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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@gedlingcvs.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@gedlingcvs.org.uk.

First Aid for the Appointed Person Training

Thursday 5 May, 10 00 am – 3 00pm at Guide Headquarters, 16-18 Burton Road, Carlton, Nottingham. For details about cost and booking form see <http://www.gedlingcvs.org.uk/learning-events/local-training-courses/>

Gedling in Pictures

To celebrate The European Year of Volunteering and the work of volunteers in Gedling Borough, Gedling CVS is running a photography competition, the closing date for all entries is Friday 26 April 2011. Photos accepted showing any aspect of volunteering in Gedling Borough. There are 2 categories both with a First Prize of £120.00 for the winning entry – Under 18s and Over 18s. Contact info@gedlingcvs.org.uk or telephone 0115 987 1981 for an entry form and details of how to enter. So come on let's have a bumper number of photos to choose the winners from.

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Training, Events and Campaigns

Charityfair 2011 (supported by NAVCA)

One of the voluntary sector's largest annual events, Charityfair, takes place on 27-28 June at the Hotel Russell in Central London. Organised by the sector's best-selling training provider the Directory of Social Change (DSC), Charityfair offers nearly 100 practical workshops and masterclasses covering every voluntary sector need from managing staff and volunteers to social media fundraising, from financial management to strategic planning.

Workshops start from **only £25** (if you book more than four). There are also plenty of FREE resources including the exhibition area, specialised one-to-one fundraising and executive coaching sessions, and talks about the Big Society and what it means for funding, and how to keep your charity thriving through social entrepreneurship. For full details and to book visit www.charityfair.org.uk

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Consultations, Meetings and Networks

CDF Localism Bill Survey

CDF have a [quick survey on the localism bill](#) to feed into their consultation response

[Source: NAVCA LINX 174, 7 April 2011]

Changing Guidance to Local Authorities on Sector Funding Changes

The government's Communities Department is consulting on new guidance which sets out "reasonable expectations of the way best value (local) authorities should work with voluntary and community groups when facing difficult funding decisions". The draft reflects previous statements on a reasonableness test: not passing on disproportionate cuts, talk to sector groups at a very early stage about how services need to change, and at least three months' notice of funding changes. An additional item is that "Authorities should make provision for the organisation or wider community to put forward options on how to reshape the service or project".

[NCVO](#) is encouraging input to the consultation, Civil Society Media news item <http://www.civilsociety.co.uk/finance/news/content/8796/>, official news item

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/1885482> or go to the consultation page at

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/bestvalueconsult>.

Deadline 13th June, with a view to new guidance being published "as early as possible before the summer".

[Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 474]

ACEVO Wants Input on Influencing Big Society Agenda

The Commission on Big Society, set up by charity chief executives body ACEVO, is seeking to articulate a vision for what needs to be achieved through the Big Society agenda, and to recommend practical steps. An online survey asks for views on 9 key questions at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MGG66YK>.

[Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 474]

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Landfill Communities Fund

One measure that you may have missed from the budget is the announcement that the value of the [Landfill Communities Fund](#) will rise in line with inflation to £78.1m. This fund provides grants to groups whose work offsets some of the negative impacts of living very close to a landfill site.

[Source: NAVCA LINX 174, 7 April 2011]

Spring Online with Silver Surfers' Day 2011 (16-20 May 2011)

Help older people get online by holding a free taster session for [Spring Online with Silver Surfers' Day](#), the national campaign that aims to get the over 50s using computers and the internet at thousands of events across the UK. A £1,000 cash prize for the best event, marketing toolkits and online resources is available.

[Source: NAVCA LINX 174, 7 April 2011]

Big Lottery People Powered Change

£5.76m has been awarded by the Big Lottery as part of its People Powered Change programme. The £830,000 given to Your Square Mile, closely linked to the Big Society agenda, has made the most headlines. [See BIG's media release.](#)

[Source: NAVCA LINX 174, 7 April 2011]

Sports England: Small Grants Programme

Up to £10,000 is available for local community sports [projects that sustain and develop sports opportunities for people](#). Your project must cost less than £50,000 and have a timescale of less than 12 months.

[Source: NAVCA LINX 174, 7 April 2011]

Education Endowment Fund

Impetus and education charity The Sutton Trust have been chosen to manage the [£125million Education Endowment Fund](#), created to help disadvantaged children in the poorest performing schools in the UK.

