

## News from Adur Voluntary Action & Chesham House

### Sharpe Thinking

Geraldine Sharpe, one of AVA's Health Trainers, has raised over £2000 for Rise (the Sussex-based domestic abuse charity) through a sponsored run. The target for donations has been met but individuals can still donate through the JustGiving site at <http://www.justgiving.com/GeraldineSharpe>.



## Information

### The Way we Live Now

One in ten individuals intend to do some form of voluntary work in the next two years, according to a survey conducted by the Hansard Society. The Hansard Society's findings come from its annual Audit of Political Engagement, for which nearly 1200 people in England, Scotland and Wales were interviewed.

The survey also found that while political interest had gone up, political engagement had not and that the Big Society must avoid 'political associations' to succeed.

For further information, visit <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-12900961>

### Commissioning Possible

NAVCA has launched a free online guide to commissioning, aimed at development workers supporting local charities and voluntary organisations to engage with the commissioning landscape for the first time. The guide is called 'A beginner's guide to commissioning' and can be found at <http://www.navca.org.uk/news/beginnersguide.htm>



### In Harm's Way

The Charity Commission, the independent regulator of charities in England and Wales, has published the third chapter of 'Protecting Charities from Harm', its online compliance toolkit for charity trustees.



This chapter is on Fraud and Financial Crime. To view it, go to <http://tinyurl.com/64q7bx6>

## Technology

### Social Mediator

Ncvo have created a guide to integrating social media. The guide covers such topics as crowdsourcing, Twitter and using film to your advantage. To view it for yourself, go to <http://tinyurl.com/6b5y8p2>



### There's an app for that

Orange, the telecommunications provider, has released an app for the iPhone to give busy people opportunities to help make a difference. It does this by providing the user with small tasks that they can complete within five minutes or so, such as taking wildlife photos in a park or completing a charity survey.



For more information and to download it free, go to <http://dosomegood.orange.co.uk/get-involved/>

## Spotlight: Radio SoCo

SoCo Music Project is a not-for-profit organisation, providing opportunities within the community. They run workshops in their Hub in music, film, photography, art and more. They are on the look out for new opportunities to support local culture.



The organisation is a candidate for the £5000 co-operative 'revolution' fund. To vote for it, or for more information, go to <http://www.co-operative.coop/join-the-revolution/soco-music-project/>

## Technology

### Risky Business

The Health and Safety Executive have unveiled a new website, dedicated to helping voluntary organisations manage low risk. To view it for yourself, go to <http://www.hse.gov.uk/voluntary/index.htm>



### Cornered

The Corner House has a new website, featuring over thirty pages and a variety of new features including information about their services, artwork, courses, Good Food Corner Café and more. To check it out, go to <http://www.corner-house.org.uk/>



### Sounds like the Big Society

GlobalNet21, the Podcast channel for the 21st Century Network, have uploaded a podcast debating the Big Society. The podcast considers questions such as what impact the fallout from the banking crisis will have on goals for forming a more equal society and whether the Big Society is the answer or merely an excuse to avoid the major issues. To hear the debate, go to <http://tinyurl.com/3dyysv5>

### My oh my

BT have launched mydonate, a not-for-profit, online fundraising service for UK charities. The service aims to provide a secure, easy-to-use way for millions of people to raise money for their favourite charity. No charity subscription fee or commission is charged.



To find out more, go to <http://www.btplc.com/mydonate/index.aspx>

### Growing Trends

Charity Aids Foundation (CAF) has launched a new website, Charity Trends, providing users with access to data on 162,363 charities. Featuring research publications, charts and search tools, the content was collected by using the data registered charities provide in their Annual Returns to the Charity Commission. This data has been filtered into seventeen criteria.



