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Youth Justice SEND Project

Dear Colleagues

Welcome to the September issue of the Youth Justice SEND Project Newsletter. There are quite a few items this month, including a call out from a London-based colleague for some help with research. We hope you can help.

We are also delighted to announce that Achievement for All has been **shortlisted for the Howard League's "Organisation of the Year" Award** for its leadership of the Youth Justice SEND Project.

It must be stated however that this project's success has only been made possible by genuine partnership working: the incredible networking and knowledge base of AYM (Association of Youth Offending Team Managers), the research skills of Manchester Metropolitan University... **and you- an amazing network of professionals who have so willingly put time, energy and focus into this project.** It is an absolute privilege working with you. Thank you sincerely from the Project Team!



Let's Double the Bubble!

We need your help to double the Bubble!

Over the last two months, we have made significant improvements to our on-line platform, The Youth Justice SEND Bubble. It is now much easier to navigate around, and contains more information, case studies and ideas to support improvements in partnership working and delivery.

STEP 1 If you have an account, spend just ten minutes looking around- you will not be disappointed

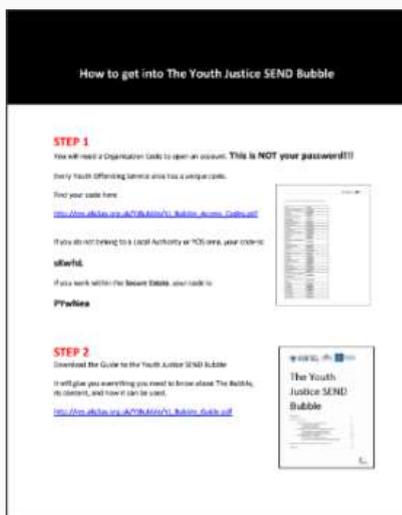
STEP 2 If you haven't opened a learning account, please do so using the instructions below

STEP 3 We would like everyone who receives this Newsletter to send it on to at least one other colleague, perhaps from another Local Authority team, from a health or housing service partner, or a judicial, constabulary or third sector volunteer that you work with.

With your help, we will increase significantly the user base. Thank you in anticipation.

Here are some documents to help spread the word.

How to get into the Youth Justice SEND Bubble



Simple instructions on how to open an account, with links to the individual codes for each Local Authority area in England.

[http://res.afa3as.org.uk/YJBubble/How to open a Bubble Account.pdf](http://res.afa3as.org.uk/YJBubble/How_to_open_a_Bubble_Account.pdf)

The Youth Justice SEND Bubble



A downloadable PDF document with a detailed description of the content of each Module and Module Unit, with suggestions how the content could be used:

[http://res.afa3as.org.uk/YJBubble/YJ Bubble Guide.pdf](http://res.afa3as.org.uk/YJBubble/YJ_Bubble_Guide.pdf)

A Guide to the Youth Justice SEND Bubble



Similar information produced as a PowerPoint presentation, so that it can be used for local training and awareness raising events.

The PowerPoint also includes tips and hints about how best to navigate the new Bubble platform.

http://res.afa3as.org.uk/YJBubble/YJBubble_Guide_2017.pptx

The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists Justice Evidence Base 2017

The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists Justice Evidence Base Consolidation: 2017, is a robust and comprehensive consolidation of various academic works that outlines the prevalence of Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) across the criminal justice system.

While Shining a light on the evident disadvantage individuals with SLCN face, as they may lack the requisite skills to fully understand language or situations while unable to express themselves clearly; the paper highlights the impact and benefits of speech and language therapy, creating equity of access that would afford individuals the ability to maximally benefit from the support provided by the many professionals across the justice sector.

The paper can be found by following this link:

https://www.rcslt.org/speech_and_language_therapy/slt_work_settings/justice_slcn/justice_evidence_base2017



Our impact and evidence hub

Using evaluation, research and evidence to protect children and prevent abuse

The NSPCC has developed a useful hub on safeguarding children, bringing together recent evaluation and research. Subjects covered include neglect, sexual abuse, looked-after children, early years and families facing adversity.

Web address <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/services-and-resources/impact-evidence-evaluationchild-protection/>

AYM Joint Conference 25th October



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AYM is pleased to announce its autumn conference to be held in Manchester in partnership with Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU).

The main theme will be the increasing complexity of needs of young people under supervision.



Confirmed speakers are:

- **Leanne Dowse**, Associate Professor University of New South Wales, on young people with complex needs in the criminal justice system.
- **Hannah Smithson**, Professor of Criminology and Youth Justice at MMU, on SEND and youth justice.
- **Marius Frank**, Director of Achievement for All, on the SEND project run with AYM and MMU.
- **Gill Eshleby**, Strategic Manager, and **Sarah Caden**, SCLN Lead, County Durham YOS, on the health needs of young people and ensuring delivery through effective governance.



Lunch will be provided free of charge.

The venue will be the MMU Manchester School of Art, Benzie Building.

Join us for a fascinating day!



Email AYM to book a place: jon.obyrne@aym.org.uk

And finally, a Network Call out - Help with research into how YOTs can best support young people with mental health difficulties

I am an Educational Psychologist based within a Youth Offending Team in South West London. I've been commissioned to conduct some research with a focus on **how YOTs can best support young people with mental health difficulties**. To gain insight and explore good practice, I would like to visit YOTs and conduct short interviews with key staff that have established successful collaborative partnerships with mental health services. The aim is to feedback findings both locally and more widely to support best practice. It would be fantastic to hear from any professionals interested in taking part in the study.

Thank you in anticipation.

Email: christopher.bagley@achievingforchildren.org.uk

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About the project: The Youth Justice SEND Project will help embed a culture-change around effective SEND joint working, transforming outcomes for young people with SEND who offend (or are at risk of doing so). **Our end goal, with your help, is to create a more supportive system facilitated by knowledgeable professionals who will identify and meet the needs of all children and young people, allowing more effective engagement and more positive long term outcomes.**

The Youth Justice SEND Project is funded by the Department for Education and delivered in partnership between Achievement for All, The Association of YOT Managers and Manchester Metropolitan University. For more information on the project, please [click here](#).

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