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Welcome to the latest Gedling CVS ebulletin

Welcome to the ebulletin for Gedling Community and Voluntary Services. It includes items of interest to voluntary and community groups, many of which may have short deadlines to respond to. I hope you will feel it is relevant to your work.

Feedback is welcomed at anytime as to how it can be improved or just what you think of the ebulletin as a resource. You can email any comments or suggestions to info@gedlingcvs.org.uk.

Visit our website for more up-to-date information, see our latest newsletter, Community Eye, as well as more news and funding from previous e-bulletins that you may have missed - www.gedlingcvs.org.uk

If you think a friend or colleague would benefit from this e-newsletter then please send us their details so we can contact them to be registered.

Kind Regards

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Gedling CVS News

New Website

Gedling CVS has a new look website where we shall be putting the latest information for the sector. There is also a 'Diary Page' for events, conferences, trainings etc. So if you are holding any of these and would like to have them included in our website please email: info@gedlingcv.org.uk.

“Strengthening Community Action”

Gedling CVS offers a range of services including: Volunteer Centre, funding advice, newsletter, library, Community and Voluntary Transport scheme; group support including getting groups involved in local initiatives. If you would like any information or support from any of these services please email: admin@gedlingcv.org.uk.

Chair Based Exercise Leaders – Volunteers Wanted

Notts PCT funds Gedling CVS to deliver chair based exercise sessions across Gedling. This initiative has proved so successful that Gedling CVS is recruiting volunteers to be Chair Based Exercise Leaders for the fourth year running. They will be trained to plan, instruct and deliver health related fitness sessions for frail elderly adults. The training will take place on Thursdays 24, 31 March and 7, 14 April 2011. If you, or you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a volunteer Chair Based Exercise Leader telephone 0115 987 1981 or email: volunteering@gedlingcv.org.uk.

Gedling Befriends – Volunteers Wanted

Gedling CVS are looking for volunteers for the new Befriending Scheme.

The ***Gedling Befriends*** service is to provide companionship and support to older people living in the Gedling borough who may be isolated and lonely or who wishes to become more active in their local community.

Volunteer befrienders will be asked to visit someone in their own home to provide companionship and conversation. There may be times when you would accompany the person to appointments or to the shops.

To be a **volunteer befriender** you will have good listening skills and be sensitive to the needs of older people. We ask for a commitment of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months (after matching).

Volunteers will be supported in their role by the Service Co-ordinator and receive an induction and reimbursement of agreed expenses.

This is very rewarding role where you can make positive impact on an older person's life. If you would like more information about getting involved telephone Angela on 0115 987 1981 or email: befriending@gedlingcvs.org.uk.

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Training, Events and Campaigns

Adult Learners' Week (ALW) 2011 Planning Meeting

There are only 7 days left until the ALW planning meeting - have you booked a place yet? The meeting is for anyone who will be running or wants to run activities or events during ALW and wants to benefit from being part of the bigger campaign. **Places are limited to 20 so it is first come first served.**

Enable want to hear from you if you:

- have previously been involved in Adult Learners' Week
- would like to get involved this year
- are running any learning activities as part of Adult Learners' Week

If you are interested please call Chloe on 0115 934 9509 or email

chloe@enable.uk.net

Adult Learners' Week 2011 (14-20 May) is in its 20th year of celebrating Adult Learning.

Assessors Needed to Deliver Apprenticeships

Enable are now delivering an Apprentice contract for 16-18 year olds in the voluntary sector. Are any members of your team interested in delivering Apprenticeship qualifications to our sector? Usually lasting just under 1 year, Apprenticeships offer great opportunities for both young people and staff development.

For more details contact Nick Taylor (Workforce Development Adviser) on 0115 934 8495 or email: nick@enable.uk.net

[Source: Enable e-bulletin 18.02.11]

New Apprenticeships

3 exciting new Apprenticeships that are more tailored to the needs of our sector are in the pipeline: Fundraising Apprenticeship, Managing Volunteers Apprenticeship and Campaigning Apprenticeship.

For more details contact Nick Taylor (Workforce Development Adviser) on 0115 934 8495 or email: nick@enable.uk.net

[Source: Enable e-bulletin 18.02.11]

Teenage Parent Link Up Launch Party

To be held at Killisick Children's Centre March 5th 2011 from 2 00 pm - 4 00pm. For parents or parents to be aged 19 or under – graffiti art, DJing, video, animation and street dance, nail art and hand massage. Activities for children

under 5 years. Meet other teenage parents. Free drink and food. For further details telephone: 0115 993 1467.

