

CaDVAS News Update

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CaDVAS Training Programme

As discussed in a previous mailing, we are holding a series of training events starting in January 2009. For this round of training we have some funding, which means that we are in the fortunate position of being able to offer some free places to CaDVAS members.

Confirmed dates so far are:

Subject : Trustee and governance briefing

Date & Time: Wednesday 21.01.09, 6pm - 8pm

Venue: Hersden Neighbourhood Centre

Cost: CaDVAS members: 2 places free, then £10
Non members: £10

The trainer will be Peter Dyer, an independent governance advisor, trainer and consultant. Peter has wide experience in the trustee and governance field, having worked with hundreds of charities and community groups at local, regional and national level. This session will be suitable as part of an induction for new board members or as a refresher for existing board members.

We also hope to run a repeat of this session, in a daytime slot, date and venue to be confirmed.

Applications by Tuesday 13th January please

Subject: Basic Fire Safety

Date & Time: Monday February 9th, 10am - 12 noon

Venue: Beach House, Herne Bay

Cost: CaDVAS members: 2 places free, then £10
Non members: £10

Applications by Friday 30th January please

Subject: First Aid Appointed Person

Date & Time: Tuesday February 24th, 10am - 4pm

Venue: Seasalter Christian Centre

Cost: CaDVAS members: 2 places free, then £15
Non members: £15

Applications by Friday February 13th please

Both of these events will be delivered by Kent Safety Training. The Kent Safety Training team has over 17 years of experience in training and as front line members of the emergency services.

To apply for a training place, please complete a [Training Application Form](#) for each event that you would like to attend. Places are limited and priority will be given to CaDVAS members.

If you would like to join CaDVAS, please complete and return a [Membership Application Form](#).

Future training events:

We are in the process of finalising bookings for training days on

Working with the local media

Aspects of funding

Diversity awareness

Volunteer recruitment and retention

and will circulate the details as soon as possible.

Members' News

Canterbury and Herne Bay Shopmobility

If you have difficulty with walking or general mobility problems, whether temporary or permanent, or through an accident or operation, then perhaps Canterbury and Herne Bay Shopmobility may be able to help you.

They are a service which operates in Canterbury and Herne Bay that provides electric scooters and wheelchairs and manual wheelchairs that can be hired on an hourly, daily or weekly basis.

So, if you would like to get back some independence and freedom of movement to go shopping, or visit doctors, dentists or just to get out of the house to meet friends for a coffee, give them a ring and see if they can help you - it could just give you a whole new outlook on life.

Costs: Scooters and powered wheelchairs: £3.00 for 2 hours or £5.00 per day.
Manual wheelchairs: £2.00 per day.
(Weekly rates are available - please telephone for rates.)

Contact Shopmobility:

Canterbury: Whitefriars multi-storey car park
14 Gravel Walk
Canterbury CT1 2TF

Phone: 01227 459889

Herne Bay: Beach House
Beach Street
Herne Bay CT6 5PT

Phone: 01227 372 487

Canterbury and District Pensioners' Forum

Canterbury and District Pensioners' Forum sent a representative on a visit to 10 Downing Street and The Department of Work and Pensions as part of the recent Full of Life Day. You can read a report on the day, as well as the Forum's latest newsletter, on their website at www.cantdistforum.org.uk .

CROP Services Guide

CROP (Citizen's Rights for Older People) have produced CLIFF - Canterbury Local Information Fact File - a guide to services for people over 60 in the Canterbury City Council areas. It includes information on health, transport, benefits, support groups and other useful local services.

The guide is available online at www.cropkent.org.uk/localguide or you can call John Newell at CROP on 01227 789777 for more information.

Other News

Online service to help charities find trustees

By Andy Ricketts, Third Sector Online, 1 December 2008

Charities struggling to recruit trustees are being invited to make use of a new website that enables charities

to post trustee vacancies and helps potential board members find suitable roles.

Charity Trustee Networks has launched its [Trusteefinder](#) service. People who want to serve as trustees can search the vacancies by location, specify how far they are willing to travel and what type of cause areas they are interested in.

Andrew Hind, chief executive of the [Charity Commission](#), said: "This will provide a valuable resource for charities and support them in promoting their board vacancies to as wide an audience as possible. It will also help them to find the right trustees."

Karen Heenan, chief executive of CTN, said she hoped that the initiative would help third sector organisations build effective boards.

The Good Guide to Employment from NCVO

Wendy Blake Ranken

The Good Guide to Employment makes it as easy as possible for you to be a good employer in the voluntary sector. From finding the right person, to salaries and contracts and diversity, this guide gives you the confidence to apply good practice principles to your organisation.

This fifth edition of The Good Guide to Employment is completely updated and revised, and includes case studies, good practice examples and checklists.

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For further information about this or any other NCVO publications go to: www.ncvo-vol.org.co.uk

Or telephone 0800 2 798 798

Funding News

Colyer Fergusson Charitable Trust Small Projects Grant

[The Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust](#) believes that local people should be at the heart of the regeneration of their area and that access to services and opportunities are essential to a sustainable rural way of life.

This grant is therefore targeted at new or existing Community Groups (but not parish councils) with projects that tackle rural community issues. The project might be a new and innovative idea, the adaptation or extension of an existing facility or any other activity that creates a wider range of opportunity for rural people.

ESF Community Grants

Up to £12,000 is available to small organisations in Kent and Medway delivering training that helps people into employment.

For further information on these two grants, contact **Action with Communities in Rural Kent**, which provides advice and support to community groups in rural areas as well as distributing a number of grants. See their website at: www.ruralkent.org.uk or call **01303 813790**.

BTCV are administering [Funding for Women's Training](#) for women working in environmental or land-based projects. Training must take place by the end of February 2009 but any training undertaken since April 2008 may be included in a claim.

Are you a young person between 16 and 25 or do you work with young people? If so, [Big Challenge](#) is providing a great opportunity to apply for funding for health projects, specifically focussing on one of the following:

- Drugs, sex and alcohol
- Sustainable living
- Gang culture
- Healthy living

Applications are due in by January 12th 2009 so act now and Think Big!

Grassroots Grants and The Crown Charitable Fund

[Grassroots grants](#) are designed to help groups with income below £20,000 per annum. Grants are up to £5000 and can be used for a variety of purposes. [The Crown Charitable Fund](#) will benefit voluntary and community groups working with children and young people, up to age 18, in Herne Bay and its surrounding villages.

For more information on either of these funds contact Kent Community Foundation, Office 23, Evegate Park Barn, Evegate. Smeeth. Nr Ashford TN25 6SX, **01303 814500** or admin@kentcf.org.uk

For up-to-date news on other funding currently available, try the following contacts:

Kent4Community, which is a free web based grant search facility, at www.open4community.info/kent/ they also produce a regular e-newsletter; for information email administrator@open4community.info .

Inside Track, the KCC External Funding service newsletter - email externalfunding@kent.gov.uk to be added to their mailing list or contact Jill Frankland, Projects Officer, External Funding Unit
Tel: **01622 694055**; Email: jill.frankland@kent.gov.uk for further information.

j4bCOMMUNITY produce a regular funding newsletter; email newsletter@j4bcommunity.co.uk

If you have difficulty contacting any of the above, please feel free to contact CaDVAS for further information and advice.

If you have articles for inclusion in the next issue, please contact Sue Tucker at CaDVAS:
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