

# International *update*

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## Responding to Child to Parent Abuse and Violence

Brighton & Hove City Council is part of a £641,000 Daphne III programme partnership of organisations from Bulgaria, England, Ireland, Spain and Sweden studying the emerging problem of children being violent and abusive to their parents and carers.

Led by the University of Brighton, the project brings together Brighton & Hove City Council's Integrated Family Service, Youth Offending Service, the Communities and Equality Team and two voluntary sector organisations - Rise and AudioActive.

The project 'Responding to Child to Parent Violence' aims to find out how countries across Europe handle this problem.

Child to Parent Violence (CPV) is defined as "any act of a child that is intended to cause physical, psychological and financial damage to gain power and control over a parent and/or carer". The project will assess the effectiveness of two existing intervention models - 'Break4Change', currently being delivered in Brighton & Hove and 'Non Violent Resistance' used in Galway, Ireland - and provide a toolkit for practitioners.

The research is being led by Dr Paula Wilcox, principal lecturer in the University's School of Applied Social Science, who said: "This problem is rarely articulated in government policy and it remains a taboo subject that parents and carers find difficult to disclose. We know that Spain has conducted more work on this issue and as a result seen an increase in reports by parents and carers."

The project aims to support work in each partner country and build on previous learning to enable a better pan-European understanding of CPV and develop innovative change models, identifying and publicising good practice actions to improve future outcomes for children and their families affected by this problem.

If you are experiencing this problem in Brighton & Hove you can access further details of Break4Change from: [sara.fisher@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:sara.fisher@brighton-hove.gov.uk)

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## Brighton & Hove Learning City

Interreg IVA 2 Seas funding is working well to support the delivery of really useful skills across the city. In collaboration with partners in Carvin, France and Turnhout, Belgium, Brighton & Hove City Council Housing Inclusion team, The Bridge Community Education Centre and Portslade Adult Learning are working to develop a Learning City approach. This centres on providing a range of life long and life wide learning opportunities in new and different ways. The services are aiming to reach residents who have not been engaged in learning, often since school, in an approachable manner. This includes support for council tenants through money mentors, digital champions and energy efficiency



advisors, peer support for new readers and developing skills for volunteers.

The project is sharing ways of working to develop a package of programmes to be used across the partner cities

and will be able to be used by similar organisations across Europe who wish to adopt a learning city approach.

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# Lively Cities Brighton: Common Room update

The Common Room was Plan Project's winning entry to the council's 2012 'Lively Cities' Interreg IVB competition for an innovative pilot scheme to transform the small park opposite St Bart's Church, near London Road.

The brief was to provide a new design and activities local people, businesses and visitors would use and value.

The most successful aspects of the pilot were the terraced steps, fixed seating, lorry ban, improved pedestrian environment, table tennis and after-school play sessions.

Some changes have already been implemented: a new table tennis table, funded by Sport England, new bollards and some after school play sessions. These are small precursors to bigger changes.



The project has secured further funding from various sources and is drawing up a permanent scheme comprising the best aspects of the Common Room. Public consultation was launched this October and commencement on site expected in spring 2014.



## Out of the Blue - Waide: heritage and creativity

Royal Pavilion, Arts & Museums (RPM) is currently engaged in an exciting Interreg IVA Channel programme project, involving partners in Amiens, France, and Brighton & Hove. The project builds on the partnership developed through the 3 year White Night project.

'Out of the Blue' takes its inspiration from the woad industry of Amiens. The leaves of the woad plant (or waide in the local Picardy dialect) provide a blue dye for textiles. Until the end of the 16th Century it was the only source of blue dye available in Europe, before the development of the trade routes to the Far East introduced indigo.

The project explores both woad production and the imaginative and cultural resonances of colour with a cross-border partnership of museums, libraries, contemporary art galleries, institutions of higher education, and cultural organisations concerned with heritage, environment and social inclusion.

One of the special features of the project is collaboration with local partners: Fabrica,



Care Co-ops and the University of Brighton. RPM launched its public programme of 'Out of the Blue' displays, events and exhibitions in June 2013. The rainbow flag of the LGBT movement has inspired 'Object Stories', a trail at Brighton Museum & Art Gallery which illuminates objects on permanent display with LGBT 'hidden histories' (until end 2013).

'Into the Blue', is a family-friendly exhibition at Hove Museum. The display of all things blue, from RPM's collections, is a journey of discovery in science, art and history.

Future work includes a creative community engagement project with vulnerable adults, and a new exhibition at Hove Museum in 2014. The other Brighton & Hove partners are also contributing to a programme of public events - culminating in a day-long colloquium reflecting on the project's themes in June next year.



## New Global Learning Programme for England

The Global Learning Programme (GLP) is a ground-breaking new programme operating from autumn 2013 to create a national network of schools, committed to equipping their students to succeed as active global citizens in a globalised world by helping them to deliver effective teaching and learning about international development and global issues at Key Stages 2 and 3.

