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Yorkshire & Humber Regional Forum  
Updating you on our work

**The Regional Forum is the strategic organisation for the voluntary and community sector in Yorkshire and the Humber. We are a member led organisation with over 165 members. We bring together voluntary and community sector organisations to ensure that there is a coherent voice at a regional level and that the sector has the right support and structures to contribute to regional activity.**

## Regional Infrastructure Consortium - A Strategy

The Regional Infrastructure Consortium (RIC) will be submitting its strategy for developing regionwide infrastructure from 2008-2014.

The RIC is the Third Sector Infrastructure Consortium for the Yorkshire and the Humber region. The RIC will operate at the regional level to develop and enhance the quality and reach of regionwide infrastructure, allocate resources to meet priorities, develop opportunities for joint and co-ordinated working across the region and feed into strategic regional structures.

The strategy and an associated Business Plan for 2008-2011 will be submitted shortly to help inform both future direction for the Consortium and to provide headlines for ChangeUp investment from April 2008.

## Annual Members' Survey

Thank you to all the members who took the time to complete the Regional Forum 2007 Annual Members' Survey. The evaluation is now finished and we are now hard at work with all your feedback.



## IMPROVING REACH - Shared Information

Improving Reach is a Capacitybuilders funding programme designed to improve access to support services for frontline organisations who work with groups of people, deemed difficult to reach.

Many WYLDA members in West Yorkshire are eligible for funding through the Improving Reach programme. Many have been funded in the first round of the programme, and there has been much discussion and interest for this current round from across the sub-region.

There is now a special page on the WYLDA website designed to help those organisations in West Yorkshire wishing to co-ordinate their bids, those seeking partners to discuss joint bids, and ultimately to see in advance of the deadline if there are any significant gaps in the range of bids being made.

All information shared here is done so in a spirit of co-operation and with the express permission of the lead body in the bid.

Visit the WYLDA website and follow the links for Improving Reach - Shared Information for more details:



<http://www.wylda.org.uk/>

## Promise - Delivering Inclusion in Yorkshire and the Humber

Launched recently by the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly, The "Promise" is the region's new approach to inclusion. This document marks a new phase in how the region will work together to address inclusion issues building on work that the region has already carried out.

It is called "Promise" for two reasons. Firstly, the title describes a commitment to improve the life chances of the poorest communities and people in our region. Secondly, it refers to the 'promise' that we can see in our most disadvantaged neighbourhoods - the untapped potential that the region cannot afford not to use.

Copies of the "Promise" are available to download at:

<http://tinyurl.com/2qsgpc>

Or you can get printed copies by contacting the Regional Forum Office.

### When thoughts turn to Christmas...

I stopped believing in Santa Claus when my mother took me to see him in a department store, and he asked for my autograph.

Shirley Temple

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Do give books - religious or otherwise - for Christmas. They're never fattening, seldom sinful, and permanently personal.

Lenore Hershey  
(Editor of The Ladies Home Journal)

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Oh, for the good old days when people would stop Christmas shopping when they ran out of money.

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## Events

**4th February - "Now's the time..." The Regional Forum Annual Conference, York**  
Join us for this unique opportunity to hear leading decision makers from our region, listen to key ministerial views and to have your say.

**20th February - NCVO Annual Conference 2008, London**

NCVO Annual Conference is the most important annual gathering in the voluntary and community sector calendar and will give you the tools to move your organisation forward.

**26th - 27th February - Yorkshire Universities Annual Conference, Harrogate**

This unique event brings together an informative programme of high profile speakers together with an audience of senior decision makers from higher education, government and business.

Visit our website for more information and contact details: <http://www.regionalforum.org.uk>

### Christmas office opening hours...

The Regional Forum office will be closed from the morning of Thursday 20th December and will re-open on Wednesday 2nd of January 2008.

### Seasons Greetings

The Regional Forum would like to wish all its members who celebrate it, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We realise too that many of you will be working, providing vital services at this time of the year. **Keep up the good work!**

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