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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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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.

Gedling in Pictures – photo competition

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

Facilitation – With a Creative Flair!

28 June 2011, 10 am- 4.15 pm, Lakeside Arts Centre, Nottingham

The course provides an introduction to a creative approach to group facilitation. It aims to encourage, develop and inspire those with responsibility to lead others through a facilitative process, be it for the purposes of team building, consultation, idea-generation or training. Throughout the day they will be using a number of different interactive exercises and games in order to illustrate content. They will also look at group dynamics, communication issues and different learning styles in order to explore how these might be of impact. All participants will receive a certificate of attendance upon successful completion of the course, and a wealth of practical resources. Prices for the course, which include lunch and refreshments, range from £110 to £150, with limited bursaries also available. Please also remember that ENYAN members can receive a 5% discount on all Artsworld publications and training! For more information on how to make a booking please contact the **Artsplan Team via: artsplan@artsworld.org.uk or call 02380 682535**. To subscribe to ENYAN visit: www.enyan.co.uk.

[Source: Artsworld]

Committee Know How - Training Course

Tuesday June 28 2011 6:30pm - 9:30pm Oxtun Village Hall

What? The ins and outs of committees, focusing on trustee responsibilities and good practice, It will also include some tips on being an effective chairman or secretary, and managing conflict in meeting. To book a place please contact Melanie Saxton on 01623 727600 or e-mail msaxton@rcan.org.uk.

Budgeting Workshop

Thursday 7 July from 9 00am – 11 00am at Killisick Primary School. Learn how to make your money go that little bit further. Places limited, so book early to avoid disappointment. For more information contact: Sophia Howell at Gedling CVS on 0115 987 1981.

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Environment and Sustainability

Waste Recycling Environmental

Waste Recycling Environmental Limited provides grants for community and environmental projects in areas close to WRG landfill sites. Funding is distributed through the Small Grants Scheme (£2k -£15k), Main Grants Scheme (up to 50k) and the Biodiversity Action Fund (up to 250k).

<http://www.wren.org.uk/>

[Source: LINX 179, 12 May 2011]

Green Grants Machine

Green Grants Machine offer a FREE website to help you find the funding on offer to improve environmental performance.

<http://www.greengrantsmachine.co.uk/Default.aspx>

[Source: LINX 179, 12 May 2011]

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True Colours Trust – Small Grant

The Trustees of the True Colours Trust are committed to supporting a large number of excellent local organisations and projects that support disabled children and their families on a daily basis. The Trust has a small grants programme, open to application at any time, which provides grants of up to £10,000, usually for one-off purposes, to help smaller organisations develop and deliver programmes for children, their siblings and families. The Trustees are particularly keen to support:

- Hydrotherapy pools
- Multi sensory rooms
- Mini buses
- Young carers projects
- Sibling projects
- Bereavement support

This programme is for UK organisations and projects only. For more information please visit www.truecolourstrust.org.uk/small_grants.aspx.

[Source: Voluntary Arts Network E News 15.05.11]

Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards Scheme

The Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards Scheme provides one-off donations of between £500 and £4k to local projects that support children and their education and welfare, elderly people and adults and children with

disabilities. Deadline 30 June. <http://cr2010.tescopl.com/communities/tesco-charity-trust.aspx>.

[Source: LINX 179, 12 May 2011]

Lloyds TSB Foundation - News

Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales significantly increases investment to 24.5m to support the most vulnerable in society. The Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales has published its annual report showing an increased investment of £24.5 million in 2010 (£20.6m in 2009) to support the most vulnerable in society. For more information about Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales, please visit: www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk or contact: Nikki Morgan, Communications Officer, Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales on 020 7378 4612 or nmorgan@lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk

Biffa Small Grants

Often groups only need a small amount of money to make a difference to a local facility, be it a community building, nature reserve, cultural facility or outdoor space. The Small Grants Scheme offers quicker access to lower levels of funding to make these projects happen. Your group can apply for between £250 and £5,000. Your project must not cost more than £10,000 in total. The application form with guidance notes can be downloaded from Website: <http://www.biffaward.org/about/soverview>. Biffaward also operate other schemes for larger projects. Contact: Biffaward, Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts, The Kiln, Waterside, Mather Road, Newark, Nottinghamshire NG24 1WT Tel: 01636 670000. Email: biffaward@rswt.org.