Cardinal Newman Catholic School, Hove, will be one of the first of the programme's Expert Centres who will bring together a network of schools in Brighton & Hove for training and sharing practice in Global Learning. Access to a wide range of exciting teaching resources, school audit tools, curriculum frameworks and planning tools will be available through the programme website: [www.globaldimension.org.uk/glp](http://www.globaldimension.org.uk/glp)

The GLP is funded by the UK Department for International Development and is being delivered by the Development Education Consortium,



including Oxfam, The Geographical Association, Pearson, Royal Geographic Society, Institute of Education, SSAT and Think Global.

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## Beach award nomination

**BEACH – Brighton Employability Advice and Careers Hut - the only online place to go for employability advice in Brighton & Hove which is designed for young people by young people has been shortlisted for a prestigious Eurocities award in the category 'smart jobs'.**

BEACH was developed as a citizen-driven innovation between Brighton & Hove City Council, secondary schools, local employers and BrightonandHoveJobs.com (private sector organisation). It is developed, maintained and marketed by the BEACH Patrol (students, teachers, local authority and BHJ).

BEACH is an employability website, nested within the BrightonandHoveJobs.com Jobs Board website, and is targeted at young people who are at school or college, or those who have already left and are looking for employment, an

apprenticeship, part-time or weekend work. The website [www.brightonandhovejobs.com/beach/](http://www.brightonandhovejobs.com/beach/) is specific to the city and offers an insight into the different employment sectors with film clips of local employers offering information and advice to young people about their industry.

Council Leader Cllr Jason Kitcat said; "This is fantastic news. I'm really proud of this service and it's invaluable work in supporting young people."

EUROCITIES is the network of major European cities and brings together the local governments of over 130 cities. The theme of the annual awards is 'smart citizens' and Brighton & Hove is shortlisted under the category 'smart jobs'. The two other nominated cities in the category are Birmingham and Vienna. [www.eurocities.eu](http://www.eurocities.eu)



## Contacts

Brighton & Hove City Council's International Team provides support and advice on EU and other international funding programmes, including email bulletin service, bid-writing support, partner search, application screening and project delivery support.

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## Key Deadlines

**25 Oct 2013** Horizon 2020 for SMEs event <http://www.2020visionnetwork.eu/events/>

**15 Nov 2013** Interreg IVA 2 Seas Clusters [www.interreg4a-2mers.eu](http://www.interreg4a-2mers.eu)

**21 Jan 2014** British Council Connecting Classrooms School Partnerships

**Erasmus+** New Education, Youth and Sport Programme for 2014 – 2020 [www.erasmusplus.org.uk](http://www.erasmusplus.org.uk)

For a more comprehensive list of international funding deadlines please see [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/international](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/international)

## Brighton & Hove signs up to the Covenant of Mayors

This January Brighton & Hove City Council agreed to sign up to the Covenant of Mayors, an EU initiative for local and regional authorities, committing the city to achieving or exceeding the goal of reducing carbon emissions by 20% by 2020.



The Covenant requires the drawing up and implementation of a local Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP). These plans will start with a baseline emission inventory and extend to the delivery of a plan which could include the creation of skilled and stable jobs, a healthier environment, and a greater energy independence.

The Leader of the Council, Cllr Jason Kitcat, officially signed up the city at the Covenant of Mayors' annual event this summer. The President of the European Commission, José Manuel Barroso, welcomed 150 mayors and representatives from across the EU to the ceremony. He described the Covenant of Mayors as "a great initiative which is all about sharing experiences, pooling resources and making investments that have a tangible impact on people's lives."

In addition to speeches from MEPs, EU Commissioners and former Governor of California Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mayors shared their experiences of working to meet the Covenant's targets.

Brighton & Hove is the world's first One Planet City, adopting BioRegional's One Planet Living approach in March 2013. This has meant developing Sustainability Action Plans across 10 Principles

such as reducing water, waste, energy, transport usage, and a comprehensive plan for reducing CO2 emissions from both the Council's operations & across the city each of which feed directly into the SEAP.

Cllr Jason Kitcat says of the scheme "This was an important commitment for the city to make. We now have until early 2014 to draw up our action plan and submit it for approval. This plan will draw together local stakeholders from across the city in order to increase the city's energy efficiency, learning from the 5,000 towns and cities across the EU already committed to the initiative. The plan will be reviewed by the Covenant of Mayors after 2 years to ensure progress has been made and the plan delivered.

"I strongly believe that local and regional action is vital to meeting the urgent climate change challenge. It was an honour to participate in the Covenant of Mayor's annual meeting in Brussels, and more recently the World Mayors' Summit on Climate Change in Nantes. Brighton & Hove is a world leader in sustainability and we need to be on the international stage sharing our commitment to this issue."