

G:up Spotlight Oct 2011

A snapshot of G:up's latest news, events and opportunities for the CYPF VCS



G:up is an alliance of West Midlands children, young people and families', voluntary and community sector (CYPF VCS) organisations, networks, and partners.

G:up works in a regional space to develop networks, collaboration and communications, build capacity and shape policy. More on G:up's website: www.gup.org.uk

New G:up Sector Training Survey - We Need Your Help!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GZGXW7I>

G:up is repeating its region wide audit to find out about training needed, offered and undertaken by CYPF VCS organisations.

This information will be published and valuable for many across the sector to identify needs, plan, influence and evidence needs in funding applications.

Last year's survey conducted through the G:XL project, helped G:up bring the successful capacity-building Progress project investment into the region, but the sector can change dramatically and based on G:up's 2010 regional training action plan, we have improved the survey to capture the latest data.

Please disseminate this to your networks and partners and encourage them to fill it in as we want to include all organisations: small and large, frontline/delivery and infrastructure to understand the picture of training in the sector.

Click the link above to fill in the quick survey online by Fri 30th September! Find more details on the G:up website or contact G:up for any queries.

Nominations Wanted for G:up's New Executive Committee

As G:up members endorsed G:up's new constitution, it can now be ratified at G:up's AGM on 3rd Nov. Under the constitution's new governance structure, we are also now opening recruitment for a new G:up Executive Committee. If this exciting challenge and opportunity interests you, please visit the G:up website for details and a Self Nomination Form. www.gup.org.uk/review

Out Now: G:up Newsletter Summer 2011

Get the latest on all G:up's projects, opportunities and new tools, designed specifically to benefit the CYPF VCS. Download it along with previous editions via:

www.gup.org.uk/newsletter



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G:XL Project Collaboration Resources Survey

Please fill in our quick online survey to help us measure the use and impact of G:up's new collaborative purchasing and money saving resources, featured in last month's Spotlight: www.surveymonkey.com/s/SQPGT9D

We hope the resources and the G:XL Collaboration and Back Office Services Learning Cluster help to stimulate collaboration in the sector, increasing organisations' knowledge, efficiency and sustainability. For more info and all the new resources visit: www.gup.org.uk/category/gxl/increasecollaboration



The survey consists of 11 simple questions and should take just 5-10 minutes. We'd really appreciate your support in completing it by **23rd September**.

Upcoming G:up Events

For more info, contact G:up via the contacts below or visit the G:up website

G:XL Workforce Development Learning Cluster meeting , 22 nd Sept, The Ackers, B'ham, B11 2PY	All details via: www.gup.org.uk/TrainingWFDandQualityLC
G:XL Information and Communications Learning Cluster meeting , 28 th Sept, 10am-12pm, bayc, Birmingham, B29 7EL	Get your messages noticed and published and reach wider audiences - free training on writing good press releases and writing for the web
G:up Conference and AGM , 3 rd Nov, 9:45am-3:30pm, Methodist Central Mission, 208 Corporation Street, Birmingham City Centre, B4 6QW	Conference theme: Strategic Engagement. For convenience the AGM will be held over lunch, 12:20pm-12:50pm. Check G:up's online regional events Calendar for more and get agenda items to G:up by 27th Sept
G:up Offers 'Working with DUO' Training for VCS Infrastructure Support Organisations , 8th and 9th Dec, 9:30am-4:30pm, bayc	Prestigious new training, on influencing and being influenced, developed by Changes after the successful 'VOICE' course. Subsidised through G:XL, just £80 (normally £240). Hurry while places last
G:XL Regional Participation Event - now 21st Jan 2012 **NOTE CHANGE OF DATE** - this event was set for 1st Oct 2011, but has now been rescheduled to allow more national organisations to take part	G:up will now hold 2 exciting regional participation events in the new year, this one on 21st Jan 2012 for practitioners and also a children and young people's event in March/April 2012

Become a G:up member today!

It's free to join G:up. Visit www.gup.org.uk/join for a membership form. Get the latest news and events; be connected to a diverse network of CYPF VCS staff, orgs and partners; login to the G:up website and get priority event offers.

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