

# CaDVAS Newsletter

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## Welcome

Welcome to the November newsletter. You'll have noticed that it's being delivered in a different format this month, which has become necessary because of the glitches in the system we mentioned last month. These also account for this edition being a bit late – but we hope still just as informative as ever.

We would like to invite you to our **AGM**, which will take place on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December** from 2pm – 4pm at Kent Enterprise House, The Links, Herne Bay. As well as reviewing what we have done over the last year we would like to use the AGM as an opportunity discuss with you our plans for the coming months, so please make a note of the date in your diaries now and look out for further details, which will be coming out soon.

## Training and Events

### CaDVAS TRAINING

Don't forget to book your places on our November IT courses:

**Thurs 18th Nov, 9.30am - 12.30pm**  
**Thanington Neighbourhood Centre**

**Computer Maintenance and Upgrading Performance for Free Using Windows XP (for users of Office 2007)**

*Last chance to book - please book by 5pm on Thursday 11th November*

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2010, 9.30am – 12.30pm**  
**Hersden Neighbourhood Centre:**

**Computer Maintenance and Upgrading Performance for Free Using Windows XP (for users of Office 2003)**

*Please book by 5pm on Thursday 18th November*

To book your place contact Sue Tucker: [sue@cadvas.org](mailto:sue@cadvas.org),  
01227 452381 or 07595 543411

For details of all our IT courses from now right through until Summer 2011, see our [IT training programme](#). Or general training programme for courses from January 2011 will be available soon

## **OTHER TRAINING**

**Kent Children's Fund Network (KCFN) Training for the Children's Workforce**

### **LIFE SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

15<sup>TH</sup> November, 0930 - 1630, **Only £55 or £50 for VCS organisations**

#### **Introduction to Social Enterprise**

5<sup>th</sup> November, 2010, 09.30-13.30

**Only £40 or £30 for VCS organisations**

#### **Choosing the Right Legal Form for Your Social Enterprise**

9<sup>th</sup> November, 2010, 09.30-13.30

**Only £40 or £30 for VCS Organisations**

#### **Social Enterprise: new opportunities for a sustainable income**

16<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 09.30-13.30

**Only £40 or £30 for VCS Organisations**

#### **A New Direction: social enterprise and organisational change**

22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2010 09.30-13.30

**Only £40 or £30 for VCS Organisations**

all courses will be held at the KCFN Training Centre, Ashford, Kent

For more information on these courses or to book, please visit our new website:

[http://www.kcfn.co.uk/adult/Projects/ bespoke\\_short\\_courses](http://www.kcfn.co.uk/adult/Projects/ bespoke_short_courses)

Alternatively, email [admin@kcfn.co.uk](mailto:admin@kcfn.co.uk) or ring our training team on 01233 632957.

## EVENTS



*Eastern and Coastal Kent*

### **What Makes 'Good Care'?**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 10am – 3pm,  
Kent County Cricket Ground, Canterbury**

Have you, or anyone close to you had recent experience of any of the following conditions:

- **Diabetes**
- **Musculoskeletal (Specifically Hip, Knee and Back)**
- **Dementia**

If so, we would like to invite you take part in our next Citizen Panel event.

A 'care pathway' is a patient's entire experience of care, from first diagnosis through to treatment, improvement and – hopefully – recovery. By improving care pathways, we can help patients to receive continuous, high quality care throughout their treatment, wherever they live.

This event will provide an opportunity for us to explain the care pathways under development, explore the implications of them for staff and patients, and ultimately get your views on how these services should be delivered locally.

Following this event, the care pathways will be launched to GPs in January 2011, and will become the standardized care plan for patients in East Kent who suffer from the above conditions.

It is vital that we gather input from those who suffer from or care for someone who suffers from any of the above conditions in designing of the care pathways. Best practice, clinical evidence, input from local clinicians and managers must be complemented in the design stages by the input of patients and their carers who have recent experience.

Interested? If you would like to attend, or if you know anyone else who has had recent experience of any of these three areas of care and who lives in the eastern and coastal Kent area who would like to attend, please contact Hannah Price on 01227 282968 or [hannah.price@eastcoastkent.nhs.uk](mailto:hannah.price@eastcoastkent.nhs.uk) for an a booking form.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided and we can refund any out of pocket care or travel expenses. Reply slips must be returned by 15 November 2010.

If you have any questions, please do contact Hannah Price on the details above.

**Experts by Experience**

**Research Group**

## **Service User led Evaluations**

### **Carers' experience of In-patient mental health services for older people**

Kent & Medway Partnership Trust is supporting an evaluation of carers' experiences of in-patient mental health services for older people. This project is organised by the Trust's **Experts by Experience Research Group**, made up of people who have all used mental health services themselves.