Listening Skills Week at St John's Nottingham

Monday 4 – Friday 8 April 2011. Led by Rev Eileen Turner.

For those who want a concentrated experience of listening training.

This is a short skills-based course for those who want to become better listeners. It includes plenary sessions, small groups, and plenty of listening practice in twos and threes. It is set in the context of Christian worship and there will be a little free time!

Cost for week: £270 (includes meals and overnight accommodation)

To book contact Joan Millband. 0115 968 3215.

j.millband@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk

or follow this link: <http://stjohns-nottm.ac.uk/listening-skills>

March for the Alternative: jobs, growth, justice

Although organised by the TUC this march it is not a party political event.

Please tell your members about the demonstration so that people can take part if they share the view that the cuts are too deep, too fast and too unfair. 26

March, London. <http://marchforthealternative.org.uk/>.

[Source: LINX 167, 17.02.11]

International Women's Day 100th Anniversary

8 March 2011 10.00am - 2.30pm: Celebrating Women

Nottingham Women's Centre will be holding a special event to celebrate International Women's Day in a variety of ways including; a portrait gallery of women in history, arts and crafts sessions, musical entertainment, guest speakers, workshops and pampering sessions. To find out more call 0115 941 1475.

[Source: Enable e-bulletin 25.02.11]

Food Safety and Nutrition Qualifications

Are you or anyone in your organisation interested in a qualification in Food Safety & Nutrition? Open College Network East Midlands Region wants to start offering these qualifications and would like to hear from anyone interested in the qualification. For more details contact Patricia Coates-Walker on 01332 861999 ext 212.

[Source: Enable e-bulletin 25.02.11]

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Consultations, Meetings and Networks

Voluntary Sector Cuts

www.voluntarysectorcuts.org.uk is a new website giving voluntary and community organisations the opportunity to share their concerns about funding cuts and how they will impact on their ability to deliver vital services. It is a joint project bringing together NAVCA, NCVO, ACEVO, Volunteering England and other leading voluntary and community sector bodies.

[Source: LINX 167, 17.02.11]

Heritage Lottery Fund Consults on Spending Increased Funding

The [Heritage Lottery Fund](#) has launched a consultation on how it should spend its increased annual award budget of about £300m between 2013 and 2019.

Deadline: 26 April 2011.

[Source: LINX 167, 17.02.11]

Enable AGM and Conference

23 March 2011: ICCA, Nottingham

Don't forget to make a note in your diary about Enable's AGM/conference which will be held on **23 March 2011**. Booking forms and agendas will be sent out shortly.

[Source: Enable e-bulletin 25.02.11]

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The Evening Post Wants to Hear from You About the Cuts

Here's the message from Delia Monk Local Government Correspondent at the Evening Post: 'I am now looking to put together a series of stories about the real impact of these cuts across the city and the county and would like to hear from anyone who is affected. Whether you're a group which could or will face funding cuts, I'd like to hear from you. With cuts on the horizon which could affect some of the most vulnerable people in society, I am keen to try and grasp the full picture. I am happy to explain more about the project and the sort of coverage we'll be running if you want to give me a call. You can reach me on 0115 948 2000 ext. 2558 or email me at delia.monk@nottinghameveningpost.co.uk'

IdeasTap

IdeasTap is a creative network and funding body for emerging arts talent. They're a not-for-profit organisation, bringing creative people together and offering cash funding and opportunities to showcase your work. Deadline: 21 March. <http://www.ideastap.com/>.

[Source: LINX 167, 17.02.11]

Notts County Council Funding for Youth Organisations

The County Council is currently [taking applications from youth organisations](#) who have not already applied for funding in 2011/12. The closing date is the 4 March 2011. The [Children, Families and Cultural Services](#) description details on what they will fund. Please use the existing [application forms](#).

Send completed forms to: County Voluntary Sector Liaison Service,
County Hall, Loughborough Road,
West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7QP
Tel: 0115 977 3168 or 0115 977 4967. Email: county.grantaid@nottsc.gov.uk

BBC Children in Need

Children in Need grants are available for UK charities and not for profit organisations working with disadvantaged children and young people, including

small grants of £10,000 or less per year for up to three years and main grants over £10,000 per year for up to three years. Next deadline: 14 April 2011.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/>

DH Volunteering Fund Local Grant Scheme - Dates for your Diary

The Department of Health Volunteering Fund provides grant funding and other forms of support to organisations to enhance their capacity and ability in the health and social care field. It will be launched in spring 2011 but before that DH has arranged three half-day information sessions about the fund: 14 March, Birmingham; 17 March, London and 21 March, Leeds. See [Health and Social Care news](#).

