

Newsletter Summer Term 2023



Welcome to the second Summer Term newsletter from

Barnardo's Education Community

News





The Invisible Backpack Package

This is a CALL OUT for schools and education settings to collaborate with us on the development of the Invisible Backpack Package (a free CPD opportunity).

The Invisible Backpack Package focuses on the importance of a relational approach in our work with babies, children and young people.

What it is: The Invisible Backpack is a CPD package for schools and settings to use flexibly, either on their INSET days or during staff meetings. This includes:

- Guidance booklet for facilitator(s)
- Session plans
- Presentation slides
- Training videos
- Additional printed materials and resources

What is the focus: The package is divided up into 3 sections with the following aims:

• **Part 1:** To introduce or consolidate understanding of the invisible backpack metaphor; to build upon existing knowledge of related research and evidence about childhood development.

- **Part 2:** To review practice and provision when working with babies, children and young people who have experienced or experience stress, trauma, adversity, or poor mental health.
- **Part 3:** To complete action plans based on identified areas for development, including how to support staff wellbeing.

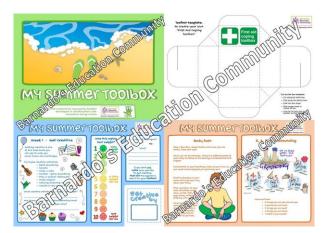
The request: We are looking for schools and settings who would be interested in establishing a working alliance with BEC to:

- Review the current content of the package and suggest further amendments and additions.
- Trial the whole package, or trial Part 1 (approx. 1.5hrs) and provide further feedback to inform future development.

This request will be on a **limited basis**, therefore please contact <u>BECommunity@barnardos.org.uk</u> to express your interest as soon as possible and arrange an initial meeting to discuss further.

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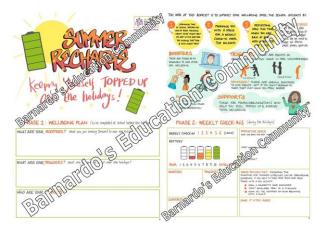
Summer activity booklets:



'<u>My Summer Toolbox</u>' - Summer can be a difficult time for children. The purpose of this booklet is for children (*ages 6 - 12*) to learn skills and coping tools that can help them to self-regulate when there are challenges or difficult days. Barnardo's Education Community booklet developed in collaboration with Lancashire Young Carers.



'<u>Summer Power Up</u>' - The aims of this 3-stage booklet: to promote to pupils the importance of selfcare, to enable pupils to identify what promotes their own wellness (*feel-goods*) on an individual basis, to enable pupils to identify 'tricky things' which can have a negative impact on their wellbeing, to encourage pupils to identify when they may need support ('*helpers' available to them*) and how these may be accessed, and to encourage pupils to create their own individual wellness plan.



'<u>Summer Recharge</u>' - The idea of this booklet is to support young people with their wellbeing over the school holidays by: spending time at school before the end of term thinking about what might help, or get in the way for them, during the summer period and who might help, providing them with a space for a weekly check-in over the holidays, and reflecting upon the summer period when back in school with a member of staff.

Coming Soon

Therapeutic Games and Activities for Relationship Building - developed in collaboration through multiple workshops

This theme has been developed due to a request by a member of staff. The aim was to collaborate on the development of an adaptable resources booklet *(hosted on the BEC website)* to support/encourage relationship building. The target audience is Secondary or HE pupils.



Staff Wellbeing



Spaces for Wellbeing

This is our second full season of online events that are designed to 'inspire and not instruct.'

We have invited guests from a range of disciplines to **discuss solutions for staff wellbeing on different themes.**

The themes for this season have come from a co-production workshop in Feb this year with educators in Hull and the surrounding areas.

Register for these events here



This is what attendees had to say:

"I loved this session and gained some lovely tips- like worrying time and a ritual at the end of the day and focusing on strengths...It is such a gift to be able to access courses like these." Spaces for Wellbeing attendee

'Thank you, an inspiring experience.'

