

# CaDVAS Newsletter

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## CaDVAS News

We would like to wish a very Happy New Year to all our readers - we hope you had a good break over Christmas and have managed to negotiate the snow safely!

We are busy making final plans for the launch of our **Trustee Development Programme** on **Thursday 28th January 2010** at **Kent Enterprise House**.

We look forward to seeing you there, so if you haven't already done so, please complete and return a [booking form](#) if you would like to attend, and please do remember to circulate the [invitation](#) to your trustees.

Thank you to everyone who has commented on our plans to establish a **Disability Forum**. We will start planning our next steps, and organising an inaugural event, within the next couple of weeks, so if you would like contribute your ideas please send us your completed [disability forum questionnaire](#).

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## Training and Events

### CaDVAS Training

#### First Aid Appointed Person

This course is suitable for people who:

- Want to learn First Aid which qualifies them to act as the Appointed Person in the workplace, under the terms of the Health and Safety (First-Aid) Regulations 1981
- Want to attend a general First Aid course, or
- Want to learn Emergency First Aid (EFAW).

**Date:** Thursday 4th February

**Time:** 10.00am - 4.00 pm

**Venue:** Kent Enterprise House, The Links, HerneBay (tbc)

**Cost:** CaDVAS members: 1st place free, further places £20  
Non members: £20

**Trainer:** Carl Davies of Kent Safety Training. Carl has over 17 years of experience in training and as a front line member of the emergency services and is a fully qualified trainer and assessor.

*There are just a couple of places left on this course so if you would like to attend please contact us as soon as possible and by **Thursday 21st January at the latest***

## **Introduction to the new Vetting and Barring Scheme**

*Another chance to attend this very popular course,  
originally held in October 2009  
but it's filling up very fast so apply now if you would like to attend!*

Does your organisation work with children or with vulnerable adults? If so you may be affected by the changed arrangements for vetting people who work or volunteer with these groups, which are being rolled out over the next few months. What will change? What will we need to do? How will the work of the ISA differ from existing CRB procedures?

**Date:** Wednesday 17th March 2010

**Time:** 9.30am - 1.00pm

**Venue:** Seasalter Christian Centre, 49 Faversham Road, Seasalter,  
Whitstable CT5 4AX

**Cost:** CaDVAS members first place free, further places £20;  
non-members £20

**Trainer:** June Oldacre. June has worked in care and education for many years, managing a care home and a domiciliary agency. She has supported children, adults with learning disabilities and older adults. She was course leader at SouthKentCollege. For the past 6 years she has delivered staff training for those

working in the care industry including managers. She was training manager for a care company and co-ordinated their training as well as delivering a substantial amount of the training.

To apply for either of these courses please complete and return a [Training Application Form](#) or contact Sue Tucker on 01227 452381 or 07595 543411 or email [sue@cadvas.org](mailto:sue@cadvas.org) with your organisation name, the name(s) of the applicant(s) and your contact details.

We are in the process of planning further **IT training** from the end of February as well as our **Spring/Summer training programme** from April to July - look out for details which we will be mailing out very soon.

## EVENTS

### Love Shouldn't Hurt II

**Canterbury District Domestic Violence Forum** will be hosting their second conference, Love Shouldn't Hurt II, on **Friday 26th of February 2010**. Please put this date in your diary. Invitations and agenda to follow.

### Kent and Medway Funding Fairs - DATES CONFIRMED

As previously reported, 2010 will see the return of the popular Kent and Medway Funding Fair. This has been made possible through funding from the Big Lottery BASIS Programme which is operated through Kent CAN and delivered by Action with Communities in Rural Kent.

Dates and venues have now been confirmed: **The West Kent Fair** will be held on **30<sup>th</sup> March 2010** at **Sevenoaks School** and the **East Kent Fair** will take place at the **Marlowe Academy, Ramsgate**, on **June 2nd 2010**.

Booking will open later this month, but spaces are limited so to ensure that you do not miss the opportunity to attend, you can register your interest by emailing [fundingfairs@ruralkent.org.uk](mailto:fundingfairs@ruralkent.org.uk).

