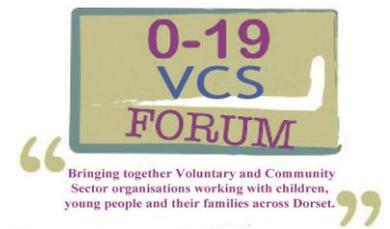


- Do you work with children and young people in Dorset?
- Do you work or volunteer for a Voluntary and Community Sector Organisation?
- If yes, then this is the Conference for you.....



# POSITIVE PATHWAYS FOR TANGLED TIMES

## 0-19 VCS 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

**3rd March 2014**  
**The Exchange**  
**Sturminster Newton**

Arrival from 9am for 9.30am start – 3.15pm finish

### → **Chelsea's Choice – Alter Ego Creative Solutions**

An innovative & powerful theatre production highlighting the very serious & emotional issues of Child Sexual Exploitation. You have the chance to see this highly acclaimed production identifying the warning signs of child sexual exploitations and consider the journey that young people may have been on that has resulted in them being exploited. Not to be missed!!

### → **Lives of Children and Young People Today – Negotiating a Positive Pathway - Right Reverend Tim Thornton, Bishop of Truro, Chair of Trustees for The Children's Society**

Bishop Tim will be talking about the experiences of children and young people and the effect of poverty on their lives, from his perspective as the Chair of The Children's Society

### → **Child Sexual Exploitation – The Facts – Carron Fox, Barnardos**

Barnardos produce findings from their annual survey of the specialist Child Sexual Exploitation services and will be providing an over-view of their latest report on the current situation

**Purpose:** This is the 6th Annual Conference of the 0-19 VCS Forum to bring together everyone working in the Voluntary & Community Sector and Social Enterprises in Dorset that benefit children, young people and their families. An opportunity to network, share practice and receive relevant good quality information and training to support work with children and young people. It is also an opportunity to celebrate the importance of the resource that is offered by the VCS and the value this brings to Dorset.

**Who is it for:** The conference is open to everyone working with children, young people and their families. It is for workers, managers, volunteers, trustees, project workers, foster carers, youth workers, play workers, afterschool clubs staff, children centres staff, supportive housing workers, parent advisors, childminders, nursery staff, community development workers and everyone else supporting children and young people in Dorset.

# Workshops

😊 **Positive Portage Practices in the Early Years**

😊 **Positive Digital Working Practices – making digital technology safer**

😊 **Positive Psychology and Promoting Positive Images of Young People**

😊 **Positive Outcomes in Younger Relationships – overcoming Domestic Abuse**

## Workshops

You will have the opportunity to attend 1 workshop on the day

### **A. Positive Portage Practices in the Early Years**

Lindsey Howell, Principal Consultant, Dorset Portage Pre-school Support Service, will outline some of the specialist approaches to learning used by the team of Portage Consultants who work with very young children who have complex needs through regular visits to the home and Early Years settings. This would be suitable for anyone who has an interest in learning experiences for young children with complex needs and the important role that families play in their child's development.

### **B. Positive Digital Working Practices**

Dorset Safe Schools & Communities Team will be giving professionals guidance in relation to the use of mobile phones, digital cameras, social networking and e-mails when communicating with children and young people

### **C. Positive Psychology and Promoting Positive Images of Young People**

Dr Debby Allen and Mr Lindsey Coombes, from the Faculty of Health & Life Sciences, Oxford Brookes University, providing ways of promoting positive images of young people and encouraging young people to see their own positives. Negative images can affect self-esteem, well-being and inhibit participation in social activities and cause social isolation. This workshop will help you build young people's resilience to negative image pressures.

### **D. Positive strategies to address the impact of domestic abuse on teenagers and their relationships**

Melissa Derricourt, Senior Practitioner Pacific Waves, The Children's Society, will be addressing the impact of domestic abuse on teenagers and their relationships', how parent/carer domestic abuse and dysfunctional role models affect the subsequent relationships of children and young people.