

CaDVAS Newsletter

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Don't forget our mobile number which is:

07595 543411.

Please let us know if any of your contact details change so that we can keep our database up to date. If you receive this newsletter by post but do have an email address, please let us know so that we can email future mailings to you and so keep costs down. Thank you.

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Thank you

CaDVAS News

It seems hard to believe, but **CaDVAS** is a year old! We launched in May 2008; those of you who attended the launch will remember that we asked you to identify the needs and priorities which you would like **CaDVAS** to address. The work we have done since the launch has been based on those priorities and now seems an appropriate time to review how we are doing.

Your top priorities were:

- 1. Information on funding** - we have organised two training events on aspects of funding and regularly include funding news in the newsletter.
- 2. Directory of VCOs** - this is available on the community portal, which we manage jointly with Canterbury City Council. The directory is now in a printable form and we can provide hard copies for members who do not have internet access.
- 3. Representation** - both Alex Krutnik and Denise Taupin represent **CaDVAS** and its members at a range of forums.
- 4. Training** - we have delivered eight training events and have more planned. Our training programme has concentrated on those areas which were identified at the launch as being the most needed.
- 5. Guidance on the recruitment of volunteers** - we have delivered three training sessions on volunteer recruitment and retention.
- 6. Governance** - we have provided Trustee and Governance training, organisational assessments and responded to requests for advice

and information on governance issues.

7. Newsletter - being produced monthly.

Please let us know well you think we are addressing the needs of the sector. Whether you have attended our training, undertaken an organisational assessment, asked us for information or just read the newsletter, we welcome your feedback on what we have done so far and how we should progress over the next year. Please complete our [user survey](#) and return it to us as soon as possible - thank you.

We plan to present the results of the survey at an event in July - look out for details in our next newsletter.

Members' News

People United: Project Manager

We are a creative charity that brings people together and promotes kindness.

We are looking for someone with enthusiasm, people-skills and commitment to help build our innovative organisation.

The Project Manager will take responsibility for our exciting new community project in Herne Bay, Kent as well as being involved in many aspects of the charity.

Salary - pro rata £22,500 / initially 3 days part-time (flexible)

For more information see www.peopleunited.org.uk , email info@peopleunited.org.uk or contact **Tom Andrews** on **01227 470973**.

Closing date for applications **26 May** (noon).

Whitstable Volunteer Centre Volunteer Car Scheme - Drivers needed

Do you have some spare time and would you be interested in doing some voluntary driving for our Clients in Whitstable?

If yes I would love to hear from you. The scheme is used by those that find it

difficult to use public transport either through age or a need for special assistance. It is aimed at helping clients get to essential appointments such as Health Centres, Hospitals, Dentists, Chiropodists, and Day Centres etc.

All you need is some spare time, a clean driving licence and a fully comprehensive insurance policy. All drivers are volunteers but are paid 40 pence per mile for each journey they undertake.

If you are interested and would like to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact me, I am available on most Tuesdays and Wednesday 9.00-3.00pm and on Friday from 9.00 - 1.00pm.

Please telephone (01227) 772248 or email me at carscheme@whitstabevc.org.uk

Please note all applications for volunteering are subject to a CRB check (Criminal Records Bureau)

I look forward to hearing from you.

Patrice Gardner
Car Scheme Co-ordinator

Third Sector Offer: Free Furniture

Due to relocation to larger premises, **Enterprising Opportunities** have office furniture that is free to Third Sector Organisations. This includes desks, tables, filing cabinets, storage cabinets and chairs - both operator and visitor chairs.

If anyone is interested then please contact **Samantha Hadlow** at Enterprising Opportunities on **01227 265899 opt 3** to arrange viewing or collection. In all cases recipient to collect from Whitstable Head Office.

Training

CaDVAS TRAINING

The **First Aid Appointed Person** training session on Wednesday 17th June is now **fully booked**. We hope to put on another session in the near future if there is sufficient demand; please let us know if you would be interested in attending.

Unfortunately we have had to **cancel** the **Fire Safety Awareness** training on Thursday 14th May due to an insufficient number of places being booked. We will arrange another session later in the year if the demand is there, so if you would be interested in Fire Safety training please let Sue know.

