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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@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.

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@gedlingcv.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

Right to Request Time off for Training not to be extended

The government has ruled out extending the right for employees to request time off for training to smaller organisations until 2015, if at all. At the moment, the right only applies to organisations with at least 250 employees, but had originally been due to be extended from April 2011. [Consultation response document](#) (pdf, 256KB). (Source: Workplace Law Network, <http://www.workplacelaw.net/news/display/id/34823>)

[Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 486]

Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector - City and Guilds Qualification

7303 City and Guilds Award in Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTLLS) is a nationally recognised introductory qualification and is a requirement for new entrants to teaching the Lifelong Learning Sector. Find out more about when the next two WEA PTLLS courses in 2011 are.

See more details on One East Midland's website

http://www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk/infusions/one_events_panel/event_list.php?idx=1155

[Source: In Touch with Training and Events 20 July]

Child Protection Policy Writing: Review and Update Workshop

This workshop is suitable for those working in the arts, youth or cultural sector who have a lead role or responsibility for child protection (e.g. as the child protection contact officer or as the organisational lead for the child protection policy for their organisation).

See more details on One East Midland's website

http://www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk/infusions/one_events_panel/event_list.php?idx=1157

[Source: In Touch with Training and Events 20 July]

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Consultations, Meetings and Networks

Calverton Memorial Trust

This trust is holding a re-union on Sunday 2 October 2011 at Calverton Working Men's Club starting with the unveiling of the Calverton Minecar (pit tub) at 11am.

Many former miners of Calverton lived in and around the Gedling Area. If you are one of them, or know any of them please pass on this information to them and ask them to contact Michael Lloyd 0115 8477598.

Charities and Consortia Working Together



The Charity Commission has published "Consortia for the delivery of public services: the issues for small and medium-sized charities". This research says "Working in consortia helps charities increase their access to funding and build capacity through peer support and sharing resources and experience."

http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/RSS/News/pr_consortia.aspx

Nottinghamshire Voluntary Sector Older Persons Network

There is to be a meeting on Wednesday 3 August 2011 held at A Place to Call Our Own (APTCOO), Unit 15 Botany Park, Botany Avenue, Mansfield, Notts, NG18 5NF from 2 00 – 4 00 pm. Further details from Tracy Mullaney, Development Officer, NAVO, Tel: 01623 664 802. Mob: 07507 841 523. Email: tracy@navo.org.uk

Equality Seminars

A series of seminars in July and August 2011 organised by REDP to update the VCS on the impact of the Equality Act, Localism and other current equality

issues. See more details on One East Midlands website
http://www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk/infusions/one_events_panel/event_list.php?idx=1171

[Source: In Touch with Training and Events 20 July]

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Environment and Sustainability

Green Streets, Strong Communities

A new report from IPPR argues that people in Britain's diverse neighbourhoods can play a leading role in improving the energy efficiency of homes and community buildings and in putting renewable energy technologies to work.

<http://www.ippr.org/publications/55/7703/green-streets-strong-communities>

[Source: LINX 189, 21 July]

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Financial Awards for Charities Working in Health

The IMPACT Awards from GlaxoSmithKline recognise and reward charities that are doing excellent work to improve people's health. Up to eight winners receive £25,000, with up to seven commended/runner up awards. It is open to registered charities that are at least three years old, working in a health-related field in the UK, with a total annual income between £10,000 and £1.5 million.

This year, shortlisted entrants for 2000 to 2009 can also apply as IMPACT Champions. Closing date 23rd September,

<http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/gskimpactawards>.

[Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 486]

True Colours Trust – Small Grants Programme

The Trust through its small grants programme, is inviting applications for grants of up to £10,000 from small organisations in the UK, to help them develop and deliver programmes for disabled children, their siblings and families.

The fund is particularly keen to support hydrotherapy pools, multi sensory rooms, mini buses, young carers' projects, sibling projects and bereavement support. There are no application deadlines. Applications can be submitted at any time. For more information visit

www.truecolourstrust.org.uk/small_grants.aspx.

[Voluntary Arts Network E-news 14.07.11]

Funding for Schools to Purchase Musical Equipment

deadline: 16 September 2011

Schools in the UK that wish to purchase musical instruments and equipment can apply for funding of up to £2,000 through the EMI Music Sound Foundation's Instrument and/or Equipment Awards.

To date the Foundation has made awards to over two thousand schools, individual students and teachers to improve their access to music through the purchase or upgrade of musical instruments and equipment.

