

News from Adur Voluntary Action & Chesham House

Clubs and Events at Chesham House

The following events and activities are run regularly here at Chesham House Centre:

Lunch Club (weekly) - Conversation and good company are on the menu at this weekly lunch-based club.

Exercise session (weekly) - The healthy choice when it comes to keeping fit.

Crib Club (weekly) - Fun is on the cards at this weekly club.

Reminiscence (fortnightly) - An unforgettable experience.

Adur Draughts Club [NEW!] - Starting Monday the 4th of April from 11am - 1pm.

Grocery Bingo (monthly) - The next session is at 1.30pm on Wednesday the 20th of April. Grocery Prizes to be won!

For more information on any of the above, call 01903 854997 or visit 124 South Street, Lancing, BN15 8AJ.

Information

Greener on the other side

NAVCA have submitted their response to the government's Giving Green Paper. The document, which calls on the government to make better use of NAVCA's members to encourage local giving, also features a quote from our very own Adur Voluntary Action.



To read it for yourself, go to <http://tinyurl.com/6exb3rf>.

Institutional News

The Institute for Volunteering Research has begun publishing a new quarterly e-newsletter available online or via e-mail. The publication will cover research, publications, events and news from around the sector.



For further details, go to <http://www.ivr.org.uk/News/IVR+newsletter>

Anna Appeals

Anna Young, the Children's Worker for RISE, is attempting to fund her job via charitable donations after funding dried up for her post. Anna's job is to look after children while their mothers have counselling, see solicitors, have group support and attend key work.



For more information on this unusual appeal, go to www.justgiving.com/fundmyjob. To contact Anna, phone 01273 622828 or e-mail anna.young@riseuk.org.uk

A bit of a Pickle

The Department for Communities and Local Government website has published a write-up of a recent speech given by Communities Secretary, Eric Pickles.



The speech covered the measures in the Localism Bill, as well as other aspects of government policy towards the voluntary sector. In an attempt to reassure the sector of his intent, Pickles declared he will legislate to prevent "disproportionate" and "unreasonable" cuts. To view the write-up, go to <http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/1855010>

Alternatively, for a critique of the speech, visit the Guardian's Cuts Blog at <http://tinyurl.com/5wbq5hk>, to read Patrick Butler's rebuttal.

Volunteers

Participants needed for Research Project on Charities

A team of researchers at the School of Social Sciences of the University of Southampton are seeking to recruit people engaged with charities to take part in an online experiment. The experiment involves performing a data entry task online. No prior experience is needed.



For further information, visit <http://www.southampton.ac.uk/socsci/economics/bibentry.html>

Whisperers Wanted

Whispering Woods is a large choir singing event, taking place on July the 23rd near Chichester. A group from Shoreham will be taking part and they are looking for volunteers to join in and sing with the choir.

The next rehearsal will be on Monday the 4th of April at 7:45am at the Shoreham Centre, Pond Road, Shoreham-by-Sea.

For further information, e-mail Saskia via mail@drama4fun.com

Technology

Outreach

Reach Out is a new website for disabled young people, their families and the community of West Sussex. The website was commissioned by WSCC Aiming High project and has been put together by ICIS. The goal was to create an engaging and accessible information portal.



The website contains a comprehensive information directory, calendar of local events, communication tools and more. To view it for yourself, go to www.reachoutwestsussex.org.uk.

Do you KnowHow?

KnowHow NonProfit, the website for individuals in the non-profit sector to learn and share information, has launched its 'How to' section. This page allows people from all over the world to write their own 'How to' answers to help others. Visitors to the site can rate these based on how useful they find them to be.

To view it for yourself, go to <http://www.knowhownonprofit.org/how-to>

They also have a new training video site available at <http://www.knowhownonprofit.org/studyzone>

The Princess Cares

The Princess Royal Trust for Carers has launched a site for all those looking to commission and develop personalised support for carers. Entitled the Carers' Hub, it can be found at <http://www.carershub.org/>

Jobs

Voluntary & Community Action Chichester Direct: Senior Fundraiser

Hours: 37 hours

Wage: £27,05

Closing date for applications: Thursday 31st March

Interviews: Friday 8th April



Voluntary and Community Action Chichester District wishes to appoint a Senior Fundraiser. This new post will establish a fundraising hub for Chichester District, support a team of volunteers, and fundraise on behalf of local voluntary and community groups.

Voluntary and Community Action
Chichester District

Applicants must be experienced fundraisers, understand how to motivate and support volunteers and have knowledge of a wide range of fundraising techniques. The successful applicant will be required to have a CRB check prior to employment.

This position is initially a fixed term contract for 12 months.

If you are interested in applying for this position then email admin@vcacd.org.uk, phone 01243 528615 or write to VCACD, 60a North St, Chichester, PO19 1NB.

