serve the interests of children, young people and families who need support, equitably.

Speakers confirmed so far include:

- **Gill Crawshaw**, from Volition, a Leeds-based mental health VCS organisation, with experience of similar models in mental health
- **Emilie Whitaker**, from Children England, who has gathered information on personalisation in children's services, including on work in local authorities across our region
- **Pippa Murray** from In Control, a leading organisation in this field which works with local authorities and others to develop models and approaches
- **Jo Harvey**, a children's services specialist from Helen Sanderson Associates, an international consultancy working in the field
- **Sue Cawkwell**, Regional Director of Kids, an organisation for parents of disabled children
- Others still to be confirmed are Julia Moller, Barnardo's, and a speaker from regional Government Office

Who is the event for?

- Anyone with an interest in the 'personalisation' agenda in children, young people and families services
- VCS organisations working with children, young people and families across the region
- People working to support the children, young people and families VCS at either regional, district or local levels
- People from the statutory sector who are working on personalisation in children's services

Book your place now

There will be a fee of £50, with some free places for smaller VCS organisations. Places are limited to 80 and will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis, so please book as soon as possible using the form below and sending it to Karen Speller at karen.speller@actionforchildren.org.uk or by post to Karen Speller at Action for Children, 12, Granby Road, Harrogate, HG1 4ST.

Please forward your cheque, made payable to Action for Children, to Karen Speller at the address above. Confirmation of your booking and joining details will be forwarded to you upon receipt of payment.

Registration Form

Name	
Organisation	
Are you applying for a bursary to attend?	Yes/No
Will you require an invoice for the booking?	Yes/No
Contact Details:	
E-Mail	
Telephone Number	
Special Requirements to facilitate participation (please specify)	
Special dietary requirements (please specify)	

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