

## Kindle - the Community Sector Partnership for Children and Young People

We are pleased to let you know that Kindle has published [Commissioning and the Community Sector](#) a Talking Trusts publication. The free download publication has been written for community sector organisations to help them better understand how local authority commissioners are working to improve outcomes for children, young people and families and how they can make themselves commissioning ready.

- Kindle has worked with the Commissioning Support Programme to support Commissioning and the Community Sector. The document and a range of supporting resources are available to download from the Commissioning Support Programme [website](#)
- We have also created an [online community of practice](#) on this website where community organisations can share their experiences of being commissioned by local authorities and also seek guidance about how commissioning is working.
- To get the full benefits of membership of this online community of practice then [register](#) as a member of the Commissioning Support Programme website here. This will give you access to a whole range of resources on commissioning that you may find interesting.
- A limited number of printed copies of the *Commissioning and the Community Sector* will be available shortly.
- The partnership is currently working its fourth Talking Trusts publication aimed at local authority commissioners and other commissioning bodies to help to get the best out of the Community Sector.

Community Matters coordinates Kindle, the Community Sector Partnership for Children and Young People (the CSPCYP). Kindle is a strategic partnership that aims to influence the children and young people's policy and practice agendas, both nationally and through its members locally, to ensure that community sector organisations are able to play their full role in the local planning and delivery of services for children and young people.

The current members of Kindle are [ACRE](#), [bassac](#), [Children England](#), Community Matters, [NAVCA](#), and [NCVYS](#) and our current areas of work include:

- Children's Trusts and other local structures
- Safeguarding
- Commissioning

### Advocacy and Policy

- *Statutory Guidance: The Roles and Responsibilities of the Lead Member for Children's Services and the Director of Children's Services.* The Kindle Partnership submitted an endorsement to its partner, NCVYS' consultation response to the Department for Children, Schools and Families in January 2009
  - [Download Endorsement](#)
  - [Download NCVYS consultation response](#)
- *Response to Lord Laming Report.* The Kindle partnership submitted a letter to Lord Laming in December 2008
  - [Download Letter](#)
- *Are we there yet? Improving governance and resource management in children's trusts, Audit Commission Report.* The Kindle Partnership published a press release on this report, November 2008
  - [Download Press Release](#)
- *Fair Play: A consultation on the play strategy.* The Kindle Partnership endorsed their partners, NCVYS and Children England's, consultation response to the Department for Children, Schools and Families in July 2008
  - [Download NCVYS and Children England's response with Kindle's Endorsement](#)

### Publications

#### Talking Trusts

The CSPCYP has published two policy papers focusing on the relationship between children's trusts and the community sector. The first, Talking Trusts, sets out straightforward recommendations encouraging children's trusts to do more to engage with voluntary and community sector partners, especially small organisations who are doing critical work with children or young people on the ground. The second, Community Involvement In Children's Trusts - Unlock Your Potential, offers guidance for community and voluntary organisations delivering services to children or young people on how to engage effectively with children's trusts.

The documents can be downloaded here:





## Unlocking Your Potential

Contacting Kindle:

If you would like to know more about the Kindle partnership and it's work, please contact our Youth at the Centre Programmes Manager, [click here](#).

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