[Source: NAVCA LINX 174, 7 April 2011]

Spaces 4 Change Awards in partnership with Channel 4

Previously the UnLtd 4iP Awards, the Spaces 4 Change Awards now have a different focus which does not involve digital media and a much broader theme. We are looking for innovative ideas that unlock unused or under-utilised spaces for young people aged 16-25. Spaces that can be used to practice their cultural, creative or sporting passions. The Awards are open to individuals over 16. What is available? 32 Awards of **up to £5,000** for individuals or informal groups across all regions to set-up and run their own project.

Who can apply? Applicants must be: aged 16 or over; living in the UK; applying as an individual or an informal group.

How do I apply? Please visit their website at

<http://unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=217&PageName=spaces4changeawards> to complete an online application form. For more information, email Shamiela Ahmed on shamielaahmed@unltd.org.uk or call 0121 766 4570.

Hundreds of community groups are set to benefit from the [Post's](#) £25,000 cash giveaway.

'Getting a piece of the prize is easy'. Jayne Garfitt reports...

'With £25,000 to give away, the [Nottingham Post's](#) new Cash For Your Community campaign, launched today, could make a huge difference to hundreds of groups.

Charities, voluntary and community organisations have been hit hard by the recession as councils and government organisations seek to cut their costs. But

we feel the work they do is so important and should be supported, which is why we've joined forces with Nottingham [Building Society](#) to start the campaign. The [Nottingham Post](#) is providing £10,000 and [Nottingham Building Society](#) is providing the other £15,000.'

Nationwide Foundation - Small Grants Programme

They make grants to registered UK charities (including those in Northern Ireland) which offer **financial and / or housing** related support to:

- survivors of domestic abuse
- older people

If you think your charity's work might fit the above criteria please see the [funding criteria/guidelines](#) for detailed information about the types of work they will support.

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Volunteering Gets an App

An app (application) which runs on smartphones (currently just the Apple iPhone) has been created by mobile phone provider Orange to encourage 'five minute volunteering', known as Do Some Good

<http://dosomegood.orange.co.uk>. There are currently 'actions' provided by twelve charities, quite a few based on mapping (of an urban oasis or places to play, for instance) but others include bite-size translation or donating images - see the partners page for more and how to suggest your own mobile volunteering action, <http://dosomegood.orange.co.uk/partners/>. Civil Society Media news item at <http://www.civilsociety.co.uk/it/news/content/8751/>.

[Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 473]

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News Update

New Gift Aid Forms

HM Revenue and Customs has issued new Gift Aid forms, including the repayment claim form R68, which can be downloaded from their website, <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/gift-aid-toolkit.htm>.

[Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 472]

Endorsed Sector Accreditation Schemes

The Charity Commission has published a round-up of the [accreditation schemes](#) developed by sector bodies that it endorses. It is not currently accepting any more applications for endorsement. The schemes include ACRE's Good Practice Quality Standard, Charities Evaluation Services' PQASSO Quality Mark and Visible from Community Matters.

[Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 472]

Health and Safety Made Simple

There is a new 'Health and safety made simple' section to the Health and Safety Executive's website, at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/index.htm>. The content is also available as a pdf, 1.71MB, at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/simplehealthsafety.pdf>. It gives the necessary basics and links for more resources and key issues.

[Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 472]

April Employment Regulation Changes

The start of April (generally 6th April) sees a number of changes to employment regulations and allowances/rates - key ones have already been covered here.

The removal of the Default Retirement Age has had the headlines, but additional paternity leave is also an important change.

The additional paternity leave rules allow eligible employees to take up to 26 weeks leave to care for their new baby, if the child's mother or adopter has returned to work. Brief details on the Acas page at

<http://www.acas.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=1806>,

HM Revenue and Customs Summary of PAYE regulation changes is at

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/payee/payee-regchange.htm>.

[Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 473]

Charitable Incorporated Organisation Model Guidance Issued

The Charity Commission has published [guidance on the CIO legal form](#) including model constitutions.

[Source: NAVCA LINX 174, 7 April 2011]

Government Launches Child Poverty Strategy

The Government has launched [New Approach to Child Poverty: Tackling the Causes of Disadvantage and Transforming Families' Lives](#). This sets out the Government's approach to tackling child poverty up to 2020. Main themes are strengthening families, encouraging responsibility, promoting work, guaranteeing fairness and providing support to the most vulnerable.

[Source: NAVCA LINX 174, 7 April 2011]

Youth Services Worst Hit by Local Government Cuts

[Local Government Association research](#) has found that youth services are worst hit by cuts. One in five local authorities have identified provision for young people as the area in which they will make proportionally the biggest cuts.

[Source: NAVCA LINX 174, 7 April 2011]

Nottingham Named as an Electricity Meter Crime Hotspot

CRIMESTOPPERS CHARITY OFFERS UP TO A £10,000 REWARD FOR INFORMATION

Nottingham has been revealed as one of the UK's hotspots for a crime targeting people who have prepayment electricity meters, with over 2,370 incidents reported in the area to date.

