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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@gedlingcv.org.uk](mailto:info@gedlingcv.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.gedlingcv.org.uk](http://www.gedlingcv.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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@gedlingcvs.org.uk).

### **HAVE YOU TAKEN YOUR PHOTOS YET FOR....**

#### **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](mailto: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.**

#### **Pam Clipsham Awards 2011**

For the second year Gedling CVS is running the Pam Clipsham Awards – the Gedling Volunteering Awards. These awards are for:

- Young Volunteer (under 25 years)
- Individual Volunteer Award (over 26 years)
- Community Volunteer Award
- Organisational Support Volunteer – for a volunteer who has contributed to the growth and development of an organisation.
- Employee Volunteer – for the contribution made by an employed person volunteering through their business or professional life.
- Overcoming Adversity – for the person who has overcome difficulties or adversities to volunteer.
- Gedling Volunteer of the Year – will be chosen from a winner of all the above categories.

- Business award – for contribution to heir local community. Nomination forms are available from the office on 0115 987 1981 or [admin@gedlingcsvs.org.uk](mailto:admin@gedlingcsvs.org.uk).

**Closing date for nomination forms will be 31 October 2011.**

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## Training, Events and Campaigns

### **Make a Difference Day**

On Saturday 29 October get involved in Make a Difference Day, the UK's biggest day of volunteering! Last year more than 2,000 organisers put on activities involving 70,000 volunteers. More information and free resources are available online. <http://www.csv.org.uk/campaigns/csv-make-difference-day>.

[Source: NAVCA Linx 185, 23.07.11]

### **Workers' Educational Association**



#### **Courses in Gedling**

The WEA is Britain's major voluntary adult education organisation, offering courses in Arnold, Burton Joyce, Calverton, Lowdham, & Netherfield. Subjects include local & family history, Tai Chi, Yoga, languages, practical art, art appreciation, philosophy, massage, floristry, literature, cinema and many more.

**Autumn brochures available from your local library or**

**☎ 0115 962 8416 or view our courses online at [www.wea.org.uk](http://www.wea.org.uk)**

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## Consultations, Meetings and Networks

### **Nottinghamshire Homeless Watch**

This year's Nottinghamshire Homeless Watch survey will be taking place from 26<sup>th</sup> September to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2011. The City, County and District Councils have begun a consultation with service providers, front line workers and service users about the Homeless Watch questionnaire, in order to improve the quality and response rate of the survey.

If you would like a copy of the questionnaire and guidance used in last year's survey to comment or make suggestions for improvements, please contact Yu-Ling Liu-Smith at Nottingham City Council, who is leading on this work; [Yu-Ling.Liu-Smith@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:Yu-Ling.Liu-Smith@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

## **Have Your Say on Future Housing in Gedling**

Residents across Gedling are being asked for their views on documents which set out key policies and plans to shape the development of the borough through to 2028.

An eight week consultation, which begins on 19 September, invites views on a Housing Provision Paper, Climate Change Policy and Locally Distinct Housing Issues for Gedling Borough Council document. The documents are all part of the process of preparing the emerging Aligned Core Strategies.

Last year an Aligned Core Strategies – Option for Consultation document set out how local authorities intended to address issues such as new homes, climate change, jobs and infrastructure. However the Government has since announced changes to the way in which new housing targets should be set. A Housing Provision Paper, which has been jointly written by Gedling, Broxtowe, Erewash and Nottingham City Councils in response to these changes, presents the review of the Government's Household Projections and sets out council's thinking on housing provision, which results in approximately 7,300 homes needing to be built between now and 2028.

The Council is also asking for views on the Locally Distinct Issues for Gedling Borough Council, which looks at how the housing requirement for the borough should be accommodated. This document also looks at a possible revised approach to bringing forward the Gedling Colliery/Chase Farm site and proposes Mapperley Golf Course as an additional development site.

The final document available for comment is the Climate Change Policy.