The funding has to be used for music education that is beyond statutory national curriculum music teaching. The Foundation cannot fund retrospectively and schools are not eligible for financial assistance under this scheme if they have already purchased their instruments or if they do so before their application has been approved.

www.emimusicfoundation.com/index.php/site/awards

[Voluntary Arts Network E-news 14.07.11]

The Ernest Cook Trust

Registered charities, schools and not-for-profit organisations wishing to encourage young people's interest either in the countryside and the environment, the arts or aiming to raise levels of literacy and numeracy can apply for funding to the Ernest Cook Trust. Further details from

<http://www.ernestcooktrust.org.uk/grants/index.html>.

[Source: Enable e-bulletin 15 July 2011]

Sport England - Small Grant Scheme

Sport England is committed to the creation of a world-leading community sport system. This means focusing their investment on organisations and projects that will grow and sustain participation in grassroots sport and create opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport. In addition to their investment in key partners to deliver specific objectives, they have funding programmes open to a wide range of organisations. These include sports clubs, voluntary or community organisations, local authorities, schools, colleges and universities. The Sport England Small Grants Programme has been set up to support local community sport projects which seek to increase participation, sustain participation or develop opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport. For example, they might help a sports club expand its age range by helping it to buy extra team kit or pay additional coaching fees or help youth clubs work together with local sports clubs to get more young people playing sport. It is open to any bona fide not-for-profit club or association, statutory body or educational establishment.

Grants of between £300 and £10,000 are available for revenue and small capital projects. The total project costs must not exceed £50,000.

From the 1st of April 2011 an updated interpretation of the Small Grants policy has been applied to all new applications. Any application submitted after this time will be subject to these. For further information regarding this please click on the 'Want to Apply' section of the Sport England website – referencing "What we will" and "What we won't fund", Alternatively please download a copy of their application guidance.

Application is via a single-stage online form. They offer advice and support to applicants, and the whole process, from receipt of application to decision, will take no longer than six weeks. Visit Website:

http://www.sportengland.org/funding/small_grants.aspx

or call Tel: 08458 508 508 for more details.

Church Urban Fund - Mustard Seed Programme

Provides grants to enable churches and faith-based organisations, working in very deprived communities, to engage in social action through supporting them to initiate or develop community work. This will then enable groups to either undertake larger pieces of work or significantly improve the existing provision. This aims to provide grants of up to £5,000 to enable churches and faith-based organisations to engage in social action by supporting them to initiate or develop community work. This work will enable groups to undertake larger pieces of work or significantly improve the existing provision. The project must be directly tackling the effects of profound poverty and should be working in the 10% most deprived areas in England. Mustard Seed Grants can pay for specific activities but not for on-going revenue expenditure, existing salary costs, deficit funding, or retrospective spending. It is expected that work supported under the Mustard Seed Programme will grow into more substantive or developed activities. Guidance on website.

Grant requests up to £5,000 will be considered. This is a rolling programme where there are no deadline dates. Mustard Seed Grants can pay for specific activities but not for on-going revenue expenditure, existing salary costs, deficit funding, or retrospective spending. The grant requested should typically represent at least a third of the total funding required. For capital requests, this total should be the total of the work undertaken, regardless of how it is presented as a grant proposal (e.g. a kitchen refurbishment totalling £10,000 to enable a specific project to start may be considered, however a kitchen refurbishment of £10,000 as part of an overall building project of £100,000 will not be considered).

All applications must be submitted to the respective Link Officer in the first instance (NOT to Church Urban Fund Head Office). There is a Link Officer based in every Anglican Diocese in England. A list of all the Link Officers can be found on the Church Urban Fund website or you can Email: resources@cuf.org.uk for additional information.

Church Urban Fund, Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3AZ
Tel: 020 7898 1647. Download full guidance and application details from
Website: <http://www.cuf.org.uk/funding.aspx>

Yapp Charitable Trust

The Yapp Charitable Trust make grants to small registered charities to sustain their existing work with:

- elderly people
- children and young people aged 5 - 25
- people with disabilities or mental health problems
- people trying to overcome life-limiting problems of a social, rather than medical, origin - such as addiction, relationship difficulties, abuse, a history of offending

They also make grants to sustain small registered charities' existing work in the fields of:

- education and learning (with a particular interest in people who are educationally disadvantaged, whether adults or children)

They are not able to fund work which does not come into one of the above categories. They give grants for running costs and salaries for up to three years. Grants are normally for a maximum of £3,000 per year.

Most of their grants are for more than one year because they give priority to ongoing needs.