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Environment and Sustainability

Carbon Trust Loans

The Carbon Trust offers loans of between £3,000 and £100,000 to organisations to help reduce energy bills and cut carbon emissions.

<http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/cut-carbon-reduce-costs/products-services/business-loans/pages/loans.aspx>

[Source: LINX 167, 17.02.11]

The Big Tree Plant

A new £4m community tree planting scheme, the Big Tree Plant, has been launched by Defra in partnership with the Forestry Commission, civil society partners and conservation organisations.

<http://thebigtreeplant.direct.gov.uk/index.html>.

Deadline: 15 March.

Tours to Hockerton Housing Project (near Southwell, Notts)

Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire (RCAN) is pleased to be able to offer, free of charge, tours to Hockerton Housing Project (near Southwell, Notts). This offer is made as part of RCANs CO2 Partnership Engagement Project (COPE), which is aimed at helping individuals and organisations to reduce energy usage, costs, and CO2 output.

RCAN will have to unfortunately ask for a refundable deposit of £25 per person, which will be returned immediately after attendance on the tour (cheques will be destroyed). Although we are able to offer a good number of places on the tour, they are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first served basis, so please book early. 2 separate dates are currently being offered, both on Saturdays - 26th March 2011 or 7th May 2011

Please apply to RCAN for a booking form and show availability against the dates offered on the booking form. Return together with appropriate deposit(s) to Phil Wilson at RCAN, CO2 Partnership Engagement Officer, Newstead Centre, Tilford Road, Newstead Village, Notts. NG15 0BS

Tel: 01623 727600. Email: <mailto:pwilson@rcan.org.uk>. Website: www.rcan.org.uk

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Go Online for Employers PAYE Tools and Information

The HM Revenue and Customs 'Employer CD-ROM' has been replaced by new 'Basic PAYE tools' which are available for download from the BusinessLink website <http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/basicpayetools>. This includes all the interactive features of the CD plus it automatically updates the information and figures. HMRC also reminds employers of its email alert service at <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/payef/forms-publications/register.htm> - it is reducing the material mailed out in printed form - and that PAYE information, forms and guidance are available at <http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/payefformsandpublication>.

[Source: VolResource No.466]

Monitoring and Evaluation on a Shoestring

A new guide 'Next steps: Monitoring and evaluation on a shoestring' from Charities Evaluation Services is "for third sector organisations that need to be able to show the difference they make, and improve their performance". Download (pdf, 447KB) or purchase a hard copy via <http://www.ces-vol.org.uk/index.cfm?pg=763>. A copy is also available for reference at Gedling CVS. Email: resources@gedlingcvs.org.uk if you wish to come to see the publication.

The Recession and a Fall in Volunteering

A short article from the Institute for Volunteering Research uses national survey data to show that claims that volunteering "flourished" during the recession were premature, that in fact rates have declined, and gives some possible explanations for the fall. Download (pdf 38KB) via <http://www.ivr.org.uk/News/Thinkpieces>

Stop Hate UK

A new **free** 24 hour third part reporting and helpline service for victims and witnesses of hate crime in Nottinghamshire - **Stop Hate UK**. Tel: 0800 138 1625. Website: www.stophateuk.org.

Advertising Standards Apply to Charity Websites from March

A lawyer at Bates Wells and Braithwaite who acts on behalf of the Advertising Standards Authority has clarified that their expanded online remit, as of 1st March, is "not being extended to website content for not-for-profits unless it is soliciting donations". He suggests that it is a good idea to keep the fundraising part of websites and online communications slightly separate from the more campaigning and lobbying side. Civil Society Media news item at <http://www.civilsociety.co.uk/fundraising/news/content/8401/>, Committee of

Advertising Practice general advice page at
<http://www.cap.org.uk/CAPServices/Digital-remit-advice.aspx>.

[Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 467]

Finding Government Contracts

The 'Contract Finder' website has been set up by the government to help charities and small businesses find (and tender for) all public sector contracts worth more than £10,000. Register on the site to receive emails on relevant opportunities at <http://www.contractsfinder.businesslink.gov.uk>.

[Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 467]

Register your National Family Week events and order free merchandise - dates: 30 May to 5 June 2011

With National Family Week heading our way on Monday 30 May to Sunday 5 June, how will your organisation get involved and connect with families? To give you some inspiration, download an ideas sheet from

www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk/partner_zone/ideas_sheets or, to provide guidance for getting involved in the National Family Week themes, download any of the following toolkits:



- Family Food
 - Family Learning
 - Family Environment
 - Family Health & Fitness
- ... and Family Safety is coming soon.

www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk

[Source: Voluntary Arts Network E-news 24.02.11]

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News Update

Update on Excepted Charities Registration

The Charity Commission has published [updated guidance](#) on the regulation of exempt and excepted charities, and what such charities (mainly church or armed forces based) need to do. The exception from registration has been extended until 2012 where the annual income is less than £100,000, allowing for an expected review of registration thresholds in 2011.

[Source: NCVO Public Policy Update].

Changes to Checks and Disclosures in Working with Children and the Vulnerable

The coverage of proposed changes to the Vetting and Barring Scheme may have created some confusion, with a government statement that registration for 9 million people would be abolished sometimes reported in isolation from there still being a (remodelled) disclosure scheme and barring lists. The official announcement was based on the publication of the findings and recommendations from the parallel reviews of the Criminal Records Regime and the Vetting and Barring Scheme. Some recommendations, such as portability of checks between jobs, were in the legislation previously due to be

introduced (but suspended). Main points from and a summary of the recommendations can be found at [Safeguarding Matters](#), the official Vetting and Barring Scheme Remodelling Review report (pdf, 136KB) is at <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/crime/vbs-report?view=Binary>.

How many people (paid staff and volunteers) working with children and vulnerable adults will be caught by the arrangements won't be clear until the level and frequency of contact is fully defined. As the new regime is proposed to be "self-funding" there may well be an increase in the cost of criminal records disclosure fees. According to [The Guardian](#), changes could be introduced in about 18 months, although the government has promised that they "will be introduced gradually to ensure a seamless transition". Also see Protection of Freedoms Bill consultation, above. Until the new provisions come in, the safeguarding requirements in force from October 2009 remain in place - Criminal Records Bureau site is at <http://www.crb.homeoffice.gov.uk>, Independent Safeguarding Authority <http://www.isa.gov.org.uk>.

There has been a mixed reaction from the sector, as reported in Third Sector <http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/article/1054550/>. [Volunteering England](#) has welcomed the broad proposals but points out that "the consultations and detailed work on implementation will be all-important".

[Source: NCVO Public Policy Update].

Views on How the Big Society Impacts on the Sector

Trying to extract what might be useful from the Big Society waffle (not easy):

- From [David Cameron's recent article](#) in The Guardian, building the big society "combines three clear methods to bring people together to improve their lives and the lives of others: devolving power to the lowest level so neighbourhoods take control of their destiny; opening up our public services, putting trust in professionals and power in the hands of the people they serve; and encouraging volunteering and social action so people contribute more to their community."
- The Prime Minister's 14th February [speech in full](#), plus questions.
- The House of Commons Public Administration Select Committee is to launch an inquiry into the Big Society in an effort to pinpoint how to make it a success. From Civil Society Media, <http://www.civilsociety.co.uk/governance/news/content/8357/>.
- Labour's shadow Cabinet Office minister says the Big Society agenda operates in a vacuum away from many Whitehall departments and will not give more power to those that use public services, <http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/Article/1054918/>.
- Social Enterprise Coalition says that the goal of economic reform, and the role of business, has been lost in the Big Society debate so far. News release at <http://www.socialenterprise.org.uk/press-releases.php/190/> or download '[Time for Social Enterprise](#)' (pdf, 734KB).
- A blog from Scotland's sector body SCVO says "We need to ask if the 'Big Society' brand can help our sector get the recognition for making a real difference in the grassroots of our society", <http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvo-news/blog-is-the-big-society-good-for-society/>.

- England's NCVO has launched an action plan for how the government can ensure the Big Society agenda delivers maximum benefits for individuals and communities, <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/news/civil-society/how-rescue-big-society>

[Source: VolResource No.466]

Big Society Bank

The Government has announced that four national banks (Barclays, HSBC, Lloyds Banking Group and RBS) will support the establishment of the Big Society Bank by providing £200m of capital over two years from 2011. See [Treasury website](#).

[Source: LINX 167, 17.02.11]

End of 'Clawback'

Decentralisation Minister Greg Clark has announced that local communities will get the freedom to sell, rent or share community owned assets bought with central government money. The government is to end 'clawback rights' that prevented community and voluntary groups from selling or changing the use of community land or buildings that were funded by specific historic government grant programmes. See [CLG news page](#).

[Source: LINX 167, 17.02.11]

NJC scales

Latest information on NJC scales for 2010/11 and 2011/12 is available on NAVCA website. <http://www.navca.org.uk/localvs/scales/>.

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