

News from Adur Voluntary Action & Chesham House

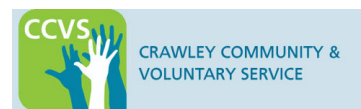
Happy Birthday, VolResource!

AVA News would like to wish the VolResource newsletter a very happy birthday. The voluntary and community organisation newsletter is celebrating its ten year anniversary. Check out the site at <http://voluntarynews.org.uk/news/>

Information

What's in a name?

Crawley Council for Voluntary Service have changed their name to Crawley Community & Voluntary Service. The change was made to emphasise its role with community and voluntary groups in Crawley and its surrounding areas.



Young Cuts

The National Council for Voluntary Youth Services have published an update to their report, "Comprehensive Cuts", which identifies the scale of cuts facing young people in England.



The original report has now been fully updated to include all the policy developments and funding changes facing the sector since the Comprehensive Spending Review in October 2010.

To read it for yourself, go to http://www.ncvys.org.uk/UserFiles/Comprehensive_Cuts_Part_2.pdf. For any other enquiries regarding the report, e-mail ross@ncvys.org.uk.

Bill's Bulletins

Navca have published a fourth bulletin concerning the Localism Bill working its way through Parliament. Entitled "Bulletin 4 - Brief Analysis of Part 5: Planning", it examines the section of the Bill on community infrastructure and neighbourhood planning.



To read the bulletin (and previous bulletins in the series), go to <http://www.navca.org.uk/stratwork/localism>. The bulletins are part of the 'Real Power for Communities' Campaign which was set up to ensure that the Localism Bill delivers the powers that were promised.

Volunteers

School Visits with Sussex Wildlife Trust

Sussex Wildlife Trust are looking for volunteers to help with school visits at Woods Hill Nature Reserve, Henfield. An introductory morning will take place on the 1st of March and opportunities also exist for family events and summer holiday clubs.

If you like working with children, are keen to share your enjoyment of the countryside, wish to gain experience in Environmental Education, or have some spare time you wish to put to good use, contact the Volunteer Administrator on 01273 497562 to find out more.

Alternatively, visit the website at www.sussexwt.org.uk



Go for Gold, all over again

Adur District Council are once again running their Pot of Gold scheme, awarding grants of up to £15,000 for successful projects. Grants are to be used on improving community facilities, improving the appearance of the district and equipment.

To find out more, go to: <http://www.adur.gov.uk/consultation/pot-of-gold.htm>

Deadline for bids: 31st January.



Information

NAVCA go Green

NAVCA have published their response to the Cabinet Office's 'Modernising Commissioning' Green Paper. To read it for yourself, go to <http://www.navca.org.uk/news/modernisingcommissioningresponse.htm>



Top of the Lot

The National Lottery are looking to find the public's favourite lottery-funded projects, across a range of categories, including Best Voluntary/Charity Project. The winner will be featured on a special awards show, to be broadcast on BBC1, as well as receiving £2000 to spend on their project.

For more information, go to <http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/awards/>
Deadline for entries: Friday 18th February, 5pm.



A Dip in the Ocean

Voluntary sector employment has fallen 2% in recent months, after a sustained long-term period of growth. In contrast, private sector employment has risen 2%. For more details, go to <http://tinyurl.com/5wfgnar>

Can't take it with you

Sir Stuart Etherington, Chief Executive of NCVO (National Council for Voluntary Organisations) has called on bankers to give their bonuses to charity, this year. Commenting ahead of giving evidence to the Public Administration Select Committee, he said: "Bankers' bonuses are expected to hit £7bn this year: that's more than the combined annual expenditure of all the UK's health, environment and community development charities. High-earning bankers should set an example by donating money to help the people and the communities who have been hit hardest by the recession."



For more on this story, go to <http://tinyurl.com/4nwolrt>.

Events

Supporting Volunteers Day

Date: 15th February, 9.15am - 4pm.
Venue: Billingshurst Village Hall.

Organised as part of the Working Together Project, this event will feature talks from Janet Brown (Manager of Horsham Area CVS) and Adrian Barrott (West Sussex Volunteer Hub). There will be workshops on incentivising volunteering, young people, volunteer management and more.

For further information, see the full programme, attached along with this issue.

Technology

Cabinet Website gets Bigger

The Government have set up a specific Big Society section on the Cabinet Office website with a Who's Who page, FAQ, news, links and resources. To view it for yourself, go to <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/big-society>.



Busted!

The Department for Communities and Local Government have put together the Barrier Busting site to help transfer power and influence to local authorities, communities and individuals. It aims to tackle barriers such as red tape, rules and regulation which can hold up community projects.