Further information will be posted on the **Funding Buddies** and the **Action with Communities in Rural Kent** websites [www.fundingbuddiesinkent.org.uk](http://www.fundingbuddiesinkent.org.uk) and

## Members' News

### **WORLD EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT GROUP - WEDG**

**WEDG** are seeking to recruit a

**Global Education Coordinator** (Maternity Cover)

**Part time:** three days/week (temporary - 9 months)

**Salary range:** £19,330 - £20,650 (pro rata)

**WEDG** is the global educational centre for East Kent, and is looking for a dynamic and creative educator with at least one year working experience in formal or informal education to provide training, support and enthusiasm on global citizenship to schools, teachers, students and other educationalists. You will have good communication and organizational skills and be able to work flexibly as part of a small team. Experience in global issues, project management and bid writing would be an advantage.

This is a 9 month maternity cover contract based in Canterbury, starting mid March 2010.

Applications must be submitted by email. Please send your CV and cover letter to [info@wedg.org.uk](mailto:info@wedg.org.uk).

For further information visit

[www.wedg.org.uk](http://www.wedg.org.uk)

**Closing date:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

**Interviews:** end of Jan/early Feb 2010.

### **CANTERBURY DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

The Bureau is looking for a

**Part time administrative assistant** to help with day to day administrative tasks involved in running the Legal Services Commission funded **Welfare Benefits Specialist Unit**.

**Hours:** 7 per week

**Salary:** £ 16,777 per annum pro rata

**Fixed term** dependent on continuation of funding from the Legal Services Commission, current contract due to expire 13.10.10. If renewed will be for three years.

**Place of work:** Canterbury office but you may be required to work in other offices of Canterbury District Citizens Advice Bureau.

You will have experience of administrative work and be able to work on own

initiative. Must have excellent information technology skills and value the importance of customer care.

**Application pack from:**

Simone Field  
District Manager  
Canterbury District CAB  
185 High Street  
Herne Bay  
Kent CT6 5AS

01227 740647

[distman@canterburycab.cabnet.org.uk](mailto:distman@canterburycab.cabnet.org.uk)

**Closing date:** 25 January 2010

**Interview date:** w/c 1 February 2010

Canterbury District Citizens Advice Bureau values diversity and promotes equality. We welcome applications from all sections of the community

## **SNAAP (Special Needs Advisory & Activities Project)**

### **1. Sessional Play Support Workers**

Due to expansion we are looking to recruit additional sessional **Play Support Workers** to work with **SNAAP** delivering activities to disabled children and young people. Duties may include; helping with the delivery of indoor play activities at our sports club; providing a stimulating range of activities to young people at our youth groups; providing 1:1 support on days out as well as help provide family based activities during school holidays.

The term 'sessional' means you will be working on an 'as and when' basis on a 0 hours contract where we will contact you to find out your availability as opportunities arise. This post is subject to an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check.

**Responsible for:** Helping to deliver activities for disabled children & young people aged 0-19

**Line Managed by:** Project Manager

**Responsible to:** The SNAAP Management Committee

**Based at:** Different venues across the District including the Sports Club at Canterbury High School, Youth Activities at Whitstable Youth Centre and activities held at Windchimes, Herne Bay.

**Salary/hours:** 0 hours contract at £8 an hour

For further information and an application form contact SNAAP on **01227 367555** or email [info@snaap.org.uk](mailto:info@snaap.org.uk) .

**Closing Date:** Friday 22nd January 2010

## 2. Part-Time Bookkeeper

**Location:** Herne Bay

**Hours:** 3 hours per week (preferably on a Monday)

**Salary:** £10 an hour

SNAAP is a local charity helping disabled children and their families. Due to expansion we require a Bookkeeper for our busy and very friendly office.

For further information and an application form contact Carrie at SNAAP on **01227 367555** or email [Carrie@snaap.org.uk](mailto:Carrie@snaap.org.uk) .

**Closing Date:** 22nd January 2010

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## Funding and Finance News

### £10 Million Youth Aspiration Funding Announced

**The fourth funding round of the Youth Sector Development Fund (YSDF) is now open for applications.**

**School Minister Ian Wright** has welcomed applications from third sector organisations to bid for a share of the £10 million fund aimed at raising the aspirations of disadvantaged young people.

