



Voluntary Organisations for Children
young people & families

Championing the Voluntary & Community Sector

VOCypf Information Sheet

Join the Voluntary Organisations for Children, young people & families network

No matter what size your organisation, whether local, regional or national, if you work with CYP&F in Bedford Borough and/or Central Bedfordshire and are Not for Profit then you can be part of the **VOCypf network**.

VOCypf is a completely free service, with a simple contact form to add the organisations details to the database and the email distribution list.

The benefits:

- limitless access to a wealth of information around an ever-changing children, young people and family's agenda
- developing working relationships with similar organisations
- the opportunity to engage with agencies
- the ability to share resources and ideas with over **200** other organisations
- sharing good practice and highlighting concerns

Who is part of the VOCypf network?

The **VOCypf** in Bedford Borough and Central Bedfordshire comprises a broad range of organisations including:

- Research, campaigning and training providers working at a local, regional and national level eg Family Matters Institute
- Larger organisations delivering countywide services commissioned by local authorities and/or NHS eg Brooke, Mind,
- Children Centres eg Goldington Family Centre, The Children Society, 4Children
- Specialist services eg Chums, Plan B, Sorted, Open Door, Relate, Ormiston Trust
- Services for children with disabilities eg Autism Beds, Mencap, Bedford Society For Cerebral Palsy, Family United Network
- Organisations delivering specialist services for young people eg Youth Matters, Great Outdoors, Xers, YMCA, DevelopEBP
- Faith Groups offering support and activities for children and young people eg Salvation Army, Priory Methodist Church, Santosh Refuge
- Uniform Groups such as scouts, guides etc who operate locally but are connected with national federations.
- Community Projects - these can be time limited or on-going
- Sports and Activity Clubs eg NACRO, Viking Kayak Club

For further information contact **Gemma Williamson** on **01234 354366**.