Spaces for Wellbeing attend

'Thank you so much, your presentation is relevant, practical and informative.' Spaces for Wellbeing attendee

Recorded Events now available:

• Faye McGuinness - 'Setting Boundaries as An Act of Self-Compassion'

<u>André Spicer - 'Rest and Refresh: The Importance of Taking Breaks'</u>

Recorded Events available soon:

- Jane Andrews 'Supporting Wellbeing and Valuing Diversity of Staff, Children, and Families Through Creative Practices'
- Beth Roberts 'A Team Approach to Improving Wellbeing in Education Settings'

Training and CPD



We completed the 'Self-Harm and Suicidal Behaviours in Children and Young People' layered learning package in March, April, and May this year.

Part A: Theory - a theory-based webinar that introduced theoretical perspectives and approaches to working with CYP, who self-harm and/or express suicidal behaviours, with space to discuss and start to make theory-practice links.

Part B: Reflective Practice - a self-reflective session which invited attendees to be curious about themselves, the subject and the exploration around working with CYP who self-harm and/or express suicidal behaviours. This provided opportunity to discuss individual scenarios that have been experienced in work.

Part C: Practical Session - a practical session that provided dedicated time for strategy and resource sharing with colleagues, as well as peer support.



'As always an excellent informative session which was held supportively and sensitively by the facilitators. I am always glad I attended these sessions. I benefit not just from the knowledge but also from the reflective space and the manner the group is facilitated... I feel that a lot of people shy away from the subject of suicidal behaviours and self-harm especially with young people and it was helpful to look at these especially for those in education who need to be able to recognise signs and act on them sensitively.'

Self-Harm and Suicidal Behaviours in Children and Young People - Part A attendee

'Really enjoyed today. I always get so much from these sessions. Even just the space to sit with myself and reflect on my own thoughts and experiences and listen to others and learn from each other.'

Self-Harm and Suicidal Behaviours in Children and Young People - Part B attendee

'Informative, inspiring, useful, hopeful, connected, empowered.'

Self-Harm and Suicidal Behaviours in Children and Young People - Part C attendee

Mind, Body and Mental Health (4 - 5.30pm)

- Part A: Theory Thursday 8th June (completed)
- Part B: Reflective Practice Thursday 15th June (completed)

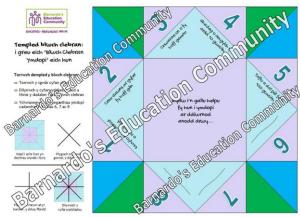
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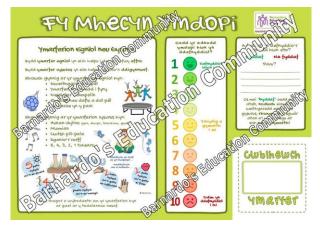


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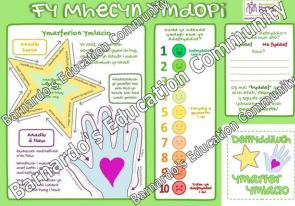




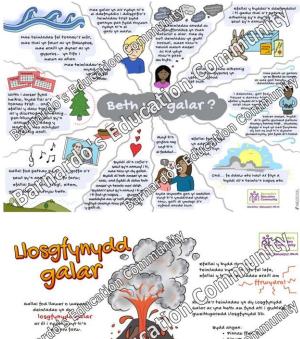




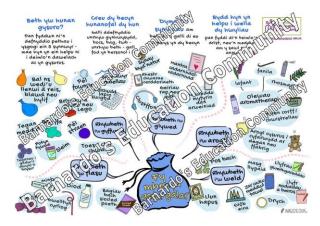
















More of BEC's resources have now been translated into WELSH:

- Fy Mhecyn Ymdopi (My Coping Toolbox)
 - <u>Trafod Galar (Exploring Grief)</u>
- <u>Trafod Galar Llosgfynydd galar (A3 Volcano Activity)</u>

Available now

In Articles:

Racial Trauma Part 1: What it is and how it impacts on children and young people

Racial Trauma Part 2: Developing an anti-racist approach in settings and schools

Representation Matters in Promoting Positive Mental Health

Available now

In Sharing Practice:

NEU Cymru - Wellbeing Toolkit for Education

Renfrewshire's Nurturing Relationships Approach

Coming Soon

 #S2 - Ep 5 - BEAT Eating disorders: In this episode, we talk with Edward Emond the Deputy Director of Services at BEAT, the UK's eating disorder charity. We discuss eating disorders, some common warning signs of eating disorders, and support/treatment is out there for people with eating disorders. We then spoke about the training that BEAT offers for schools and teachers - <u>SPOT: Schools Professionals Online Training</u>.