This is the fourth round of the Government's YSDF scheme, which will focus on the aims of the recently published **Information, Advice and Guidance** strategy.

Bids are welcomed which aim to show young people the full range of options open to them in education and work, providing real work experience across a variety of careers. It is expected that around 25 third sector organisations will receive a mix of grants and business support from the fund from April 2010 to

March 2011.

Mr Wright said: "Many organisations in the third sector are already working with disadvantaged young people and parents in innovative ways that challenge negative stereotypes and raise aspirations.

"Today I am inviting these organisations to build on that experience and to develop exciting new approaches so that young people and parents get the impartial information, advice and guidance about learning and work opportunities that they need, including experiencing those routes at first hand.

"In particular I want to see proposals which will help young people and their families with low aspirations and capture their imagination through exciting forms of work experience, 'tasters' and work-related learning, and increase support through mentoring."

**Deadline for applications:** 04.02.10

To apply please visit the YSDF [www.ysdf.ecotec.com/](http://www.ysdf.ecotec.com/)

j4bCommunity funding news for 9th December 2009

### **Comic Relief's Older People's Programme**

The programme aims to support **people aged 65 and older** in the UK to bring positive change to their communities. **Comic Relief** particularly welcomes applications which address the needs of: black and minority ethnic elders; frail older people; older people with mental health needs; older carers; and those on lower incomes. Applicants must be able to demonstrate the active engagement of older people in the development and delivery of the work.

For more information visit: [www.comicrelief.com](http://www.comicrelief.com) .

### **Children in Need launches new grants programme**

By Andy Ricketts, Third Sector Online, 23 December 2009

**Children in Need** is offering small grants of **up to £10,000** a year for three years for third sector organisations working with children and young people.

It is the first time the organisation has run a UK-wide small grants programme, and follows a pilot in Scotland. The scheme is designed to reach organisations that have not previously considered applying for Children in Need funding.

Grants will be allocated in four tranches, with application deadlines on 15

January, 15 April, 15 July and 15 October.

Any not-for-profit organisation working with children and young people under the age of 18 can apply, with some exclusions such as projects carrying out medical research or promoting religion. Decisions are expected to be made within 14 weeks of the closing date of each round.

**Sheila Jane Malley**, director of grants and policy at **Children in Need**, said the organisation was looking for charities with well thought-through aims.

"The first thing we look at is benefit for children and young people," she said. "Is the organisation clear about what improvements it wants to bring about, and is it clear about how it can do it?"

She said the organisation would also want to see "real enthusiasm, commitment and passion" from applicants.

The total amount of funding available for the small grants programme would depend on the quality of applications, said Malley, but funding for the small and large grants programmes together would exceed £38m in 2010.

Funding will be allocated at local level through seven regional UK bases in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

For more information and to make an application visit:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/smallgrants.shtml>

## **Institute of Fundraising considers campaign against abolition of cheques**

By Kaye Wiggins, Third Sector Online, 18 December 2009

The **Institute of Fundraising** has written to its members to ask whether it should lobby the Government against plans to phase out cheques by 2018.

The email asks members whether they think they will be able to convert all of their cheque donors to using other methods before cheques are phased out. The **UK Payments Council** has proposed that this should happen by 31 October 2018, if suitable alternatives can be developed.

The institute's message also encourages members to lobby MPs against the plan if they are concerned it will affect their income, and informs them about an early day motion tabled by Liberal Democrat MP Mark Hunter against the planned abolition.

A spokeswoman for the institute said: "If there is enough pressure from our members about the issue, we will take further action."

## **Cancer Research UK launches online donor choice system**

By Kaye Wiggins, Third Sector Online, 4 December 2009

**Cancer Research UK** will allow donors to choose exactly where their money is spent with a new online system to be launched in March.

The scheme, called **My Projects**, is already on trial.

It allows supporters to specify that their money should be spent on researching specific types of cancer, or on funding cancer nurses.

The initiative also provides information about scientific research projects that are taking place and lets donors give directly to them.

Kevin Waudby, head of innovation at CRUK, said that in the past only major donors had been able to specify where their money was spent.

"Online fundraising means charities have to have closer relationships with all of their supporters and let them all have a say in what happens to their donations," he said.

Waudby said the aim of the new system was to bring in new donors rather than to encourage existing donors to give more.