Events

Carers Support Service Drop-in

Date: Mondays from 2 - 4pm

Venue: Carers Support Service, North and Mid Sussex,
The Orchard, 1-2 Gleneagles Court, Brighton Road,
Crawley, RH10 6AD.



The Carers Support Service, North and Mid Sussex are holding weekly information drop-in sessions at Brighton Road, Crawley. They promise a wide range of information that may be helpful to carers from leaflets and booklets to DVDs. For more information, phone 01293 657040 or visit www.carerssupport.org.uk.

Financing Care for People Living Alone

Date: Thursday 7th April, 7pm

Venue: Linfield, Wykeham Road, Worthing

This is the first of a series of free talks for older people, their relatives and care professionals that local charity Guild Care is offering as part of a new initiative called 'Approaching Care'.



The Speaker is Tom Scott from Care Fees Advice Agency who will be able to answer questions such as :

- Do I really need to sell my property?
- How can I preserve some capital for my family?
- How can I protect myself against future fee increases?

There will be ample opportunities to ask questions on financing care and other care matters as well as refreshments. Places are strictly limited so please book with Julia Johnson, Communications Manager, Guild Care on 01903 529779 or email julia.johnson@guildcare.org.

South East Monitoring and Evaluation training

Date: Tuesday 12th April, 11am to 3pm (with lunch)

Venue: Chesham House, 124 South Street, Lancing, West Sussex, BN15 8AJ.

Trainer: Ruth Naughton-Doe, Bristol University (Masters in Research Methods)

This training is time bank specific. It is aimed at those in the early stages of time bank development, to enable them to put a monitoring and evaluation plan in place. It is also aimed at those needing to show the impact their time bank is having on individuals and the community.

For more information, call 01903 854980.

Information

Attack of the Cuts

The Guardian's Society website has an article on the wide range of organisations, around the country, closing or losing services as a result of the cuts. An interesting read - <http://tinyurl.com/49wd4ux>

guardian.co.uk

Funding

Prevention and Wellbeing Programme

Deadline: Friday April 1st.

West Sussex County Council's Prevention and Wellbeing Programme funds start up costs for services and activities for adults and older people, which meet the aims of the Prevention and Wellbeing agenda:

- Social contact and stimulation
- Activity and exercise
- Occupational/educational activities
- Peer support groups
- Maintaining or restoring independence

The funding is available for organisations that meet the needs of adults and older people.

For further information or an application pack, contact Graham Tabbner on 01243 777107 or e-mail graham.tabbner@westsussex.gov.uk providing your name, organisation, address and contact details.

Spotlight: Giving World Online

A national awareness campaign is being launched by the online charity, Giving World Online, over the next few weeks with the intention of benefitting charities and community groups around the UK.

Giving World Online is a charity set up to offer a simple solution for companies with surplus goods to dispose of. They register with Giving World Online and publicise their goods onto charities and community groups who can access the items free of charge to support the people they work with.

A television advert is due to be broadcast on Discovery Networks in April, targeted at engaging more businesses to support the work of UK charities and community groups helping people in need by donating unwanted goods and equipment through the website.

To visit the site and find out more, go to www.givingworldonline.com



Events

Food Training

Date: Tuesday the 10th of May

Venue: Chesham House, 124 South Street, Lancing, West Sussex, BN15 8AJ

Ford Training is an accredited training centre, running CIEH or HABC nationally accredited Food Safety and Health & Safety Courses.



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The Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering certificate (formally known as "Basic Food Hygiene" certificate) is now being run here at Chesham House.

Places are available on the next open level 2 award in Food Safety Course running on the 10th of May. The price is £60 per person excluding vat or £50 per person for registered charities. The price includes exam fees, text book, tea and coffee.

This course utilises a range of techniques to make food hygiene fun. These include quizzes, photos, video clips and demonstrations of how germs can be spread by poor handwashing.

To book a place, please email enquiries@fordtraining.co.uk or call: Mobile: 07787 434133, or Landline: 01903 714275. Further details on open courses or in house training may be found at: www.fordtraining.co.uk

Living Library

Date: Saturday 2nd April, 10am - 12.30

Venue: Crawley Library

As part of Crawley's Festival of Words, Rise is hosting a 'Living Library' event focused on domestic abuse and violence. Domestic abuse survivors and workers will be on hand to tell their personal stories.



For more information, visit www.riseuk.org.uk, e-mail communications@riseuk.org.uk or phone 01273 622 828 ext 215.

Information

The End

Capacitybuilders' fifth and final survey has been published. It highlights staff cuts and a significant reduction in income amongst local service providers. 56% of respondents reported a fall in their income.

For more, go to <http://www.capacitybuilders.org.uk/node/567>



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