For the full scoop, go to <http://barrierbusting.communities.gov.uk/>

Video killed the Radio Star

VolResource's Voluntary News blog has published a special post to compile together links to video clips from the third sector. The post, which promises to update regularly, can be found at <http://voluntarynews.org.uk/news/content/third-sector-in-video-and-online>



Jobs

Operations Director - Community Services (full time)

Pay: £46,000

Closing Date Wednesday 16th February 2011

Interviews: February 21st 2011



Guild Care are looking for an experienced director with a background in older people's care services. You will need to be an excellent communicator who is able to represent Guild Care professionally with the public and their external stakeholders at senior management level and in partnership with statutory bodies and the voluntary sector. You must also be able to demonstrate excellent strategic management and analytical skills and have a good understanding of statutory commissioning.

For an application pack, contact Nicola Giles on 01903 528609, or visit www.guildcare.org to apply online and view a full job description.

The Older Voice Project Co-ordinator (3-year contract)

Hours per week: 7.4

Pay: £21,519 per annum pro rata (£4304)

Closing Date: Friday 29th January

Interviews: Wednesday 9th February



Voluntary and Community Action Chichester Direct are looking for a project co-ordinator to support the training of people aged 55 and over in computers and related technology. Experienced IT trainer with excellent interpersonal skills is required to undertake this role. CRB check, access to a car and willingness to travel across Chichester District are essential.

For further info, call 01243 528615 or email admin@vcacd.org.uk

Chief Executive Officer

Pay: £33,000

Location: Goring, West Sussex

Closing Date: 5pm, Monday 14th February

Interviews: Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd March



Voice for Disability is seeking a Chief Executive Officer who will build on recent developments and widen its influence and profile in West Sussex. The job requires excellent leadership skills, strong organisational abilities and good networking skills. Leading a small staff team supporting many volunteers, the successful candidate will work closely with the Board of Trustees to ensure the charity meets its aims and development objectives. Knowledge of the issues facing disabled people, the charity and the public sectors are essential.

Visit http://www.voicefordisability.org.uk/page_id_68_path_.aspx for full details about the charity, the job and the application form. If you wish to talk to the Chairman about this job, contact Trish Reynolds on 01903 260902 or email trish.areynolds@yahoo.co.uk

Technology

A Star Performance

GuideStar UK have updated their website with new content and a new design.

Located at <http://www.guidestar.org.uk>, GuideStar provides information on registered charities in England and Wales.



Cloudy with a chance of Charity

Lasa's ICT champion, Miles Maier, has written an article for the Guardian's voluntary sector blog suggesting that charities could save time and money by switching their IT operations to cloud computing. In cloud computing, rather than installing software on your computer, the host runs the software and services are delivered to you over the internet via your web browser.



For more, visit <http://www.guardian.co.uk/voluntary-sector-network/2011/jan/04/charities-cloud-computing>

Events

'Untold Stories' at Worthing's Holocaust Memorial Day

Date: 11am, Thursday 27th January

Venue: Council Chamber of Worthing Town Hall, Chapel Road, Worthing BN11 1HA

Polish Holocaust Survivor, Jan Imich 81, will share his 'untold stories' (the theme for 2011) and experiences at Worthing's Memorial Day event. After the talk, the Mayor along with other community representatives will tie a wreath on the Holocaust Memorial Tree in the south part of Beach House Grounds, Brighton Road.

For more information on Holocaust Memorial Day, visit www.hmd.org.uk

The Future of Public Health in West Sussex

Date: Monday 14th February, 9.30 - 12.30

Venue: County Hall North, Horsham



NHS West Sussex are hosting an event on the Future of Public Health in West Sussex. The purpose of the session is to discuss the key messages from the Public Health White Paper, to understand the implications of these for Public Health and to have your say on how NHS West Sussex can take forward Public Health in West Sussex.

To book your place, contact Paulene Horrocks on Paulene.Horrocks@westsussexpct.nhs.uk or call 01903 708634. For further information, contact Graeme Potter on telephone: 01293 600300 Ext 4271 or e-mail: graeme.potter@westsussexpct.nhs.uk.

Funding

Diamonds are forever

Deadline: 4th February

The Big Lottery Fund, with the approval of Buckingham Palace, will be helping to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 by offering grants of between £20,000 and £60,000 to support new projects that will improve local places and the lives of people in local communities. The Jubilee People's Millions will be open to applications from voluntary or community organisations, schools, local authorities or health bodies.



To have a chance of winning, applicants will need to inspire local people to get involved with their project. It'll also need to capture the public's imagination and persuade them to vote for the project. Shortlisted projects will be the subject to a public vote within their ITV area.

For more info or to apply, visit <http://www.peoplesmillions.org.uk/apply>

Information

The Only Way is Up

A petition has gone live on the West Sussex County Council website, encouraging the council to retain 'Fair Access to Care Services' thresholds at their current level.

The petition argues that the council's proposed plans of tightening of eligibility thresholds have been poorly thought through, and could cost the Council more in the long-run. To read more or to sign the petition, go to <http://tinyurl.com/6423ea9>



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