A trial website for the scheme has been put in place, and the new site will be launched officially in March next year.

### **Public 'want to know how money is spent'**

From Inside Track 151, 14.12.09

More than half of the general public would donate more money to charity if they knew exactly how it was spent. The research was carried out for donation website **See the Difference**, which will be launched next year. The data shows that 51% of people would give more if they knew how their money was spent and 40% would do so if they could actually see the difference their money was making.

For further information: [www.thirdsector.co.uk/News/FundraisingBulletin](http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/News/FundraisingBulletin)

### **Bmycharity donations in November almost double on previous year**

By Kaye Wiggins, Third Sector Online, 9 December 2009

Nearly twice as much money was donated to charity through fundraising website **Bmycharity** in November as in the same month last year.

More than £546,000 was donated through the site in November 2009, compared with £247,000 in the same month in 2008.

The average amount donated through the site has increased from £54.24 to £59.26 for the same periods.

The site announced in October that it had removed its commission charges and would be funded instead by a £150 sign-up fee from charities and an 'applications' system whereby charities could choose which firms' adverts to place on their pages.

Ben Brabyn, managing director of **Bmycharity**, said more than 20 new charities had started using the site since it removed its commission charges. "In a tough economic environment, charities don't want to waste money by fundraising through sites that charge commission on charitable donations," he said.

"The increase in the average donation shows that when people know someone isn't taking a cut of their donations, they give more money."

## **Department of Health guidance stresses importance of grant funding**

By John Plummer, Third Sector Online, 9 December 2009

The **Department of Health** has issued new guidance to primary care trusts stressing the importance of grant funding to charities.

The guidance, published on Wednesday, says it is a common misunderstanding that the move towards increased procurement and contracting means there is no longer a role for grants.

It says contracts "should not inappropriately replace grant funding" and grants are particularly appropriate for organisations that care for people with long-term conditions.

Kevin Curley, chief executive of local infrastructure group **Navca**, described the guidance as "a very welcome early Christmas present".

"I have argued strongly that grants are a key part of intelligent commissioning," he said. "A healthy local third sector needs a mix of funding that includes grants alongside contracts and donations. I am really encouraged that the Department of Health has listened to this argument and understood it.

"Local charities and community groups should make sure they get hold of a copy of this paper. It is a powerful tool we can use to challenge local commissioners who say they will not or cannot use grants."

## 27 ways to meet the fundraising challenge

From DSC e-news December 2009

2010 brings difficult challenges for many organisations in securing funds from what seems to be an ever-decreasing pot. There has never been a more crucial time for fundraisers to learn and expand their knowledge. The **NEW Fundraising Programme guide** from DSC and the Institute of Fundraising offers 27 training courses for fundraisers at each stage of their careers.

**Download** the guide: <http://dsc-eneews.org.uk/6S7-2LLM-N96M8-1LQD8-1/c.aspx>

### Charity Reporting and Accounting: A chance to shape the future

NAVCA Linx issue 130 10.12.09

The **Charities SORP** (Statement of Recommend Practice) is now seen as fundamental to sector accountability and is ideally placed to shape future reporting practices within the sector, according to an independent report commissioned by the Charity Commission and OSCR.

For more information see: <http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/news/prs21.asp>

### Treasury urged to prioritise Gift Aid reform

By Paul Jump, Third Sector Online, 16 December 2009

The Treasury should urgently publish concrete proposals for **Gift Aid reform** in the light of research into the tax break, sector bodies have said.

Research published by the department this week showed that removing the tax rebate that higher-rate taxpayers can currently claim would not significantly affect their giving behaviour.

**Ralph Michell**, head of policy at chief executives body **Acevo**, said the research showed there was clear potential for the Treasury to reform Gift Aid to increase the sector's income in a way that higher rate taxpayers agreed with. But he said the key was what happened next.

"The Treasury has its evidence; now it needs to make some decisions," he said.

"Acevo is keen on evidence-based policy making, but we are not keen on procrastination-based evidence making."

Michell admitted there were still "issues to be worked through. But the Treasury needs to give us something it is seriously considering we can engage with. If it doesn't, we will have to seriously consider whether it is a good use of charitable funds to keep working on Gift Aid reform."