#### **CARERS WANTED**

**to discuss their experiences of supporting someone in hospital**

#### **FOCUS GROUPS** in Kent:

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 1.30 pm**

Medway Carers' Centre, Canterbury Street, Gillingham. ME7 5TP

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 11.30 am**

Meeting Room, Coleman House, Brookfield Avenue, Dover CT16 2AH

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 1.30 – 3pm.**

Training Room, Maidstone Community Support Centre

**Refreshments provided. Travel costs will be reimbursed**

**For further information and to register call:**

**Nick Dent, PALS, on 0800 783 9972**

# Canterbury District Community Alliance:

supporting local voluntary and community groups

## How Compliant are you?

Considering the needs of the the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community in service provision

### Where:

Thanington Neighbourhood  
Resource Centre  
Thanington Road  
Canterbury CT1 3XE  
United Kingdom

### When:

Wednesday November 24, 2010  
from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
[Add to my calendar](#)

### Dear Colleague,

We would like to invite you to the first of a number of events reflecting on the impact of the recent Equalities Act 2010. The new Equalities Act raises issues for all of us in regard to how we can be proactive in welcoming diversity in all its many forms.

Working in partnership with the Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender mental health & wellbeing steering group, the event will focus on raising awareness of issues that can affect the mental and emotional health and wellbeing of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people. You will get the opportunity to explore how accessible your organisation is and also look at how you can fulfil your legal obligations under the new act.

Please click on the link below to register or RSVP.

[Get more information](#)

**Register Now!**

If you have any questions about the event or how to register, please contact Alex Krutnik at:

[cdca1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cdca1@hotmail.co.uk) or tel: 01227 768546.

We look forward to seeing you at this event.

Alex Krutnik

Canterbury District Community Alliance

Kent and Medway



NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust



## **Prospective Councillor Event 6.30pm, 30 November 2010**

In advance of the forthcoming local elections in May 2011, the council is pleased to invite you and interested colleagues to a 'prospective councillor' event at the Guildhall, Canterbury at 6.30pm on the 30 November 2010.

The event will appeal to those of you who might be thinking of standing as a candidate in the local elections and those who might be involved with Parish Councils and Voluntary organisations and take an interest in the role and activities of local councillors.

Speakers at the event will include the Chief Executive and local Councillors, who will be able to offer an insight into the work involved and what it is like to represent your local constituents. The evening will consist of brief presentations, followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

If you or your colleagues are interested in attending, please complete the slip below or email [democraticservices@canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:democraticservices@canterbury.gov.uk). Could you please indicate whether you are attending because you are interested in standing as a councillor or because of your interest as a representative of a local group? If the event is oversubscribed then priority will be given to those wishing to attend as prospective City Council candidates. A specific event for Parish Council elections and candidates is usually held in the election year.

If you have further questions please contact Nicola Adams, Democratic Services Officer at the democratic services email address above.

## **Volunteering Opportunities**

### **The Cancer Care Club needs Volunteers**

Previously named 'The Chemoptimists' then 'The Optimists', the Club, which is based in East Kent, was formed nearly 30 years ago by Drs Mark Rake and Andrew Jackson, along with a committee, to raise money for a designated Cancer

Unit to improve the care and treatment of cancer patients. It was one of the first Cancer Support groups in the UK. Patients, staff, local supporters and businesses joined them. The Mountbatten Centre, K & C Hospital was built and the club has continued to provide support and friendship to cancer patients.

We hold informative monthly meetings, social events and funding for specially requested items and equipment within the hospital. Treatment now takes place in the Oncology Department, The Cathedral Day Unit and Supportive Therapies. We provided the special relaxing chairs for Chemotherapy patients to use whilst having treatment in the Day Unit.

Recently we bought an ECG machine for the Cathedral Day Unit, a hi-tech treatment couch for the Supportive Therapies Unit and we are also funding a part-time therapist in the Unit. For further details about the Club, see our website at [www.cancercareclub.org](http://www.cancercareclub.org)

We need three volunteers to help us continue our work:

1. **Club Secretary.** To take the minutes and prepare agendas for committee meetings which take place six times per year in the Cathedral Day Unit at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital. Also to deal with the Club correspondence and to circulate newsletters and other information to Club members
2. **Press Officer.** To prepare the Club newsletters (about 4 times per year) and to provide regular updates to the local media about Club activities
3. **Fundraiser.** To support the activities of our existing fundraiser, to use the internet to seek out and apply for funding opportunities, to contact local businesses for support, and to organise collection days at local supermarkets

If you would like to help, or would like to enquire about volunteering, please contact Ann Clewer on 01227 455260



## Open Gardens needs a new Co-ordinator!

Open Gardens events in Kent has become synonymous with the Red Cross and until the last couple of years the programme was varied and full. The current volunteer co-ordinator, Jan Summers is shortly to move to another part of the

country and would love to know that someone will be taking over the mantle.

