

Participation Focus **- June 2022**

**Diversity and inclusion Toolkit**

There will be a requirement set by the DfE this year, for all PCFs to complete diversity training. The training will be free and will form part of Contact’s support offer. We will continue to liaise with DfE over the finer details. As soon as we have further details, we will be in touch to confirm. There are now some template Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policies for forums to use

[EDI policy for new or developing parent carer forums](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fcontact.org.uk%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2022%2F04%2FEquality-diversity-and-inclusion-policy.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)

[ACAS EDI policy which can be adapted to suit](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fcontact.org.uk%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2022%2F04%2FNew-or-small-PCF-EDI-Policy-4-4-22.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)

[The Diversity and Inclusion toolkit](https://contact.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PCF-Diversity-Toolkit.pdf) is also available for forums use.

**Community Matters**

You can sign up for your complimentary subscription to Community Matters Advice and Information service by emailing Heather on admin@community-matters.org.uk and an advisor will be pleased to help.  They can provide email support on a range of Governance issues and paying people; and have a resource bank of templates, policies and procedures you can adapt. Here is their website [Community Matters](http://communitymatters.org.uk/help-your-organisation)

**Forum Assistance Programme**

The Forum Assistance Programme includes counselling for forum SG members and Reps. This information has been sent to all central Forum contacts and there are 8 free spaces per Forum. Also available are:

● Financial helpline and signposting; debt counselling and information

● Legal helpline

● Family Care helpline

● Online counselling

● Face to face counselling (6 sessions,) please note that this may still be currently

 suspended in line with Government guidelines

● Wellbeing web portal – online resources

● Specialist advice/general information – Everyday matters

**For Forums**

 ● Managerial Support service ● Whistle-blowing support

Showcase practice that promotes preparing for adulthood from the earliest years.

Further details about the day will available later.

To book your place now, please go to: <https://www.preparingforadulthood.org.uk/events/showcase-and-celebration-event-.htm>

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| **Health Updates**Here is the link to Contact’s Health updates [Health news & updates | Contact](https://contact.org.uk/help-for-families/parent-carer-participation/improving-health-services/health-news-updates/)Amanda Elliot is our Strategic Health Lead she is always happy to hear from forums or regions regarding health issues, particularly any issues related to covid vaccinations and annual health checks.Amanda.Elliot@contact.org.uk**Contact’s Full offer of Support to Forums**The Contact offer of support has been updated and now can be found [here](https://contact.org.uk/help-for-families/parent-carer-participation/how-we-support-forums-in-england/#contact-s-core-offer-for-2020-21-to-parent-carer-forums) on our website. |

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**Contact/NNPCF newsletter sign-up**

Your forum doesn’t receive this automatically – you need to sign up to receive it. You can do this here Joint NNPCF/ Contact bulletin <https://action.contact.org.uk/page/10881/subscribe/1>

**Parent Carer Participation Advisor – Cindy Baylis**

*If you need to speak to me for advice, information or just for a catch up please call me on* ***07920655079, email me on*** ***cindy.baylis@contact.org.uk*** ***or send me a TEAMS or Zoom invitation.***