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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@gedlingcvss.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.gedlingcvss.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.

Pam Clipsham Awards 2011 – Get your nominations in now!

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 their local community.

Nomination forms are available from the office on 0115 987 1981 or admin@gedlingcvs.org.uk.

Closing date for nomination forms will be 31 October 2011.

Do Something MAD for Make a Difference Day!

COME ALONG TO THE OPENING OF GEDLING CVS SHOP FRONT RECEPTION AREA ON SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER 2011-10-06

Come and do something MAD at the launch of the new Gedling CVS Centre at 20 Main Road, Gedling, Nottingham. Look out on Main Road for the balloons and bunting and you'll be in the right place to eat cakes, do some chair based exercises and lots more activities. This is happening on Make A Difference Day, Saturday 29 October 2011 between 11am and 2pm.

Gedling Community and Voluntary Services (GCVS) supports local community and voluntary groups in the Borough of Gedling.

To find out more call **0115 987 1981** and visit www.gedlingcvs.org.uk.

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Mental Health Awareness Weeks

The poster for this year's Mental Health Awareness Weeks giving details of events.



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Consultations, Meetings and Networks

Nick Hurd, Minister for Civil Society visiting the East Midlands on 10th November 2011

The Institute of Consulting, Chartered Management Institute and Women in Management have arranged for Nick Hurd to speak in the East Midlands about 'Building the Big Society' and volunteering.

The event of the 10th November is aimed at enabling consultants and management specialists to seize the initiative in the East Midlands to connect the Voluntary Sector, Social Enterprises, Charities and Co-operatives with local business and management expertise.

There will be many third sector organisations coming along to exhibit at the event with other key organisations speaking. CMI will also be talking about the volunteer manager award and the new management qualification for young people – Campus CMI. The cost to exhibit will be minimal - £25 plus VAT for organisations with only volunteers and £50 plus VAT for those with employees, and includes one attendee place. Attendance will cost £15 per person to include buffet and coffee. The venue will be the new Radisson Blu Hotel at East Midlands Airport and the event will be from 2.00pm to 6.00pm.

Please contact the Institute of Consulting Regional Chairman – John Cox, SCA Limited 01159 440466 or email IBCEastMidlands@aol.com to book your exhibition space.

Notts County LINK Question Time on Health and Social Care Issues - 23 November 2011

Nottinghamshire County LINK are hosting a Question Time event giving members of the local community the opportunity to put their questions about health and social care issues to 5 panellists. The event is to be hosted by BBC Radio Nottingham's John Holmes and we are hoping to maximise attendance. The event will run from 7pm – 9pm, guests are invited to arrive at 6.30pm for complimentary refreshments.

If you would like to join us at the event please reserve your place by calling the LINK team on 0115 9629350 or e-mailing info@strongerlocalvoice.com before 9 November 2011.

Online Nottinghamshire Voluntary Sector Survey

The Infrastructure Consortium has launched this survey to establish what support local, frontline organisations such as yours will need from their local infrastructure organisations (for example Councils for Voluntary Service) in the future. To make these improvements we need to identify what your current and future support needs are (for example with funding and grants, staff training,

information about opportunities, volunteers, organisational management etc.) and get your ideas on how that support is delivered to you in the future. We hope that this will result in more focussed and accessible services that will help your organisation to grow and prosper and at the same time free you up to concentrate on what your organisation was set up to do. They have set up a survey online which we would ask you to complete:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TM6QDSB>

Completing the online survey will help us design and make the improvements and provide better support for all small voluntary organisations so please take the time if you can. It's a very short and simple survey and your views will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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Nottinghamshire County Council Grant Aid 2012/13

The Grant Aid applications are now live on the Nottinghamshire County Council website. The easiest way to find the application forms is to go to the Notts CC homepage and search for 'Grant Aid', as we are not in the A-Z section.



The Acorn Awards 2011

The [Acorn Awards](#) - offering total prize money of £1,500 - for projects that use nature to enhance and improve the lives of vulnerable or socially excluded people, generating positive outcomes such as health and well-being, new skills and knowledge, new relationships, and a sense of purpose and belonging.

[Source: NAVCA LINX 197, 29 Sept 11]

LandAid

[LandAid](#) is a trust set up by the UK property industry to help disadvantaged young people access facilities, skills and opportunities to achieve their potential. You can apply for two funds: a Training, Education and Support Fund and a Capital ProjectsFund. In both cases grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 are available across the UK.

[Source: NAVCA LINX 197, 29 Sept 11]

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Planning Aid England

A service provided by Planning Aid England! We can provide 15 minutes worth of *free* planning advice via our advice line: 0330 123 9244. Their qualified Planning Advisors will provide all callers to the Planning Aid advice line with up to 15 minutes of give free and independent advice. Some cases will qualify for further assistance and will be passed to a professionally qualified volunteer. More information can be found online at <http://www.rpi.org.uk/planningaid>

Caring for our Future

The Government has launched [Caring for our future](#): shared ambitions for care and support - an engagement with people who use care and support services, carers, local councils, care providers, and the voluntary sector about the priorities for improving care and support.

[Source: NAVCA LINX 197, 29 Sept 11]

An App a Day

Health Secretary Andrew Lansley has launched a call for new for health apps that would help patients make informed decisions about their care. For the next six weeks, people can visit www.mapsandapps.dh.gov.uk and suggest favourite apps, ideas for apps or health maps they would like to see, as well as vote for their favourite ideas submitted by others.

[Source: NAVCA LINX 197, 29 Sept 11]

New, free online legal advice service for charities launched by LawWorks

LawWorks, the national charity set up to assist individuals and communities access free legal assistance when they are unable to access or afford a solicitor, has launched a new online system that provides free answers to brief legal queries submitted by not-for-profit organisations. The new, social media-style system, rake.io, has been developed by process four Limited and enables organisations to submit brief queries which are then answered by volunteer legal advisors.

LawWorks has run its Initial Electronic Advice project for several years but the new site represents a real change and step up in how the project operates, which LawWorks hopes will enable them to assist more not-for-profit organisations with legal issues and resolve legal queries quicker than ever before.

The system can help with queries in many legal areas, such as:

‘A specialist in the field of fundraising was taken on by our organisation on a contract basis for one year. The specialist submitted invoices on a monthly basis. No tax or insurance has been deducted from monies paid. The contract has reached the end of the year, and the specialist is now claiming she is an employee. What are our legal obligations?’

‘Our membership database holds confidential information on our members. The database is accessible by relevant staff and trustees only, is password protected, and held on a computer which is also password protected. Is this sufficient under Data Protection legislation?’

With on-going cuts hitting the voluntary sector from all sides, LawWorks hopes this new initiative will ease some of the burden on not-for-profits, for whom legal guidance can be a unaffordable cost. Those interested can register to use the system at: www.lawworksiea.org.uk, where more information is also available.

Other Resources

<http://northantsconsortium.co.uk.powerpanel-host.co.uk/drupal/> - Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Voluntary and Community Sector Learning and Skills Consortium information. Look for the new photography competition just announced.

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/training-events/annual-autumn-conferences/ncvo-sustainable-funding-conference-2011> - Details of Stainable Funding Conference on Thursday 24 November 2011.

http://www.navo.org.uk/weblinks.php?cat_id=12 –Funding Information

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Sector News Update

Please vote for us to win!!

Re-Opening of the LOCO Stage

The stage will be a valuable facility for the whole community and we desperately need it refurbishing.

THIS IS ONLY POSSIBLE WITH YOUR HELP!!!

Please VOTE for US NOW by clicking

<http://communityforce.natwest.com/project/531>

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