**Jay Kennedy**, policy officer at the **Directory of Social Change**, lamented the "series of non-statements in Budgets and pre-Budget reports" that had come after the original Gift Aid consultation in 2007.

"Considering the state of the public finances, it is easy to see why the Government is not interested in doing anything that might reduce tax revenue," he said. "But Gift Aid transitional relief is set to end in 2011, and everyone expects cuts in public spending that will affect many charities. Some real action on Gift Aid would demonstrate that the Government was serious about supporting charities through a difficult period."

**Louise Richards**, director of policy and campaigns at the **Institute of Fundraising**, welcomed the Treasury's promise of further consultation in 2010. But she said she was disappointed that nothing had come of the cross-sectoral campaign for an opt-out system and was not optimistic that any reform would happen before next year's general election.

But **John Low**, chief executive of the **Charities Aid Foundation**, said the Government was right to proceed carefully because many difficult issues needed to be ironed out.

"We want any changes to simplify the process for both charities and donors," he said. "They must also be long term and sustainable, anticipating any future changes that could affect the amount of Gift Aid that is claimable and the implications for donors such as income tax rates and rules."

## **New and improved Kent4Community database**

Some exciting improvements to Kent4Community have been introduced which will enable you to more easily locate funding sources. It also provides you with more comprehensive up-to-date information. As well as all the current features, the upgraded Kent4Community also offers:

- **Saved searches** - You can save funding searches and individual funds to your own personal profile for quick future access
- **Enhanced browsing** - Improved three-level browse tool allows more precise funding searches using a series of easy to navigate icons
- **Grant alerts** - Email alerts to automatically inform you about new or updated funds
- **Personalised reports** - Create MS Word reports of funding search results, giving a handy document for future reference
- **Improved trust funding data** - More comprehensive, accurate and up to date information on the charitable trust funds available
- **More help and advice** - Provides comprehensive factsheets on a variety of fundraising issues

Why not take a look today: [www.open4community.info/kent](http://www.open4community.info/kent)

News from Inside Track Issue 152, 05.01.10

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

**Kent4Community**, which is a free web based grant search facility, at [www.open4community.info/kent/](http://www.open4community.info/kent/); they also produce a regular e-newsletter; email [administrator@open4community.info](mailto:administrator@open4community.info)

**Inside Track**, the KCC External Funding service newsletter - email [externalfunding@kent.gov.uk](mailto:externalfunding@kent.gov.uk) to be added to their mailing list or contact Martyn Riley, External Funding Officer, Chief Executives Department, KCC. Tel: 01622 694384; Email: [martyn.riley@kent.gov.uk](mailto:martyn.riley@kent.gov.uk) for more information.

**j4bCOMMUNITY.co.uk** produce a regular funding newsletter; email [newsletter@j4bcommunity.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@j4bcommunity.co.uk)

**Funding Buddies**, a programme to assist community and voluntary groups access funding opportunities. It will also develop training courses to increase and enhance the skills of community organisations. Contact Kent Funding Buddies on

**Tel:** 01303 813790

**Fax:** 01303 814203

**Mobile:** 07900 560235

**Email:** [nigel.turley@ruralkent.org.uk](mailto:nigel.turley@ruralkent.org.uk)

**Website:** [www.fundingbuddiesinkent.org.uk](http://www.fundingbuddiesinkent.org.uk)

**Funding Central** is a free smart website for all third sector organisations, including community groups, providing access to thousands of funding and finance opportunities, plus a wealth of tools and resources supporting organisations to develop sustainable income strategies appropriate to their needs. It is managed by **NCVO** and funded by the **Office of the Third Sector**. Visit [www.fundingcentral.org.uk](http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk)

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

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## Other News

### **Slimmed-down Compact is published**

By Andy Ricketts, Third Sector Online, 16 December 2009

A radically slimmed-down version of the **Compact** has been published today. The new version of the agreement, which sets out how public and third sector organisations should treat each other, is 22 pages long, compared with more than 160 in the old version and its five codes of practice.

The old **codes of practice** have been removed and the document has been broken down into three areas covering policy development, resource allocation and equality.

