

## Announcements

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### Assessment shows us where we are on our journey towards an integrated workforce

Over 300 members of the children and young people's workforce have helped us to assess how integrated working is progressing in the East Sussex Children and Young People's Trust.

The results of this assessment have now been analysed and showed us that while we are definitely making good progress on some areas of integrated working, some elements are stronger than others. An action plan has been written to help us support the areas of integrated working needing further development. Some of the things we will be doing include:

- rolling out a multi-agency job shadowing scheme
- developing an e-introduction to integrated working and the Children and Young People's Trust
- looking into how we can develop more multi-agency training opportunities.

If you would like more information, a [summary of the assessment results and action plan can be downloaded here](#).

If you would like further details, please contact Jemma Black, Joint Workforce Development Officer, ESCC Children's Services, by email to [Jemma.Black@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Jemma.Black@eastsussex.gov.uk) or phone 01273 336 417.

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### East Sussex Play Pathfinder Grants Fund

Funding grants are available up to £50,000.

Funding is capital only and therefore must be spent on improving or building new ventures that significantly enhance play opportunities for children and young people while considering the level of impact and need for such a development.

Children and young people must be involved in deciding what should be in the play space and what the money should be spent on.

Funding is targeted towards the development of play opportunities for all children and young people with particular consideration for those young people aged between 8-13 years old.

The play space must be free at the point of access and children must be free to visit and leave when they choose.

**[Download an application form now](#). Please note this funding is not available to schools.**

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## **Circle of Life Rediscovery - free environmental opportunities and activities for families and young people**

Visit the [East Sussex Council for Voluntary Youth Service \(ESCVYS\)](#) or contact Marina Robb at Circle of Life Rediscovery on 01273 814226/07966 514469, [www.circleofliferediscovery.com](http://www.circleofliferediscovery.com).

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Environmental opportunities and activities for families and young people. Check out free Woodland & Family Days, free eco-workshops and a Green Programme for young people.

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## **Free Fuel Poverty training**

**Did you know that one in five families with children struggle to heat their homes - and its getting worse with rising fuel prices? Help them by taking advantage of Free Fuel Poverty training from East Sussex Health Homes.**

East Sussex Healthy Homes is a project raising awareness of fuel poverty across East Sussex amongst vulnerable groups in deprived areas by making the connection between a warmer home and better health. It is funded by the Energy Saving Trust and the councils in Eastbourne, Lewes, Hastings and Rother and is supported by East Sussex Downs and Weald and Hastings and Rother PCTs.

The project offers young families the chance to have warmer, healthier homes and lower fuel bills, through the provision of free energy advice and information

about a range of grant-aided improvements, including loft and cavity wall insulation, condensing boilers and heating systems.

Practitioners undertaking a pre-assessment form or the Common Assessment Framework itself may be in an ideal position to identify when children and their families are suffering from or at risk of fuel poverty. The free fuel poverty training fits into a 30-minute staff meeting covering:

- Fuel Poverty and its causes
- associated health risks
- the benefits of energy efficiency
- local initiatives
- how to refer a client for advice and grants.

Find out more about Fuel Poverty Training by calling Sara Winnington Project Officer on 0798 370 7729, or email [sara.winnington@ecsc.uk.com](mailto:sara.winnington@ecsc.uk.com).

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## Common Assessment Framework (CAF) training workshops update

New CAF training dates for January to July 2009 are now available to download here.

CAF Training is for all practitioners who work in services that support children, young people and their families. CAF is increasingly used by practitioners and services as an assessment and referral tool.

If you aren't sure if you, or members of your service, need CAF training, you can find out by [downloading this interactive quiz](#).

To book your training, email [isa@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:isa@eastsussex.gov.uk).

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