Jan built the programme from the ground up in Kent and in building it up has done a fantastic job of recruiting and co-ordinating volunteers to make sure events run smoothly and to her high standard. Open Gardens is also a hugely successful programme of events for the Red Cross in other parts of the country.

The hope would be that whoever takes on this challenge could perhaps start with a fraction of the gardens from the original list to ease themselves in.

#### **Key skills needed for this role:**

- Ability to recruit, supervise and motivate other volunteers
- Good communication skills for dealings with garden hosts and their visitors

#### **Summary of role:**

- Arrange open days with garden owners
- Organise refreshments if part of the event
- Make sure sufficient volunteers attend on the day
- High standards of customer service are met to ensure both host and visitors enjoy the experience.

If you have the time then this could be just the challenge you have been looking for and it doesn't come any more satisfying than this! There will be support from Fundraising along with another member of the Red Cross staff who will help as a co co-ordinator. If you would like to discuss this volunteer opportunity then contact Rosa Newhouse on 01227 455804, 07808 783358 or [newhouse@redcross.org.uk](mailto:newhouse@redcross.org.uk)

## **Members' News**

### **Music for Change**

Chaucer Technology School, Spring Lane, Canterbury, CT1 1SU

Tel: 01227 459 243 Email: [info@musicforchange.org](mailto:info@musicforchange.org) [www.musicforchange.org](http://www.musicforchange.org)

#### **Music for Change Room Hire**

At our new offices, situated on the grounds of Chaucer Technology School, Canterbury, we have several spaces which we are offering for rental. The main hall is a large space suitable for holding large meetings, delivering classes, music practice, band rehearsals, events, training courses or community gatherings.

## Equipment

We have 30 chairs for use in the main hall. You can also arrange use of our projector, PA system, laptop or wi-fi (see prices below). Two of our music practice rooms are equipped with pianos. The practice rooms are also suitable for use as small offices. We also have a kitchen with cutlery and crockery for your use.

<b>Prices include VAT, business rates, cleaning, kitchen facilities (phone, wi-fi, &amp; garden space extra unless stated)</b>	<b>Size (approx)</b>	<b>Hourly (£)</b>
Office Room (phone and wi-fi available)	3.2 x 3.2	10
Meeting Room (phone and wi-fi available)	6.4 x 4.2m	12
Main Hall	13 x 8m	18
Music Practice/ tuition Room 1 (with piano)	2 x 2m	5
Music Practice/ tuition Room 2	2 x 2m	6
Music Practice/ tuition Room 3 (with piano)	2 x 2m	5
Music Practice/ tuition Room 4	2 x 2m	6
Music Practice/ tuition Room 5	2 x 2m	6
All practice rooms, main hall, and kitchen space		44

### Additional services available: prices per day:

Internet access	£5	Flipchart	£6	Projector	£10
Laptop hire	£18	PA system	£10		

**Special Offer!** We are offering use of the main hall for **free** on Monday afternoons (from 3 – 8:30pm) until Christmas. Please call Music for Change on 01227 459243 or email [rosie@musicforchange.org](mailto:rosie@musicforchange.org) with any queries or if you would like to arrange to come and view the offices.

## WOODWORK WORKSHOP FOR HIRE

The **Umbrella Centre of Herne Bay** has space available during the week in a fully equipped woodwork workshop near Sea Street.

For further details contact Lynn Cambridge on 01227 370200.



**Help your organisation stand out amongst competition with our affordable, professional marketing service. Can you afford not to call?**

Identity is a media marketing company specialising in quality online social networking at an affordable price for third sector and charity organisations. We offer companies like yours services and products previously unattainable due to restraints on marketing budgets within the third sector.

As part of the social enterprise Enterprising Opportunities CIC, it is important to us to support, promote and develop social enterprises and third sector organisations, creating affordable, quality marketing materials and practises for individuals or groups. Identity can help your organisation stand out from companies with larger marketing budgets.

**Services we offer include:**

- New media
- Advertising design
- Advertising Management
- Branding
- Video production
- Market research and analysis
- Consultancy
- Other services tailored to your marketing needs

Our aim is to produce work of a high professional standard at a price reflecting the third sector marketing budgets.

**Advertising Management:** By using our service you will be able to provide Board members, Trustees, and funding agencies where your marketing budget is being spent.