The **new agreement** says:

- Any organisation subcontracting public service delivery contracts to third sector groups should abide by the Compact's principles.
- Public bodies should make payments to third sector organisations within 10 days of an invoice being received.
- Compact principles should apply to the distribution of EU funding.
- Third sector organisations should be actively involved in policy development rather than just consultation exercises.

The new section on "advancing equality", which has commitments to fair and

equal access to funding, has been added because **Voice4Change England** raised concerns during the consultation process that losing the BME code would have a negative effect on third sector organisations working with minority groups.

The **Commission for the Compact** has also published a short guide, ***An Introduction to the Compact***, aimed at people who are unfamiliar with the agreement.

**Sir Bert Massie**, Commissioner for the Compact, said the refresh process had been challenging.

"This Compact places a greater emphasis on government and public bodies explaining and justifying the decisions they make," he said. "It reaffirms the independence of third sector organisations and their right to campaign and comment on government policy."

**Angela Smith**, Minister for the Third Sector, said the refreshed Compact set out a clear agenda for future partnership.

"More than ever, a strong relationship based on trust between the third and public sectors is crucial for supporting communities and delivering strong public services," she said.

**Jenny Willott**, the Liberal Democrat spokeswoman on the third sector, said "concrete action" from the Government was needed to implement the Compact. Willott said Smith's recent breach of the Compact, when her department withdrew £750,000 of funding already promised to 32 third sector organisations under the Campaigning Research Programme, had shaken the sector's confidence in the Government's commitment to the Compact.

"The Office of the Third Sector must be a shining example to other public bodies over how to implement the Compact," she said. "This means making a gold-plated pledge never breach it ever again."

To read the new Compact document go to: <http://www.thecompact.org.uk/>

## **Volunteering England and TUC draw up 'volunteer charter'**

By Kaye Wiggins, Third Sector Online, 7 December 2009

**Volunteering England** and the **Trades Union Congress** have signed a '**volunteer charter**' that says volunteers should not be used to displace paid staff or undercut their pay and conditions.

The charter sets out a series of guidelines to be followed by charities and other employers that work with volunteers. The principles include making sure volunteers receive "reasonable out-of-pocket expenses" and have access, alongside paid workers, to training and development.

Volunteering England hopes the charter will be signed by charities, businesses and other volunteer-involving organisations, such as community groups. The charter also states that "the involvement of volunteers should complement and supplement the work of paid staff, and should not be used to displace paid staff".

The TUC has also produced guidance to accompany the charter. It says that "while volunteers are not entitled to the same rights as an employee, such as the minimum wage, holiday and sickness pay, they should still receive some form of agreement from the organisation they are volunteering with". It adds that such agreements should include information about the type of work the volunteer will be doing and the support they can expect from the organisation.

**Brendan Barber**, general secretary of the TUC, said: "An increasing number of interns and volunteers have been taken on during the recession. With so many people concerned about their jobs, it's vital that employers make a clear distinction between volunteers and paid staff."

The charter says there are 22 million volunteers in the UK and their contribution to the economy and society is worth £23bn a year.

For further information go to: <http://www.tuc.org.uk/publicsector/tuc-17329-f0.cfm>

## **Third sector minister will push for local authorities to fund volunteer centres**

By Kaye Wiggins, Third Sector Online, 17 December 2009

**Angela Smith**, the Minister for the Third Sector, will ask **Barbara Follett**, the Minister for Communities and Local Government, to encourage local authorities to fund volunteer centres.

On Tuesday, at a meeting with **Justin Davis Smith**, chief executive of Volunteering England, Smith said she would raise the organisation's concerns

about volunteer centre funding with the Communities and Local Government department.

She also said she would try to set up a meeting between the department and Volunteering England and would consider writing a foreword for a Volunteering England publication encouraging local authorities to fund volunteer centres.

At the Labour Party conference in Brighton in September, Smith said that volunteer centres should not expect new money from the Office of the Third Sector.

Speaking after the meeting, Davis Smith said: "Volunteering England has long been campaigning for central government to recognise the key role played by volunteer centres and to help secure their long-term financial sustainability.

"So we are pleased that the minister has restated her belief in the importance of volunteer centres and has agreed to work with us to help spread the message to local government."

