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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@gedlingcvs.org.uk.

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 August 2011**. Photos can be 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

Resources to help you get ready for Adult Learners' Week dates: 14 to 20 May 2011

From pottery or mechanics to windsurfing or numeracy, Adult Learners' Week promotes the benefit of all kinds of learning. Each May, thousands of events take place to promote local learning opportunities. Taster sessions and open days/events are held across the country encouraging adults of all ages to take that first or next step in to learning.



Adult Learners' Week provides you with the perfect hook to attract new audiences and demonstrate the learning opportunities that you provide. You can:

- engage new and different learners;
- increase enrolments and footfall;
- use the PR hook for your own marketing and PR; and
- play an important part in this national advocacy activity making the case for adult learning.

Running an event can be as easy as using the Adult Learners' Week branding for your existing sessions during the week, to a multi-partnership event for one of this year's themed days.

For more details, visit www.alw.org.uk or email alw@niace.org.uk or call 0116 204 4200.

FREE FCDL & NAVCA Courses

NAVCA are working with FCDL to put on some free courses - CREATING CHANGES Using Community Development to support small community groups, voluntary organisations and networks in your local area.

- Participative Facilitation Methods for Working with Community Group- Nottingham 8 -9 June

Further details from: <http://www.fcdl.org/events/187-course-a-8-and-9-june-2011-more-information>

[Source: NAVCA LINX 178, 5 May 2011]

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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]

DSC Campaign for our Big Lottery Refund

In 2007, the last Government 'diverted' funds from the Big Lottery Fund and other Lottery distributors to help pay for the 2012 Olympics. The funds were promised to be paid back after the Olympics are completed. To ensure this happens, the **Department for Social Change** (DSC) has launched the Big Lottery Refund Campaign. Read more and learn how you can support the campaign at:

www.dsc.org.uk/NewsandInformation/News/WheresourBigLotteryRefund.

[Source: Voluntary Arts e-news 05.05.11]

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Environment and Sustainability

Energyshare Fund

Through the new Energyshare Fund, grants of up to £100,000 are available to give registered community groups in Britain the opportunity to save energy and get involved in sourcing, using and generating their own renewable energy. Projects must be supported by the local community, create a tangible and lasting impact and be able to inspire more community renewable projects. Applicants need to register online and generate as much support as possible on their group's page to gain consideration. Deadline for 31 May 2011. Further details from <http://www.energyshare.com/fund/about-applying/>.

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Funding

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.

Funding for IT Projects Supporting Disadvantaged Groups (UK)

Nominet Trust has funding available for organisations with innovative IT related project ideas that can make a positive difference to disadvantaged and

vulnerable groups - in the UK, developing countries and around the world.
Deadline 1 June 2011. <http://www.nominettrust.org.uk/>
[Source: NAVCA LINX 178, 5 May 2011]

Poverty, Education and Medical Welfare

The Newby Trust Ltd provides smaller grants up to £1,000 and larger grants up to £10,000 for activities relating to medical welfare, education, training and research, and relief of poverty. <http://www.newby-trust.org.uk/>
[Source: NAVCA LINX 178, 5 May 2011]

Meet the Funder Events at Nottingham CVS

Who: [Lloyds TSB Foundation](#)

When: Wednesday 18 May

Time: 9.30 -11.30

Who: [Big Lottery Awards for All](#)

When: Tuesday 24 May

Time: 9.30 -11.30

Who: [Big Lottery Reaching Communities](#)

When: Wednesday 15 June

Time: 9.30 -11.30

To book a free place contact training@nottinghamcvs.co.uk

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Ban on health and disability questions in recruitment

The Government Equalities Office recently published 'What do I need to know? A quick start guide to the ban on questions about health and disability during recruitment', which can be downloaded (pdf, 325KB) from <http://www.equalities.gov.uk/pdf/110406%20Pre%20Employment%20Questions.pdf>.

[Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 475]

Charity data website allows searching by multiple criteria

The Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) has created a new website, CAF Charity Trends at <http://www.charitytrends.org>, which allows you to search for charities (in England and Wales) through a combination of 17 different criteria, using data registered charities provide in their Annual Returns to the Charity Commission. Information will be updated each month. There is also a new report and accompanying posters which explores the causes that charities cover and the links between them, 'Charity Links: understanding the sophisticated nature of the charity sector', <http://www.charitytrends.org/ResearchPublications.aspx>. CAF news item at <http://www.cafonline.org/Default.aspx?page=20076>.

[Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 475]

Nottinghamshire Deaf Society - The Acquired Deafness Project

This is a new project developing services to support people (adults and children) who are deaf, deafened or hard-of-hearing but whose first or preferred language to communicate in is English. The project is researching the support services that currently exist and aim to raise awareness of a need to support people with hearing impairments who do not use, or prefer not to use, British Sign Language.

The project will provide one-to-one support and plans to set-up taster classes in lip-reading and communication tactics and a social group for people with hearing loss and their families. The project is funded by Lloyds TSB and covers the whole of Nottinghamshire. For further details contact Rachael Ravenlock, Acquired Deafness Project Worker, Nottinghamshire Deaf Society. Direct Line: 0115 988 7576. Main Telephone/Minicom: 0115 970 2516. Website: www.nottsdeaf.org.uk

Benefits & Volunteering Myth Busting

Volunteering England has produced an article that busts many of the myths surrounding volunteering and benefits. Worth a look.

<http://www.volunteering.org.uk/WhatWeDo/Policy/Policy+blog/Volunteering+an+d+state+benefits+-+some+more+myths+busted>.

[Source: NAVCA LINX 178, 5 May 2011]

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Sector News Update

Gateway to Nature

This is a service that supports people who want to overcome barriers to getting out and enjoying natural and green spaces. These barriers may include; lack of information, isolation, a loss of confidence, health or transport problems. The service will:

- Provide information about what's on offer in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.
- Offer bite-sized opportunities for involvement in nature related activities.
- Give support in accessing new and exciting activities such as nature walks, wild life identification, gardening and conservation, locally and further a field.
- Support, encourage and maintain involvement in green and nature related activities, leading to volunteering, training and employment.
- Support and encourage those who wish to volunteer in this project.
- Work closely with other community groups, organisations and custodians of green spaces.

For more details and how to get involved contact Gateway to Nature on 0115 970 9591 or email: gatewaynature@frameworkha.org. See: www.frameworkha.org.

Big Society Awards 2011

deadline: 23 May 2011, 6pm

Set up by the Prime Minister in November 2010 the Big Society Awards focus upon three specific areas:

- promoting social action;
- empowering communities;
- opening up public services.



Nominations come in from the general public and, following several stages of scoring, the Prime Minister makes the final decisions about who to make the award to. Twelve winners are decided each quarter and then announced once a week throughout the year.

The Award itself has several aspects to it. The winners each receive:

- a plaque;
- a signed certificate from the Prime Minister;
- copies of the electronic awards logos to use on their websites and publicity materials;
- an invitation to a twice yearly reception at No.10 Downing Street;
- a press release that appears on the No.10 website and that the No.10 staff then circulate to the local and regional press in the winner's home area.

For further details, go to www.number10.gov.uk/bigsocietyawards.

Countdown to Volunteers' Week (1 - 7 June 2011) - five weeks to go!



Volunteers' Week 2011

In five weeks' time, on Wednesday 1 June, [Volunteers' Week 2011](http://www.volunteersweek.org.uk) will be upon us. If you haven't yet planned how you will be celebrating, there's still time - and the Volunteers' Week website can offer lots of inspiration. **Please let Gedling CVS have details of any events you are planning so it can be included on our website. www.gedlingcvs.org.uk.**

[Source: NAVCA LINX 178, 5 May 2011]

Big Society - Local Intelligence Team Set up by Cabinet Office on Big Society

A small local intelligence team has been set up within the Cabinet Office to work locally to provide local insight and share intelligence on the practical implications of the Big Society reforms. The local representatives will provide background and context on the flagship Big Society programmes, and help identify and promote local examples of success from which others can learn.

For further information contact Alison Adams, Local Intelligence Team Manager for the East Midlands on 0115 971 4722 or 07818 494958 or email

alison.adams@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk

[Source: In Focus with One EM - May 2011]

Big Society Bank Reclaim Fund Approved

Reclaim Fund Ltd, the fund that will collect money from dormant bank accounts before it goes to the Big Society Bank has been given the go-ahead by the Financial Services Authority. The fund will be administered by Co-operative Financial Services on a not-for-profit basis. Some of that money will be held in the fund in order to be transferred to account holders who eventually claim their money. The remainder will be passed on to the Big Lottery Fund for distribution to good causes. In England, all of the money will go to the Big Society Bank, which will act as a wholesale lender to retail social investors.

Cash from dormant bank accounts is expected to total about £400 million, with between £60 million and £100 million available during the first year.

Setting up a reclaim fund is a necessary step to setting up the bank. However, before the bank can be fully established, the government must get agreement from the European Union that the bank does not breach strict state aid rules.

[Source: In Focus with One EM - May 2011]

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