To view the documents or make comments please visit: [www.gedling.gov.uk](http://www.gedling.gov.uk) and click on Have Your Say. Copies of the documents will also be available to view at the following locations:

- Civic Centre, Arnot Hill Park, Arnold
- St George's Centre, Netherfield
- Bestwood Miners Welfare and Bestwood Post Office
- Libraries including Arnold, Burton Joyce, Calverton, Carlton, Carton Hill, Gedling, Hucknall, Mapperley, Ravenshead and Woodthorpe
- Nuffield Fitness and Wellbeing Centre, Plains Road, Mapperley

## **Bid to Buy a Community Resource**

CLA (Country Land and Business Association) are lobbying Members of the Lords to reduce the time voluntary organisations can put together a bid to buy a

community resource from 6 months to 3 months. This would make the right almost meaningless - we are campaigning to increase it to 12 months.

Support NAVCA campaign at [www.rp4c.org.uk](http://www.rp4c.org.uk) and tell your MP why 6 months is not long enough. Steve Wyler of Locality has a great [blog post](#) on this issue and NAVCA has produced a series of [briefings on the Localism Bill](#).

[Source: NAVCA Linx 185, 23.07.11]

### **Call for Community Organiser Hosts**

The Community Organising programme is offering 500 training placements across England for individuals wanting to gain experience and Open College Network qualifications in Community Organising. Each trainee will be hosted by, and carry out, their training work in a local community. There is further information available if you want to become a [host](#) or, if you'd like to become a [Community Organiser](#). Applications to be a host need to be submitted by 19 August 2011.

[Source:NAVCA Linx191, 4.08.11]

### **Village Green Preservation Society**

[The Registration of New Town or Village Greens: A consultation](#) seeks views on proposals to reform the system for registering new town or village greens under section 15 of the Commons Act 2006

[Source:NAVCA Linx191, 4.08.11]

### **Request from Disability Nottinghamshire**

Ecorys is carrying out a study of the housing needs of disabled people in 15 local councils in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

The results will help the councils plan for the right amounts of disabled accommodation, in the right places, and provide better housing services for disabled people.

This research will look at households where there is at least one person who has a physical disability that might make it difficult to live in their home. This includes difficulties moving around, problems with eyesight, and problems with using things like taps and switches.

Please consider submitting a response. Your submission will be anonymous, and your details will not be passed on to anyone else. The online survey and instructions for completion can be found at

[www.ecoryssurveys.com/disabledhousingneeds](http://www.ecoryssurveys.com/disabledhousingneeds)

### **County Council Grant Aid Strategy: Focus Groups and Consultation**

Groups are invited to a focus group to look at the draft County Council Grant Aid Strategy and action plan which has been developed in response to recent changes.

Views from the engagement workshop held on 15 June have helped to shape this initial draft. This will be a further opportunity for voluntary sector representatives to input into the strategy.

NCC are still working on the strategy, but a copy will be provided prior to the focus groups - so that you can discuss your approach within your organisation before coming along.

There will be 7 sessions, 1 in each district – for the Gedling session please see below. NCC understands that it will not be convenient for everyone to attend - but there is a further opportunity to respond through the Nottinghamshire County Council website as part of a formal consultation process <https://secure.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/your-council/consultations/grant-aid-consultation/>

<b>Gedling</b>	<b>Arnold Library</b>	<b>6 September 2- 5pm</b>
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Places on the sessions are limited to a maximum of 30 people per session, therefore only one person from each organisation will be accepted and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Where your preferred session is full you will be able to indicate a second choice subject to availability.

To book a place - please respond with the below information to [county.grantaid@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:county.grantaid@nottscc.gov.uk)

- Your name:
- Your organisation:
- Your email address:
- Your 1st choice focus group:

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## Environment and Sustainability

### **The Forestry Commissions Green Grants Scheme**

First TransPennine Express and the Forestry Commission would like to inspire people to make a positive improvement to their community and improve their local environment. The Green Grants are available for environmental improvements in relation to trees and/or woodlands for the benefit of the community.