## **Vetting and barring scheme will not put volunteers off, says report**

By Kaye Wiggins, Third Sector Online, 14 December 2009

The new vetting and barring scheme will not put people off volunteering, the body running the system has concluded.

**Sir Roger Singleton**, chair of the **Independent Safeguarding Authority**, was asked in September by Ed Balls, the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families, to produce a report on the scheme after concerns were raised that the new system would deter people from volunteering.

Singleton's report, ***Drawing the Line***, published yesterday, says he is "puzzled" by the claim that the bureaucracy involved in registering for checks will put people off volunteering.

"I can understand that the need to process a large number of registrations of new volunteers will create extra work for some organisations, but the process for individuals is straightforward," the report says.

Volunteers are far more likely to be deterred by other factors such as lack of time, lack of skills or experience and feeling that their efforts are not appreciated, it says.

The report also confirms that people whose work or volunteering with children is conducted through an organisation such as a charity or community group will have to register with the ISA to be checked.

But people who make informal arrangements with friends, families or other parents will not, contrary to what was understood when details of the scheme

were revealed in September.

It says the "practical day-to-day arrangements which parents make with family, friends and other parents to care informally for each other's children" will not fall under the remit of the new scheme.

From NAVCA Linx Issue 130 10 12.09:

## **Oneplace**

The new **Oneplace** website tells you how well your local public services are working together to tackle local problems, such as reducing traffic congestion, improving the local environment, combating crime and making the area safer, or providing more affordable housing. Using independent information, it provides information on your council, health, housing, police, fire and rescue services.

Use it to hold your local public services to account.

For more information visit: [www.http://oneplace.direct.gov.uk](http://oneplace.direct.gov.uk)

## **New Horizons: a shared vision for mental health**

**New Horizons** is a cross-government programme of action which aims to: improve the mental health and well-being of the population; improve the quality and accessibility of services for people with poor mental health.

For more information visit: [www.http://bit.ly/dhnewh](http://bit.ly/dhnewh) or [www.dh.gov.uk](http://www.dh.gov.uk)

From Inside Track 151, 14.12.09:

## **B&Q Waste Donation Scheme**

**B&Q** operates this Scheme through all of its stores within the UK. B&Q donates unsaleable products and waste materials for re-use such as slightly damaged tins of paint, off-cuts of timber, odd rolls of wallpaper and end-of-range materials.

Donated products should benefit the local community and the environment.

Under no circumstances can groups resell any donated waste.

Applications must be made directly to B&Q stores. The waste donation scheme is co-ordinated in store either by the environmental champion, duty or

Warehouse manager who will keep a Waste Donation Form on file for interested groups. Schools, charities and community groups can apply and applications may be made at any time.

For further information: [www.diy.com/wastedonation](http://www.diy.com/wastedonation)

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### **Charities: "Music Tax" but less Licensing?**

The Government is abolishing an exemption for charities from music licensing rules which could result in significant bills for holding events with recorded music.

Abolition of the so-called **PPL exemption** will affect charity discos, tea dances, youth clubs, salsa groups, sports clubs, coffee mornings and even charity shops which have a radio in their staff room. The new levy will come into effect in **April 2010** subject to the regulations being ratified by Parliament.

In a separate announcement the Government has indicated that live music performances for 100 people or less will no longer need to be licensed; this exemption should benefit smaller venues such as village halls.

### **National Lottery Awards 2010**

The **National Lottery Awards** are an annual search to find the UK's favourite Lottery-funded projects. The awards recognise the difference these projects have made to people, places and communities across the country and celebrate the talent, hard work and dedication of those involved in their running.

Awards are made under the following categories:

- Best Environment Project
- Best Sports Project
- Best Education Project
- The Woman Award for Best Charity/Voluntary Project
- Best Arts Project
- Best Health Project
- Best Heritage Project

Winners will receive a **cash prize of £2,000** and will be determined by a public vote featured in a special BBC1 television show in the autumn. In addition, projects reaching the short-list stage will be showcased in local and national

media, enabling them to share their success with people across the UK.

The awards are open to anyone, individually or as part of a group, who has successfully been awarded and used Lottery funding for any type and size of project, which has benefited UK residents.

Entries to the 2010 round of awards can be submitted **from 11 January 2010**.

For further information go to: [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/)

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