More information about eating disorders and support available can be found on BEC's Wakelet <u>'Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2023</u>'

• **Self-regulation skills for young people**: a Wakelet of links to self-regulation skills/techniques for young people.

The summer holidays can bring about challenges around change in our daily routines, and the people who usually support us might not be available. This Wakelet is for young people to learn and practice new ways to feel calm and happier when they are feeling worried, overwhelmed, stressed or anxious.

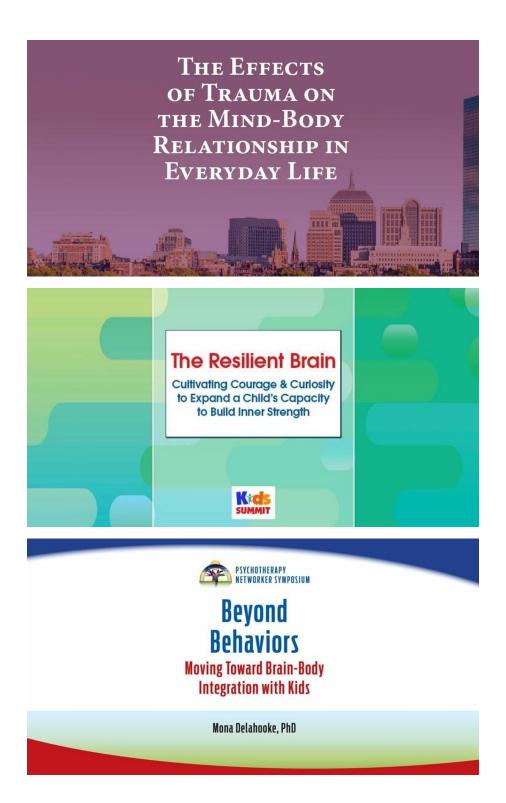
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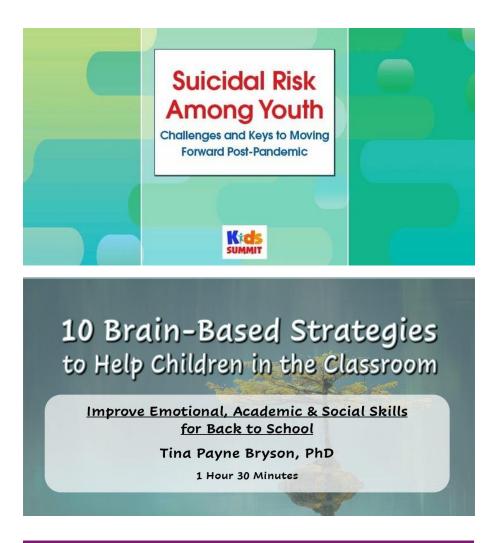


<u>PESI UK:</u> We are proud to work with PESI UK – the largest clinical content provider in the UK and Europe.

The free <u>courses</u> below are available until October 2023. We will continue to refresh these courses throughout the year.







THE COURSES BELOW WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE AFTER JULY 2023!



1 - <u>Courses list (January – March 2023)</u>

Other mental health and wellbeing news



'Defying The Odds' - Care Experience Awareness Training

(coproduced and delivered by people with lived experience of the care system)

3 evening taster sessions for those who might not be able to attend a whole day training (5-7pm on Zoom):

- Tuesday 4th July Session #1 Stigma and the Care World
- Tuesday 11th July Session #2 Care Experience, Culture and Identity
- Monday 17th July Session #3 Care Experienced History



2 - <u>'Defying The Odds' - Care Experience Awareness Training</u>

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