To find out more, go to <http://www.charitytrends.org/>

## Jobs

### Oral History Project Co-ordinator - Voice for Disability (2 year contract)

**Hours:** 70 hours per month

**Wage:** £9,692

**Closing date for applications:** Monday 9th May, 5pm

The 'Speaking up for Disability' project will consider the oral histories and heritage of a diverse group of disabled people from across West Sussex. It aims to uncover how attitudes towards disability and the experiences of disabled people in West Sussex have changed since the 1940s. The project aims to work towards raising awareness of disability and the contribution disabled people have made to society in West Sussex.



The project co-ordinator will be responsible for the planning and development of the project, developing a website, educational resource pack and mobile exhibition.

Visit the website at [http://www.voicefordisability.org.uk/page\\_id\\_90\\_path\\_0p4p.aspx](http://www.voicefordisability.org.uk/page_id_90_path_0p4p.aspx) for full details about the charity, the job, and the application form. If you have any further questions, phone Roland on 01903 244457 or e-mail [roland.higgins@wsad.org.uk](mailto:roland.higgins@wsad.org.uk)

### Project Co-ordinator: Corporate Social Responsibility (fixed term 11 month contract)

**Hours:** 7 hours week week

**Wage:** £21,519 pro rata

**Interviews:** Monday 16th May

Voluntary and Community Action Chichester District wishes to appoint a Project Co-ordinator. This new post will be working across West Sussex to inspire businesses and academic institutions to forge closer links with voluntary and community organisations.



The ideal candidate will have excellent presentation skills, experience working with (and an understanding of) different sectors and the ability to inspire people.

To apply, or for more information, email [admin@vcacd.org.uk](mailto:admin@vcacd.org.uk), phone 01243 528615 or write to VCACD, 60a North St, Chichester, PO19 1NB. This post is supported by West Sussex County Council.

## Events

### Seven Sisters Walk

**Date:** Sunday 3rd July, 10am

**Venue:** Seven Sisters Country Park, Exceat, Seaford

**Entry fee:** £10 per adult, £5 for under 16s

**PARKINSON'S<sup>UK</sup>**

Parkinson's UK are organising an eight mile walk through Friston Forest and along the cliffs of the Seven Sisters in East Sussex. The walk will raise money for the charity. For more information or to book a place, call 0844 255 9843, e-mail [ajsmith@parkinsons.org.uk](mailto:ajsmith@parkinsons.org.uk) or visit the site at <http://tinyurl.com/3eibw3w>

### International Festival

**Date:** Saturday 18th June, 10am - 5pm

**Venue:** The Shoreham Centre, Pond Road

International Neighbours, a group dedicated to the promotion of community cohesion by celebrating diversity, are holding an international festival in association with Adur District Council. The festival will feature workshops, arts, dance, craft, foods, stalls and music (plus a West Indian steel drum band!)



For more information, call 01273 389629 or visit [www.internationalneighbours.org.uk](http://www.internationalneighbours.org.uk). Admission is free to all.

## Information

### Two to One?

CVS Arunwide and Voluntary and Community Action Chichester Direct have released a joint statement, stating that talks are underway concerning a possible merger. A key factor in discussions will be how to maintain a continued presence in both regions.



## Funding

### The Sheila McKechnie Campaigner Awards 2011

**Deadline:** Monday 20th June, 1pm.

Applications for the SMK Campaigner Awards 2011 are now open. This year's nine categories are Consumer Action, Environment, International Campaigner, Local Campaigner, London Social Justice, Shout Out (for young campaigners), Social and Economic Justice, Take Action (for older campaigners) and Transport.



Winners get coaching and mentoring, a skills building weekend and other support to develop their campaigning. For more information, go to

<http://www.smk.org.uk/smk-awards-2011/>

### The Energyshare Fund

**Deadline:** Tuesday 31st May.

The Energyshare Fund has been set up to help fund as many inspiring renewable energy projects across Britain as possible. £500,000 is available in the first round of funding. Community groups can apply for up to £100,000. Projects must have the objective of saving or generating energy locally, be supported by and benefit their local community, be realistically achievable in a year and inspire other renewable projects.



For more information, go to <http://www.energyshare.com/fund/about-applying/>

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