

News from Adur Voluntary Action & Chesham House

Important - Breaking News Amendment

The Free 'Making an Impact' Workshop from Pamoja Consulting was incorrectly identified as taking place on the 8th of September. We have been informed this was a mistake and the event is actually being held on the 6th. A flyer for the event is included along with this issue of AVA News.

In Pictures: AVA Health Trainers at Sompting Fair & Southwick Leisure Centre



Information

Going Live

The National Deaf Children's Society has taken its award-winning Helpline online, with a secure and confidential online (text) chat facility, viewable at <http://www.ndcs.org.uk/livechat>. It is open between the hours of 9.30am and 5pm. If the virtual sign reads 'Open', click on it to begin your conversation.



For more info, go to http://www.ndcs.org.uk/family_support/how_ndcs_can_help/ndcs_helpline/ndcslivechat.html.

Drop off

Donations to the UK's 500 biggest charities dropped by £70 million, last year. The Charity Market Monitor 2011, published annually by the ESRC Centre for Charitable Giving and Philanthropy at Cass Business School, which is part of City University London, and CaritasData, tracks changes in charity fundraising and other income.

For the first time, the very largest charities which are traditionally reported to be most able to ride financial ups and downs, took the biggest hit in their fundraised income, losing 1.8 per cent compared with the top 500 average of 1.1 per cent.

To find out more, go to http://www.charitytimes.com/ct/£70m_drop_500_largest_charities.php

Technology

Making Connections

BT have launched BT Community Connections, an award scheme which offers community groups the chance to get online and help people discover the wonders of the internet. Groups that help their community access the internet or access ICT skills are eligible to apply for a year's worth of free broadband internet.



The scheme supports a diverse range of community and charitable groups across the UK and is part of BT's Get IT Together campaign. To find out more, go to <http://tinyurl.com/2upt7ka>.

Information

Enjoyable Enterprise

The Social Enterprise Coalition has published a guide for people wanting to find out more about working in social enterprise. It features the stories of people who have moved into the world of social enterprise and lists helpful resources. To view it for yourself, go to <http://tinyurl.com/6e3ynbf>.



Result!

The results of the 2010 National Survey of Charities and Social Enterprises have been published by the government, following up the previous survey in 2008. It covers all local authorities across England.

To find out more and view the results of both 2010 & 2008 surveys, go to <http://www.ncsesurvey.com/>.



Challenging Times

Chief executives group ACEVO has produced 'Leadership in Challenging Times: A Toolkit for CEOs', with case studies from third sector leaders who have tackled a variety of challenges, along with practical management advice.

To view it for yourself, go to <http://www.acevo.org.uk/document.doc?id=1566>.



Cheque this out

Plans to scrap cheques as a payment method have been scuppered, partly as a result of the Institute of Fundraising's "Save our Cheque" campaign.

Simon Morrison, director of marketing and communications at the IoF, said: "We are delighted that the Payment Council has disposed with the proposed end date for cheques.

"This will make a world of difference to a lot of our members, especially as some charities currently receive up to 80% of their funding by cheques. For a large cohort of donors, cheques are a preferred method of donation."

For the full story, go to http://www.charitytimes.com/ct/success_iof_keeping_cheques.php.



Technology

Tools of the Trade

A new site has gone live offering free online resources for people who want to get involved in organising smaller, more straightforward community activities. Entitled 'Community Toolkit', it includes guidance on some legal, health and safety, insurance and planning issues.

To check it out for yourself, go to <http://www.communitytoolkit.co.uk/>.



Keep it Local

A new site has gone live, providing users with a quick and easy way to discover whether their local council has a petition site (which it then links you to). It also provides details of current petitions, throughout the country. To view it for yourself, go to <http://www.petitionyourcouncil.com/>.

Spotlight: CSV Make a Difference Day

Date: 29th October.

The UK's biggest day of volunteering is back! Last year more than 70,000 volunteers were involved in over 2000 activities, ranging from renovating homeless shelters to creating community gardens, teaching IT skills or helping housebound neighbours. This year's campaign will focus on activities that combat loneliness and isolation in society.

The day takes place on the 29th of October, with activities between the 22nd of October and the 6th of November. For more information visit www.csv.org.uk/difference, call Freephone 0800 284 533 or email difference@csv.org.uk.



The Make a Difference Day Handbook is now available, via e-mail. It contains advice, case studies, hints and tips to help you plan and carry out your activity. To request a copy and start planning your activity, call 0800 284 533 or email difference@csv.org.uk.