Please use their eligibility checker online before applying. Further help and their application form are on Website: <http://www.yappcharitabletrust.org.uk>

And if you are not sure whether to apply to the Yapp Charitable Trust or you are having trouble with part of the application form please contact Joanne Anderson, Trust Secretary, 8 Leyburn Close, Urpeth Grange, CHESTER LE STREET, County Durham DH2 1TD Tel: 0191 4922118 Email:

info@yappcharitabletrust.org.uk

[Source: fit4funding newsletter August 2011]

Grants for Scouting Groups

There are a number of grant schemes available to scouting groups.

For further advice on HQ Funds and Grants, please contact the DGB Grants Team at Gilwell Park Tel: 020 8433 7100.

Email: development@scout.org.uk

For advice on grants for International camps or Activity training, please contact the appropriate team: Tel: 020 8433 7100

International Team Email: international@scout.org.uk

Activities Team Email: activities@scout.org.uk

For information and advice on external grant sources and other general fundraising advice, please contact the HQ Fundraising Team Email:

fundraising@scout.org.uk Tel: 020 8433 7100

Website: <http://tinyurl.com/25achsn> (URL shortened using TinyURL)

[Source: fit4funding newsletter August 2011]

Innovation Grants Programme

The Innovation Grants Programme is a fund from the Money Advice Trust, supported by the Nationwide Building Society. It funds innovative work that will improve the money-advice sector.

<http://www.moneyadvicetrust.org/content.asp?ssid=119>

[Source: LINX 189, 21 July]

Alec Dickson Trust

The Alec Dickson Trust provides up to £500 to help under 30 year olds run a project in their local area which involves local volunteers.

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

[Source: LINX 189, 21 July]

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Resources

New Website for Sector Employment Advice Resources

PEACe, the Personnel, Employment Advice and Conciliation Service project run by London Voluntary Service Council, has a new website containing a range of useful HR material for voluntary sector employers. While many services and publications have a cost, others don't.

<http://www.lvsc.org.uk/peace>.

[Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 486]

Community Toolkit – Information to Help Smaller Community Activities -

Community Toolkit is a new online information resource for people who want to get involved in organising smaller, straightforward community activities. Created by Zurich Insurance to address barriers to community volunteering, it provides guidance on some legal, health and safety, insurance and planning issues.

www.communitytoolkit.co.uk

[Voluntary Arts Network E-news 14.07.11]



How a Stitch in Time Makes you Feel Fine

According to a recent article in the **Daily Express** newspaper, 'Whether it is knitting, gardening or having a good sing-song, our hobbies can boost our mental and physical health...'

'Having a hobby has always been considered one of the best ways to deal with the pressures of life. Yet evidence is emerging that the benefits of having a favourite pastime go way beyond simply distracting us from the burden of worries about money, work or relationships. Having a hobby bolsters our physical as well as our mental wellbeing.'

The article goes on to list the ten best hobbies for your health, including:

- knitting – good for anorexia;
- dancing – good for bone density;
- singing – good for lowering blood pressure;
- drawing – good for cancer.

To read the article in full, go to www.express.co.uk/posts/view/255390/How-a-stitch-in-time-makes-you-feel-fine.

[Voluntary Arts Network E-news 14.07.11]

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Sector News Update

Cheques to Continue as an Option

The Payment Council has announced that "cheques will continue for as long as

customers need them and the target for possible closure of the cheque clearing in 2018 has been cancelled"

(http://www.paymentscouncil.org.uk/media_centre/press_releases/-/page/1575/) This has been welcomed by sector bodies such as the [Institute of Fundraising](#) and [Charity Finance Directors' Group](#). Both have urged work on the next generation of secure, efficient payment systems to continue.

[Source: VolResource Newsletter No. 486]

Public Services White Paper

The government has launched its [white paper on the reform of public services](#). After much delay the Cabinet Office has published the Open Public Services white paper which will be followed over the summer by 'a wide-ranging discussion with individuals, communities, public sector staff, providers and others with an interest in how public services are delivered'.

[Source: NAVCA Linx 188, 14.07.11]

Community Accounting Plus – Fraud

Recently, CA Plus have heard of two situations where local groups have fallen victim to fraud. They want to remind all groups that they should review their financial procedures from time to time. The high risk areas are money being diverted elsewhere instead of coming to the group and money being spent inappropriately.

The first involved a fundraiser who altered a cheque to try and make it payable to herself rather than the charity – not very clever but donations of this kind, especially cash, are a high risk area.

The second was a classic case of a treasurer using money for themselves. Pre signed blank cheques did not help!

CA Plus suggest that it may be time to review financial procedures in your group? If you need any help with this contact either Gedling CVS email: info@gedlingcvs.org.uk or CA Plus email: caplus@caplus.org.uk.

Voluntary Groups IT Grant Aid Consultancy Service – UK wide

See separate attachment with this newsletter.

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