[http://www.tpexpress.co.uk/MediaLibrary/About%20FTPE/Green Grants Application Process 2011 12.pdf](http://www.tpexpress.co.uk/MediaLibrary/About%20FTPE/Green%20Grants%20Application%20Process%202011%2012.pdf).

[Source: NAVCA Linx 185, 23.07.11]

### **The Jubilee Woods Project from the Woodland Trust.**

Please see link below for more information.

[http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/en/moretrees-moregood/get-involved/plant-trees/Pages/jubilee-woods.aspx?WT.mc\\_id=jubilee-rhs](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/en/moretrees-moregood/get-involved/plant-trees/Pages/jubilee-woods.aspx?WT.mc_id=jubilee-rhs)

If community groups/organisations would like to get involved with tree planting around the Borough please follow the link above?

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## Funding

### **Say the Leeds and You're Smiling**

[Leeds Building Society Charitable Foundation](http://www.leedsbuildingsociety.co.uk/about/charitable_foundation.html) consider applications for community based projects which aim to provide relief of suffering, hardship or poverty, or their direct consequences.

[http://www.leedsbuildingsociety.co.uk/about/charitable\\_foundation.html](http://www.leedsbuildingsociety.co.uk/about/charitable_foundation.html).

[Source: NAVCA Linx 185, 23.07.11]

### **The Old Possum's Practical Trust**

The Old Possum's Practical Trust offers between £500 and £5,000 to local charities in the UK that work in the fields of artistic, musical or theatrical community work. There is a wide variety of possible projects that the trust would support. Focus is on projects that are sustainable and contextual to the local area. There are no deadlines for applications. <http://www.old-possums-practical-trust.org.uk/page.cfm?pageid=300>.

[Source: NAVCA Linx 185, 23.07.11]

### **Inspired Facilities**

Tired, worn out, old facilities make it harder for people to start or keep doing sport. They can also be more expensive to run and difficult to maintain.

The Inspired Facilities fund could help you refurbish or upgrade your sports facility; or convert an existing building into a venue suitable for sport and accessible to the whole community. They will invest in most types of improvement or refurbishment work that will help you develop sport in your local area. To find out if you qualify and further information on the funding see <http://inspiredfacilities.sportengland.org/about/what-is-inspired-facilities>

[Source: Enable e-bulletin 29 July 2011]

### **Woodward Charitable Trust**

The trust has announced deadlines for its General Grants and Summer Playscheme 2012 programme. They favour small-scale, locally based initiatives. <http://www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/guidelines.html>.

[Source:NAVCA Linx191, 4.08.11]

## **2012-13 Innovation, Excellence and Strategic Development Fund**

Applications are invited for the Department of Health's 2012-13 Innovation, Excellence and Strategic Development Fund, which supports the voluntary sector in developing innovation across health and social care.

Applicants are invited to submit proposals to develop new, innovative approaches to health and care, actively share excellent practice or improve integrated care and greater efficiency.

To be eligible for funding, proposals must make a difference to the health and well-being of people across England and be structured under the following four themes:

- Personalisation and Choice of Care and Support
- Delivering Better Health and Care Outcomes
- Improving Public Health
- Improving Long-Term Care and Support.

Under each theme is a selection of strategic priorities covering a range of different areas, which applicants are invited to apply under.

The fund is part of the Voluntary Sector Investment programme, which totals over £18million for the year and was set up to improve links between the Department and third sector health and social care organisations across England.

For further information on the fund visit [www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_118373](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_118373), telephone 0113 254 5450 or email [voluntarysectorgrantshub@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:voluntarysectorgrantshub@dh.gsi.gov.uk)

The closing date for applications is 21 October and decisions will be made in Spring 2012.