Information

Social Change Award Nominations now open

The Fifth Annual Directory of Social Change (DSC) Awards are being held on Thursday the 1st of December in London. The Awards are for all those working to achieve a positive change in society - individuals, charities, community groups, companies, public bodies. This year, there are four award categories - the Everyday Impact Award, Influencer Award, The Great Giving Funders Award and Lifetime Achievement Award. Nominations are now open.

To find out more, go to <http://www.socialchangeawards.org.uk/index.html>. They do still have an outdated 2010 logo on the site though.

DIRECTORY OF SOCIAL CHANGE

Fifth Annual
**DSC Social
Change Awards**
Thursday 1 December, London

A Private Engagement

The government have revealed they will open up more than £1bn of NHS services to competition from private companies and charities, raising fears it will lead to the privatisation of the health service.

In the first wave, beginning in April, eight NHS areas – including musculoskeletal services for back pain, adult hearing services in the community, wheelchair services for children, and primary care psychological therapies for adults – will be open for "competition on quality not price". If successful, the "any qualified provider" policy would see non-NHS bodies allowed to deliver more complicated clinical services in maternity and "home chemotherapy".

For the full story, check out <http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2011/jul/19/nhs-services-open-to-competition>.

Is White Wrong?

The government's White Paper has come under criticism from the voluntary sector. ACEVO warned about facing down vested interests, NCVO complemented the paper on a useful start but also raised the need for a level playing field, a message reiterated by the Social Enterprise Coalition in more forceful terms, and CAF noted that commissioners at all levels need to be truly empowered to value social impact.

For the full scoop, go to http://www.charitytimes.com/ct/open_public_services_white_paper.php.

We need to talk about Kevin

NAVCA chief executive, Kevin Curley, has announced his plans to retire from the post in March of next year. Curley, who has been head of the local infrastructure umbrella body since 2003, said the position had been his "dream job".

Mike Martin MBE, NAVCA's Chair said: "Under Kevin's leadership NAVCA has become a highly respected national charity which speaks for and effectively supports local charities and community groups."

NAVCA's Trustees have begun the process of recruiting Kevin's successor. The new Chief Executive will be in post by April 2012. For the full announcement, visit <http://tinyurl.com/437z69m>.



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First Class

The Health and Safety Executive has updated its 'Basic advice on first aid at work' leaflet. It covers such emergencies as how to deal with a person who is not breathing, severe bleeding, broken bones and spinal injuries. To read it for yourself, go to <http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg347.pdf>.



Funding

Keep it Local

Closing Date: Friday 5th August

The Office for Civil Society (OCS) has made up to £30 million available in short-term funding, to provide better support for front line civil society organisations by transforming local infrastructure services.

 **CabinetOffice**
Office for Civil Society

To find out more, go to http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_transforming_local_infrastructure.

Funding

Deep Impact



Closing Date: Friday 23rd September

Applications to the GlaxoSmithKline IMPACT Awards are now open. The IMPACT Awards have been running since 1997 and are designed to recognise and reward charities that are doing excellent work to improve people's health. They are funded by GlaxoSmithKline and managed in partnership with The King's Fund.

The awards are 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.

For more info and to apply, go to http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/current_projects/gsk_impact_awards/#inbrief.

Events

Voluntary and Community Action - The Heart of the Big Society?

Date: Wednesday 2nd November, 10am - 4pm
Venue: The University of Sussex
Fee: £90



This one day conference will explore the relationship of the voluntary and community sector with the statutory and the private sectors, within the context of civil society. The aim is to provide an understanding for these sectors of the dynamics, and implications for the organisational practice, of working together.

The Conference is being led by Julia Carrette and Antony J. Sneller. It is being specifically targeted at the statutory sector in the context of the big society and the involvement of a range of new people who will be 'interfacing' with the voluntary and community sector for the first time.

To enrol, contact CCE on: **T** 01273 678300 | **E:** cce@sussex.ac.uk
Or download an CCE enrolment form from www.sussex.ac.uk/cce/enrolmentform.

Technology

We are History

The Voluntary Action History Society (VAHS) aims to advance the historical understanding and analysis of voluntary action. A registered charity since 1995, VAHS have just launched a new blog at <http://www.vahs.org.uk/blog/>.



The first two articles are entitled "What is the big society and why should historians care?" and "Voluntary sector archives: A hidden casualty of the cuts?".

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