The Top-up Safe campaign visited Nottingham on the 15 March 2011 to warn customers to steer clear of the criminal gangs behind a doorstep crime offering people electricity top-ups seemingly for reduced prices. Electricity customers have paid over £7 million to criminal gangs who are targeting prepayment

meter users in a nationwide fraud. The campaign is urging prepayment meter customers not to get involved, as buying credit from one of these fraudsters is a criminal offence and in the end, it is the customer who loses out. They will end up paying for their electricity twice, once to the criminal and again to their energy company who can detect this crime. So far, more than 120,000 customers have been affected, but the number could increase further as there are over 3.5 million prepayment meter customers across Britain. Energy companies never sell electricity top-ups on the doorstep. Customers can buy electricity top-ups only from official outlets including: PayPoint, Payzone or the Post Office. Further information can be found at www.top-upsafe.com. Customers can contact their energy company or call Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06.

A reward of up to £10,000 is now being offered in partnership with Crimestoppers to anyone who can provide information leading to the arrest and conviction of these criminals.

Dave Cording, Director of Operations at Crimestoppers, said: "I would like to take this opportunity to warn the public about this crime and would urge anyone who is approached with an energy meter top-up at their doorstep not to get involved. We are offering a reward of £10,000 to anyone who can supply us with information leading to the arrest and conviction of those involved in this crime.

I would urge anyone with information about criminals selling illegal top-ups to contact the charity, Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via our online service at www.crimestoppers-uk.org."

Personal Budgets -Go live

Nottinghamshire County Council has met the Governments planned timescale for the implementation of transforming Adult Social Care and from 4 October 2010 all new service users in Nottinghamshire who are eligible for social care and those scheduled for a review have been offered a Personal Budget.

In order to keep people informed and updated on the progress of implementation and to raise awareness about the implications of personalisation for providers, take some time to look at the Nottinghamshire Putting People First Web page that will link you as a provider to news and information.

http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/home/social_care/puttingpeoplefirst/putting_people_first_and_social_care_providers.htm

From this page you can access the following publications section which includes:

- Fact Sheets
- Self directed support assessment (SDSA), support plan and review documentation
- SCIE 'At a Glance' guides

On the web page you will also find the Nottinghamshire' Personal Budgets DVD which includes local service users, carers and staff talking about [Putting People First](#). The DVD is split into three sections -

- [Introduction to Putting People First](#)
- [Personal stories](#)

- [Your questions answered](#)

To request a copy of the Personal Budgets DVD (subject to availability) contact the [Self Directed Support team](#).

If you do have any queries or require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact the Self directed Support Team on selfdirectedsupport@nottscc.gov.uk.
www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/puttingpeoplefirst

Protecting Charities from Fraud and Financial Crime

The Charity Commission, the regulator for England and Wales, has published the third chapter of its online compliance toolkit for charity trustees, Protecting Charities from Harm. It highlights some of the types of fraud and financial crime to which charities are vulnerable and provides practical advice for trustees and managers on how to tackle it. News release at http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/RSS/News/pr_toolkit_chapter_3.aspx or go direct to [Chapter 3](#).

[Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 474]

Working Implications of Extra Bank Holiday

If you haven't already sorted out the implications of the extra bank holiday on 29th April, see this short item from Acas, <http://www.acas.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=3197>, or Sandy Adirondack's Legal Update piece at <http://www.sandy-a.co.uk/employment.htm#bankholiday>.

[Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 474]

Minimum Wage Increases Announced

The adult national minimum wage is to increase by 15p an hour, to £6.08, from 1st October 2011. For 18 to 20 year olds the change is 6p, to £4.98, 16 to 17 year olds add 4p to get £3.68, apprentices up 10p to £2.60.

[Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 474]

Gift Aid Repayments to go Direct to Bank Account

HM Revenue and Customs is to phase out repayments of Gift Aid by payable order by 2012, and will make all payments electronically using the BACS system. This fits in with the announcement in Budget 2011 of an online filing facility to be introduced in 2012-13. See <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/ga-repayments.htm>.

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Revenue and Customs to Make Guidance Accessible

HM Revenue and Customs is to review all its charities guidance, to make it accessible "to the whole of the charities community, from volunteers to professional". HMRC sees this as a major undertaking which will take some time, and will be contacting "many groups and individuals to understand their issues and concerns". In the interim it will produce a number of short guides on specific topics to support charities. HMRC announcement (dated 7th April) at <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/improving.htm>.

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