

News from Adur Voluntary Action & Chesham House Centre

Bonus Supplement: Funding News - October 2011

Attached along with this issue is the October edition of West Sussex County Council's 'Funding News'.

Information

Big Mistake

A recent survey of 500 charities, conducted by the Directory of Social Change, suggests that only 5% of organisations think more people are volunteering as a result of the Government's Big Society idea.

It asked 'Do you think more people are volunteering as a result of Big Society?'. 5% said yes, and 95% said no. Many comments left by respondents also displayed significant cynicism over the Big Society idea in general.

DSC's Research Project Manager Tom Traynor, who analysed the results, said: "If boosting volunteering is a key part of the Big Society idea, the survey response suggests the Government has its work cut out to make that case to people in the voluntary sector."

Being Human(ist)

The British Humanist Association are pleased to announce the success of a long campaign to "have the advancement of non-religious beliefs for the public benefit accepted as a charitable Object". The BHA's revised Objects are as follows:

4.1.1. The advancement of Humanism, namely a non-religious ethical lifestance the essential elements of which are a commitment to human wellbeing and a reliance on reason, experience and a naturalistic view of the world;

4.1.2. The advancement of education and in particular the study of and the dissemination of knowledge about humanism and about the arts and science as they relate to humanism;

4.1.3. The promotion of equality and non-discrimination and the protection of human rights as defined in international instruments to which the United Kingdom is party, in each case in particular as relates to religion and belief;

4.1.4. The promotion of understanding between people holding religious and non-religious beliefs so as to advance harmonious cooperation in society.

To find out more, including the history of the campaign (which dates back over four hundred years), go to <http://www.humanism.org.uk/news/view/908>.



Events

A Week you can Trust

Next week (31st October to 6th November) is Trustees' Week, an annual event to showcase the work that trustees do and highlight opportunities for people from all walks of life to get involved and make a difference.

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



TRUSTEES' WEEK 2011
31 OCTOBER - 6 NOVEMBER

Health and Safety in the Workplace

Date: 11th November, 9.30am - 4pm

Venue: Mid Sussex (South) CVS, Burgess Hill, RH15 9AE

This course aims to enable you to gain basic knowledge and understanding of health and safety in a practical and friendly environment. For more info, go to <http://tinyurl.com/6c88zml>.

Information

A Turn for the Worse

Employment in the voluntary sector has fallen by 5% over the past 12 months according to the latest Labour Force Survey. There has been a fall of 38,000 employees since the second quarter of 2010.

The voluntary sector workforce has now experienced two consecutive quarters of decline, in addition to the 'flatline' witnessed towards the end of 2010, and the average hourly voluntary sector wage has dropped to £10.14.

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

The findings were produced by the Third Sector Research Centre (TSRC) and the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) in partnership with Skills-Third Sector.

The Life of Kevin

Congratulations to Kevin Curley who recently received the Luke FitzHerbert Lifetime Achievement Award at the prestigious Third Sector Excellence Awards. The award was presented to Kevin in recognition of his 40-year career in the voluntary sector, including his work as Chief Executive of NAVCA.



Speaking at the event, Kevin said "The intricate tapestry of local voluntary action tells a compelling story, with deep roots in this nation's social development. Like any tapestry, like any story, we must look after it with great care and pass it on to the next generation."

The NCIA Independence Audit

The National Coalition for Independent Action are encouraging organisations to undertake the NCIA Independence Audit. The audit looks at how an organisation relates to the outside world and what its internal culture is.

**National Coalition for
Independent Action**

NCIA are interested in exploring your purpose and how you stick to it, your public voice, your relationships with funders and policy makers, your approaches to working with others and involving those who use your service, your management styles and what it feels like to work for and with you.

To find out more, go to <http://www.independentaction.net/the-ncia-independence-audit/>

Investment Matters

New online guidance on Charities and Investment Matters has been published by the Charity Commission replacing previous advice on investments and describes legal duties and principles that apply to charity investments and the risks that trustees must address. It offers a clear framework for decision making, but emphasises that it is up to trustees to decide on the most appropriate overall investment strategy for their charity.

To find out more, go to http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/RSS/News/pr_cc14.aspx

Technology

Research and Development

The Third Sector Research Centre has launched a new website designed to pull together research and evidence on a range of voluntary sector subjects. Financed by £200,000 from the Big Lottery Fund, the website features materials such as academic research, reports by voluntary organisations, government publications and training materials.



To view it for yourself, go to <https://cssfs10.bham.ac.uk/heritage/> or visit <http://www.tsrc.ac.uk/> for the Third Sector Research Centre's main site.

Events

Awards for all - Big Lottery Briefing

Date: Wednesday the 7th of December, 10.30am - 1pm
Venue: WRVS Chesham House Centre, Lancing

This free workshop, with Kate Sawdy, will provide attendees with a greater understanding of the key features of the Big Lottery programmes, what they can fund, and what makes an application fundable. There will also be hints and tips on securing a grant.

