



The Spending Challenge

Following last week's budget, and the announcement that many Government departments will be facing 25% cuts in their budgets, the Government is asking frontline staff how the public sector can save money. The Government wants ideas for how services can work better and how the structure of Government can be reformed to be more efficient. They are calling this online ideas submission The Spending Challenge. The website is open to frontline staff until **8 July** after which the process will be opened up to the wider public.

To respond and for further information: <http://spendingchallenge.hm-treasury.gov.uk/>

Children England is encouraging members to submit ideas directly to the 'Spending Challenge.' We will also be putting forward a formal submission on behalf of our membership as part of the Comprehensive Spending Review. As part of this submission we are actively seeking your ideas for how to 'do more for less' and how public services and the public sector more widely can be reformed. This is a great opportunity for the sector to think outside traditional boundaries and to influence Government thinking on priorities over the coming years. Whether you have points to make about children's services, supporting the VCS or wider thoughts about the reform of public services and the role of the welfare state, we would be delighted to hear from you. Any comments, ideas, thoughts or challenges will directly will inform Children England's formal submission.

To submit your thoughts and ideas please email Emilie Whitaker emilie@childrenengland.org.uk or Kathy Evans kathy@childrenengland.org.uk by **19 July 2010**. By all means call us on 020 7833 3319 for a conversation of if you would prefer to meet we can arrange that.

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