There are still a few places available on the following events:

1. Using media to increase your profile - for free!

Do you need help getting your message across? Is keeping your profile high even more important in a recession? Do you want to know how to improve your chances of being noticed by the local press and other media? This workshop will be delivered by **Liz Crudgington**, who after completing a degree in journalism and spending eight years working on local newspapers, now runs her own media consultancy.

Date: Thursday 21st May

Time: 10.00am - 12.30pm

Venue: Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre, Ashford Road, Canterbury

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

2. Trustee and Governance briefing

Trustee and governance session: a two hour briefing session covering the essential duties and responsibilities of trustees. The agenda covers:

- Introduction and welcome
- What is governance?
- The twelve essential responsibilities of the board
- Who are the trustees?
- What are the duties of trustees?
- About legal structures and charitable status
- About trustee liability

The session includes interactive group and pair exercises as well as presentation and discussion, with plenty of time for questions. The course works well as part of a new trustees' induction or as an update or refresher for existing board members.

Date: Thursday 4th June 2009

Time: 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Venue: Beach House, Beach St, Herne Bay

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

These courses are filling up fast so book your place now!

To book a place on either of these courses please download and return a [Training Application Form](#) or contact Sue Tucker on 01227 452381 or 07595 543411.

DEAF AWARENESS TRAINING

There are still places available on the training course which **Volcare** are hosting at Beach House in Herne Bay on **Deaf Awareness**, to be delivered by **Hi Kent**.

This will be a half day course, on the morning of **Wednesday, 3rd June**. If there is enough interest they will be able to run an afternoon session as well. (10 places in all per session.) The cost will be £15 per person, payable on the day. Organisations will be invoiced for any places they book but do not take up.

For further information and to check availability of places please contact: **Kate Gollop** on **01227 749400**.

Events

Kent Voluntary and Community Sector Conference

KCC (on behalf of the **Kent Partnership**) are hosting a conference for the **Voluntary and Community Sector**. The day will focus on the impact of current economic conditions on the Sector. We will explore the challenges, solutions and opportunities that must be addressed together - including the support that the public sector can provide.

The conference will be held at the [Ashford International Hotel](#) on **Wednesday 20 May 2009** from **9a.m. until 2.15p.m.**

For further details see the [conference agenda](#) and [registration form](#) - which should be returned to Malcolm Dingwall-Smith, at:

malcolm.dingwall-smith@kent.gov.uk

01622 696573

Kent Partnership Office, Room 1.62, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ

by Thursday 14 May. The event is free and we expect demand to be high, with places allocated on a first come first served basis.

The Friends for Mental Health (East Kent) are holding their 50th Anniversary Summer Fair

St Martins Hospital, Littlebourne Rd, Canterbury
Saturday 13 June 2009, 12.00 noon to 4.00pm

Rides/ Stalls/ Barbecue/ Competitions and games/
Oyster Morris Dancers/ Bands/
Scottish Dancing/ Refreshments/ Tug of War/
Beat the Goalie/ Grand Raffle/
Celebrity Opener/ Singers/ Face Painting
and much more.....

50's THEME

So dig out your 50s outfits from the loft, come along
and join in the fun and help the Friends to help others

The VCS Exchange - informing, promoting and supporting local services for the voluntary and community sector

The Learning Skills Council is working in partnership with **Kent CAN**, **Case Kent**, **Voluntary Action West Kent** and **CaDVAS** to host 3 events promoting services available to and from the voluntary and community sector during the current economic downturn.

Through these events we want to:

- Increase awareness of local services
- Inform and provide information to the voluntary community sector across the County.
- Promote a range of services that are currently available to the sector.

The Canterbury event will take place on **24th June 2009** from **9.30am - 2pm** at the Westgate Hall, Canterbury. For further details see the [conference flyer here](#) or contact communications@kentcan.org .

As part of the event we will be holding a **market place** offering organisations a chance to see what services and support is available in their area.

We would like to give you the opportunity to take part in these events.

If your organisation would like to take part please contact Christine Addy on christine.addy@kentcan.org .