[Source: Enable e-bulletin 29 July 2011]

### **The Nottingham General Dispensary**

This trust is a medical Charity where grants are made to individuals and organisations in order to relieve medical conditions by paying for items and services that are not readily available from other sources. The Trustees are keen to raise the profile of the Charity, so if this fund might be of interest to you contact [Anna.Chandler@freethcartwright.co.uk](mailto:Anna.Chandler@freethcartwright.co.uk).

### **ACLS Funding Available for Adult Learning**

ACLS is funded primarily by the Skills Funding Agency to deliver learning opportunities to adults 19+ years and families who are residents of Nottinghamshire.

We work with a range of organisations to identify learning needs and to help co-ordinate activity at a local level. This is achieved through close working relationships with partners and via local Community Learning Groups

During the year August 2011 - July 2012 you can apply to ACLS for funding for the following activity

### **Personal and Community Development Learning (PCDL)**

PCDL is learning for personal development, cultural enrichment, intellectual or creative stimulation and enjoyment. PCDL has been developed in the knowledge that some non accredited learning has intrinsic value for individuals and/or communities

Wider Family Learning - Wider family learning programmes are those specifically designed to enable adults and children to learn together or those programmes that enable parents/carers to learn how to support their children's learning.

Who Can Apply For Funding? - Any Nottinghamshire Local or District Authority, Community or Voluntary Organisation, Sure Start Children's Centres, Training Provider, Schools, PCT who can deliver learning which matches ACLS priorities, target communities and groups who are committed to the delivery of quality learning.

If you are interested in applying for an ACLS grant application, forms and guidance are available on our website

[www.nottsacsmoodle.net/course/view.php?id=13](http://www.nottsacsmoodle.net/course/view.php?id=13)

### **For more information and informal chat please contact your local Community Learning Officer**

Richard Sample – Greater Notts. Tel: 0115 9772181

[richard.sample@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:richard.sample@nottsc.gov.uk)

### **or for Wider Family Learning please contact**

Alison Sisson Tel:0115 9772155

[alison.sisson@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:alison.sisson@nottsc.gov.uk)

### **Villages SOS Active**

You may have seen the trailers on the BBC promoting the Village SOS TV series that started on 10 August 2011 on BBC1. The programme follows the journeys of six UK villages who received a £400,000 Big Lottery Fund grant to set up a new community run business to rejuvenate their local area.

Three villages in the East Midlands are featured in the Village SOS TV series:

- Caistor, in Lincolnshire.
- Tideswell, in the Peak District
- Newstead, in Nottinghamshire The Future Newstead project was awarded a grant to transform the site of the former pit tips into a thriving Country Park. A sustainable eco-build visitor centre is being built and the

original finishing and polishing ponds transformed into angling lakes and an annual music festival has been launched.

To compliment this programme, the Big Lottery have launched Village SOS Active, which includes a £5m funding pot, that aims to inspire and equip people in rural communities to tackle local problems and help revive their local area. They might restore and take over the local pub, create local food businesses or arts and heritage facilities, to attract visitors, create employment and rejuvenate their villages.

Central to Village SOS Active is [villagesos.org.uk](http://villagesos.org.uk) that will offer tools and information to help people bring their ideas for community businesses to life. It will also enable people to share advice and first-hand experiences through an online community network where people can discuss ideas and share solutions to common issues.

[www.villagesos.org.uk](http://www.villagesos.org.uk) will direct people to the best source of funding for their community business, including more details about the Village SOS Active competition. The competition has £5m Lottery funding in awards of £10,000-£30,000 for the brightest ideas for new community enterprises that will make a lasting difference in rural communities with a population of less than 3,000. Further information from: Andrew Regan, Regional Outreach Manager, Big Lottery Fund - East Midlands Region, 0115 8722961. 4th Floor, Pearl Assurance House, Friar Lane, Nottingham, NG1 6BT  
[W] [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/eastmidlands](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/eastmidlands)

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## Resources

### **Risk Management Guide from the Charity Commission**

This is a useful guide for groups when they are considering risk management.  
[http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/Charity\\_requirements\\_guidance/Specialist\\_guidance/Small\\_charities/Avoiding\\_problems\\_in\\_running\\_your\\_charity.aspx](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/Charity_requirements_guidance/Specialist_guidance/Small_charities/Avoiding_problems_in_running_your_charity.aspx).