There will be up-to-date information on Big Lottery's main funding opportunities with particular emphasis on Awards for All, the small grants programme for awards of between £300 and £10,000. There will also be an update on the Reaching Communities programme that offers awards of between £10,000 and £500,000 over a period of up to 5 years.

Visit <http://www.workingtogetherproject.org.uk/community-training/all-community-training-courses/> to book your place on the course or ring 01273 810248 for more info.

Events

Upcoming 4SIGHT Events

Elmer Entertainers

Date: Saturday 26th November

A popular matinee performance of musical entertainment at the Jubilee Hall, Middleton on Sea, PO22 6DZ.



Supporting blind and partially sighted people

Charity Concert

Date: Saturday 3rd December

A choir concert at St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Bognor Regis, PO21 2SG to raise funds for 4SIGHT and the church.

Fundraising Gala Dinner

Date: Friday 16th December

A black tie gala dinner featuring music and entertainment at St Paul's Centre, Worthing, BN11 1EE.

For further details of the above events, contact Lisa Foard on 01243 838008 or e-mail lisa.foard@4sightsussex.co.uk.

Day Conference: Voluntary and Community Action - the Heart of the Big Society?

Date: Wednesday 2nd November

Venue: University of Sussex, Falmer

Fee: £90

Code: X90307



University of Sussex

Centre for Community Engagement

The debate over the relationship between public sector and voluntary sector has intensified in recent years. The private sector has been brought into the picture in a new way and the government's Big Society policy has put these issues into sharp focus.

Against this backdrop, this conference aims to examine how this impacts on the practical relationships between the three sectors in day to day working practice. The University of Sussex will be examining the dynamics of these relationships and the implications for organisational practice.

This conference is an opportunity for all those involved in the Big Society, including colleagues in the public sector, to engage in discussions and gain insights and understanding of these important issues.

For further details, go to <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/cce/prospectivestudents/shortcourses/x90307> or dial 01273 872718 to enrol.

Rise National Violence Against Women Conference 2011

Date: Thursday 17th November, 10am - 4:30pm

Venue: Sussex University, Brighton

The first annual Rise Conference has the subtitle "Professional by Experience: Survivor Perspectives on Preventing Violence against Women". It will bring together many leading voices, survivors, activists and specialist service providers to explore different experiences and effective approaches to preventing violence against women.



The Conference will be opened by Caroline Lucas, MP, and chaired by Dr Aisha Gill - Senior Lecturer in Criminology, University of Roehampton. For more info and to book, go to <http://www.riseuk.org.uk/conference/>

Technology

Twitter used Voluntarily

VoluntaryNews.org, a helpful source of relevant and practical voluntary sector news, has a new Twitter account. Found at <http://twitter.com/#!/voluntarynews>, it provides quick links to all the news stories on the website.

Funding

Social Action Fund

Deadline: Wednesday 2nd November, 12 noon

The Social Action Fund is a new grant fund of over £20 million, aimed at inspiring organisations to create new social action opportunities; encouraging people to give what they have, be it time, money, assets, knowledge or specific skills.

The Social
Investment
Business

To find out more, go to <http://www.thesocialinvestmentbusiness.org/our-funds/social-action-fund/>.

Events

Worthing Black History Launch Event

Date: Saturday 29th October, 12 to 3pm

Venue: Lime Cafe, St. Pauls Centre, Chapel Road, BN11 1EE

WORTHING
BLACK HISTORY

This free event is being held to celebrate Black History Month. It will feature African drumming, arts & crafts, music, stalls, face painting, storytelling and food.

Worthing Black History is people working together to celebrate diversity and build a strong integrated community. For further info, e-mail worthingblackhistory@yahoo.com.

Home Start's 10th Anniversary

Date: Thursday 10th November, 4.15 - 6pm

Venue: The Wave Children and Family Centre, Dominion Road, Broadwater, BN14 8JL

Home Start are celebrating their 10th anniversary on the 10th of November. There will be light refreshments, visual displays and a short talk by Chair, Graham Wells.

Home
Start
Support and friendship
for families

To RSVP, call 01903 236916 by the 4th of November.

Rise Living Library

Venue: Jubilee Library, Jubilee Street, Brighton



Rise, in conjunction with think drink drugs, Terrence Higgins Trust and Brighton and Hove City Council, are organising a series of talks with ordinary people who have faced extraordinary challenges.

On Wednesday the 23rd of November, from 2-5pm, there will be a chance to meet individuals whose lives have been affected by drugs or alcohol.

On Thursday the 24th, from 3-8pm, survivors of domestic abuse will tell their stories.

On Friday the 25th, from 2-5pm, people living with the effects of HIV and AIDS will give their personal accounts.

For more information, visit www.rise.org.uk, email communications@riseuk.org.uk or call 01273 622 828 ext 215.

Adur East Lions Awareness Night

Date: Wednesday 2nd November, from 7pm

Venue: The Function Room, Royal George Pub, Upper Shoreham Road

Adur East Lions are holding an informal information evening, with nibbles, for people to find out more about what they do. For further info, e-mail membership@adureastlions.org.uk or phone 0845 833 7356.



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