Website: <http://www.biffaward.org/about/soverview>

[Source: fit4funding newsletter July 2011]

The Village CORE Programme

This is a dedicated support programme for communities looking to set up and run a community-owned rural shop. It provides advisory support along with a 40,000 funding package comprised of a £20,000 grant matched with a £20,000 loan which is also matched by the equivalent community contributions.

Funding is limited so to express your interest in receiving financial support please contact Donna Smith on 01993 810730 or email

donna.smith@plunkett.co.uk.

Website: <http://www.plunkett.co.uk/whatwedo/core/Core.cfm>

[Source: fit4funding newsletter July 2011]

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Stressed Employees Remaining Silent

New research from Mind, <http://www.mind.org.uk/employment>, says that stressed employees are remaining silent for fear that speaking out will put their job in jeopardy. Mental health is too often ignored with 1 in 6 workers

experiencing depression, anxiety or stress.

HSE has a simple stress checklist tool at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/stress/standards/pdfs/indicatortool.pdf> as well as web information about work related stress at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/stress/>.

[Source: LINX 179, 12 May 2011]

How Compact Advocacy can help your Organisation

NCVO's Compact Advocacy programme exists to offer free support and advice to voluntary and community groups in their dealings with public bodies, including funding cuts and issues around consultation. If you have been affected by a decision that seems to be unfair they can:

- Identify breaches of the [Compact](#) and public law
- Identify key decision makers
- Represent your organisation through communications, including letters, emails, phone calls, meetings and press work
- Seek policy and practice change
- Identify best and worst practice and share lessons within the sector

Visit the NCVO website to find out more about Compact Advocacy and how they could help you: www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/compactadvocacy. 020 7520 3161 or email evsAdvice@ncvo-vol.org.uk

Apprenticeships

Enable are trying to increase uptake in the voluntary sector for Apprenticeships. They have 2 Apprenticeship contracts for 16 – 18 year olds and for 19 and over. The main eligibility is as follows:

- They need to be employed status 30 hours per week
- Hold a National Insurance Number
- Be EU resident
- Not hold a Degree

Please note there is a special discretionary rate for 16 – 18 year olds of £2.50/hour. They are trying to encourage the voluntary sector to take on young people to develop for the future and we can access a free recruitment service for this.

Funding is drawn down for qualification delivery not for salaries.

Apprenticeships are made up of the following: a level 2 or 3 NVQ, technical certificate, Employments rights and responsibilities project also numeracy and literacy key skills if no GCSE exemptions are provided. They generally take around 1 year to complete.

If your organisation/group would be interested in taking up this opportunity contact Nick Taylor, Workforce Development Adviser Tel: 0115 9348495 Mobile: 07789 019350 for further information.

Directory of Social Change - Guide to New Trusts Guide

The Directory of Social Change has published it's guide on New Trusts

2011/12. The author, Tom Traynor, says 70% of grant-makers do not say who they want to fund and how charities should apply. This brand new directory focuses on 100 newly formed trusts, registered with the Charity Commission in 2010 and the start of 2011. None of the funders have previously appeared in any of DSC's funding guides. Cost: £24.95. For further information on how to get the full report please visit:-

www.dsc.org.uk/Publications/Fundraisingsources/@100347.

[Source: fit4funding newsletter July 2011]

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Sector News Update

Update Model Governing Document from Charity Commission

The model governing documents provided by the Charity Commission (Articles of Association, Constitution and Trust Deed) have been updated. The trustee benefit provisions have been reviewed and harmonised, including closely connected persons, and are consistent with their Charitable Incorporated Organisation models. News item at http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/RSS/Updates/mgd_update.aspx or go direct to the [model documents page](#).

[Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 482]

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