[Source: NAVCA Linx 185, 23.07.11]

### **Free Tool for Measuring Readiness for Change**

Ready for Change is a free tool developed by Rocket Science to help organisations measure their readiness to adapt and respond to change.



Rocket Science Lab has extensive experience in developing the capacity of third sector organisations to develop a positive approach and readiness to embrace change, which is the key to successfully implementing a plan for sustainability.

Shifts in policy, infrastructure and budgets are creating many challenges for organisations, forcing their boards and management teams to think creatively

and differently about future sustainability.

This tool has been designed to understand how skills, systems and behaviours, support or prevent change and pinpoint areas of strengths and weakness. It will help users explore how well their governance, financial management, communication and development activities are working and identify any adjustments necessary in their plans for sustainability.

[www.rocketsciencelab.co.uk](http://www.rocketsciencelab.co.uk)

## **Big Society Capital**

[Big Society Capital is the official name for the Big Society Bank.](#) The Cabinet Office has also announced the Board of Big Society Capital Limited, the operating company of the group, and the Big Society Trust, which is responsible for ensuring the group stays true to its mission.

[Source:NAVCA Linx191, 4.08.11]

## **Reach Out Counselling**

Due to the recent decrease in funding for many charities, Reach Out Counselling would like to offer their free services to as many agencies as possible. They operate a free, confidential counselling service throughout Nottinghamshire. Sessions can be at a number of venues, including doctor's surgeries and Sure Start centres; they can also arrange home visits.

Email [-info@reachoutcounselling.org](mailto:-info@reachoutcounselling.org) or call Suzi on 07790772942.

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## **Sector News Update**

### **Community Sector Campaigners Angry as PPL Kills Off Music Licence Negotiations**

Community sector leaders have written to PPL UK to denounce its decision to ignore the plight of over 30,000 community groups who say they cannot afford the introduction of new music licence fees.

In a letter sent on 2 June 2011 PPL UK, the recorded music licensing collector, said that it intended to charge a fee of one per cent of community groups' income in order to have permission to play recorded music in public places, unless their income is under £10,000 a year, in which case they will pay a flat rate of £42. Similar charges will be applied by the Performing Rights Society.

[Voluntary Arts Network E-News 21.07.11]

### **Roll Over Contracts for Gas & Electricity**

A warning from one of our members about roll over contracts. They agreed a deal 21 months ago for Electricity and Gas supplies. However, they did not realise the impact of doing nothing to review the contract after just 6 -9 months and have been rolled-over into much higher prices that they cannot get out of for 2 years. The standing order charge is seven times the price originally agreed. The new contract is fixed 3 months before the old is finished. The

Federation of Small Businesses has made it policy to oppose roll-over contracts <http://www.fsb.org.uk/essex/utility-contracts>.

[Source: NAVCA Linx 185, 23.07.11]

## **Applications Invited for Government Job Shadowing Scheme**

Voluntary sector organisations have been invited to apply to take part in a work shadowing scheme to give civil servants and charity staff a better understanding of each other's work. Read the full article on the website

<http://www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk/news.php?readmore=1593>.

[Source: In Touch with One EM – 29.06.11]

## **Community Music Licensing**

The music licensing authority PPL has announced [proposed changes](#)

to community group charges. They propose that those with income over £10,000 will be charged a

fee of 1 per cent of their income, and those with

less income will be charged a flat fee of £42. Community

Matters are doing some [great campaigning work](#) on this issue for our sector.

[Source: NAVCA Linx191, 4.08.11]



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