Medway CVS conference

Medway CVS are holding a conference on **The Role of The Voluntary Sector in Child Protection.**

This is a conference for voluntary and community groups working with children and young people in Medway. The conference will take place on **20th May 2009**, at **Commissioner's House, Chatham Historic Dockyard** from **9.00 am to 3.30pm**.

For more information and a booking form see the [conference flyer here](#).

Funding news

VISIBLE funding opportunity

The **VISIBLE Community Standards** provides community organisations the ability to face the ever increasing demands of accountability and quality from funders and local authorities with clarity and confidence. Becoming **VISIBLE** can help your community organisation become stronger, confident and sustainable.

It has recently just been announced that the **Lankelly Chase Foundation**, a national charitable trust, has funded **Community Matters** to provide a bursary scheme for members considering accreditation with our **VISIBLE** standards. The fund will run for three years and will provide for up to 50% of the accreditation fees and up to 50% of the organisational costs of members preparing for the process, (to a maximum of £1,000 total per organisation).

Further details are available on the news section of our website . www.visiblecommunities.org.uk . The application process is still being finalised but if at this stage you wish to express any interest please e mail richard.bridge@communitymatters.org.uk .

Green Grants Scheme Shake-Up

Energy giant **E.ON** has revamped its green grants programme for community groups across England, Scotland and Wales.

Their new **Sustainable Energy Fund** can provide funding worth up to £20,000 for a range of projects, including installing energy efficient equipment and small-scale renewable generation technologies.

The scheme replaces the popular **Source Fund** and is backed by a dedicated section on the energy company's website offering organisations top tips on how to save energy.

Open to applications from charities, community groups and not-for-profit organisations based in England, Scotland and Wales, the fund will offer support to projects that target at least one of the following groups: young people, the elderly or people living in fuel poverty. Applications for funding in 2009 should be submitted by the following deadline dates: **12th June** and **16th October**.

For further information visit www.eon-uk.com/about/2654.aspx .

Community arts groups across England are set for a cash windfall in excess of £40 million to help them weather the economic storm.

Arts Council England has announced a £44.5 million recession rescue package in a bid to ensure artistic excellence isn't compromised by the tough economic times. The vast majority of the funding has been earmarked for the new **Sustain** scheme.

Set to officially launch on 1 June, the £40 million, two-year initiative will offer funding ranging from £75,000 to £3 million as a lifeline to arts organisations that are facing additional pressures due to the economic downturn.

One-off grants will be available to help groups tackle short-term funding difficulties, such as a lack of cash flow, along with capacity building support to ensure they are prepared for sustainable, long-term success.

For more information visit www.artscouncil.org.uk

People's Millions Deadline Approaching

Community groups across the UK looking for funding from the People's Millions scheme are reminded they've got to be "in it to win it". Initial applications to this year's popular programme must be made by **15 May**.

Now into their fifth year, the **Big Lottery Fund** and **ITV-backed People's Millions** can offer grants of £50,000 to help groups transform their local environment, such as improving public spaces and community amenities. Later in the year, shortlisted entrants in each of the 15 ITV regions will go head-to-head, with television viewers getting the final say as to who receives funding via a public vote.

The programme is open to entries from a wide range of organisations, including schools, voluntary and community groups, social enterprises, local authorities, health bodies and housing associations.

Projects should look to improve residents' quality of life through transforming their local environment by, for example making the local environment cleaner, safer and greener; improving the local natural environment; improving the design, appearance and accessibility of local amenities or providing opportunities or facilities for enjoying the local environment or local amenities.

For further information visit www.biglotteryfund.org.uk .

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/; they also produce a regular e-newsletter; 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.co.uk produce a regular funding newsletter; email 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
Website: www.fundingbuddiesinkent.org.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:**

Tel: 01227 452381 **Mob:** 07595 543411 **Email:**
info@cadvas.org

Deadline for items for the next newsletter:

Midday on **Monday 1st June** - thank you.

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Kent. CT1 3RA.
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CaDVAS can also be contacted c/o: Whitstable Volunteer Centre, St Mary's Hall, Oxford
Street, Whitstable. CT5 1DD



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