Contact Joe or Peter on 01227 844467 for more information

# **Swale & Canterbury Carers Support**

**Cordially Invites You to Attend**

## **CARERS RIGHTS DAY 2010**

**“Know Your Rights”**

**(Equality Act 2010)**

**Followed by our AGM**

**3rd December 2010 — 10am—2.30pm**

**Gatefield Hall**

**Alexander Centre**

**Preston Street**

**FAVERSHAM Kent ME13 8NY**

Find out about the services we offer to Carers living in the Swale and Canterbury areas. Please contact **01795 583440** for further details or visit

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

Kent Children's Fund Network's **Participate By Right!** e-newsletter is now available to download from the KCFN Website: Please follow this link and go to issue 2 of 2010 to 2011.

<http://www.kcfn.co.uk/adult/News/ParticipateByRighte-newsletter>

## **Other News**

### **CONSULTATIONS**

As you know, **Kent Adult Social Services** are consulting the sector on how services should be commissioned after March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011. If you haven't already responded, you still have until 14<sup>th</sup> November to comment on the future of Infrastructure services and until 19<sup>th</sup> November to comment on Advocacy services:

## Infrastructure Services in East Kent

**KASS** are seeking your views about how Infrastructure (CVS and Volunteering) services in East Kent should be commissioned in the future. [Click here](#) to view the consultation survey. Please answer the questions to the best of your ability and return your feedback by **14th November 2010** to [VCSprojecttemp@kent.gov.uk](mailto:VCSprojecttemp@kent.gov.uk)

## Advocacy Consultation - East Kent

**KASS** are seeking your views about how Advocacy services in East Kent should be commissioned in the future. [Click here](#) to view the consultation survey. This survey is developed to enable KASS to gather your feedback and for you to input ideas into how they should commission services in the future. KASS are interested in understanding what services you think should be prioritised and how you think they would be best delivered.

Please answer the questions to the best of your ability and return your feedback by 19th November 2010 to [VCSprojecttemp@kent.gov.uk](mailto:VCSprojecttemp@kent.gov.uk)

And finally, this is the last chance to comment on KCC's overall corporate plan, for the next four years, **Bold Steps for Kent**:

Read a full copy of the documents here:

[Bold Steps for Kent Draft document \(PDF, 1mb\)](#)

[Bold Steps for Kent Draft document \(Word, 156k\)](#)

Kent County Council would like to know what you think about the ideas, email your comments to [boldsteps@kent.gov.uk](mailto:boldsteps@kent.gov.uk) or complete the [online form](#) by **12 November 2010**

Meanwhile, the Government has launched its own new strategy for the voluntary and community sector, **Building a Stronger Civil Society**, and has launched a consultation, **Supporting a Stronger Civil Society**, in which it is seeking your views on how it can improve the effectiveness of the advice and support that is available to frontline organisations.

[Find out more about the new strategy.](#)

[Read more about the consultation and find out how you can respond and have your say](#)

Please respond by **6 January 2011** but please note that due to specific timing requirements for any new strategic partners programme, responses to Question 9 should be received by **25 November 2010**.

## **Charity trustees asked for views on regulator's future**

Latest edition of Charity Commission News asks trustees to help regulator respond to 33% budget cuts

The [online consultation](#) closes on 14 January 2011.

## **Reviews of vetting and barring and CRB schemes get under way**

Civil Society e-News Governance | Tania Mason | 22 Oct 2010

The government has begun its review of the controversial vetting and barring scheme, and also confirmed it is to review the criminal records regime at the same time. In a statement to parliament today, Home Secretary Theresa May released the terms of reference for the vetting and barring review, which she said had been agreed with her counterparts in Health and Education.

The review will focus on four key areas:

- considering the fundamental principles and objectives behind the vetting and barring regime
- considering the scope of the scheme's coverage
- the most appropriate function, role and structures of any safeguarding bodies and appropriate governance arrangements
- recommending what, if any, scheme is needed now; taking into account how to raise awareness and understanding of risk and responsibility for safeguarding in society more generally

To comment, email [vbsreview@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:vbsreview@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk)

### **CRB scheme reviewed too**

A review of the CRB scheme will occur in parallel, led by the independent government adviser for criminality information management, Sunita Mason. This will be carried out in two phases. The first will focus on employment vetting systems that involve criminal records checks, specifically whether the disclosure of minor offences and police intelligence to prospective employers should still be part of the criminal records checking process, while the second phase will report on the wider regime.

Prime Minister David Cameron sparked controversy as Opposition leader in 2008 when he [stated at Tory party conference](#) that adults hosting youngsters on exchange visits should not always have to undergo enhanced criminal records checks. A promise to simplify CRB checks was [also a key pledge](#) in the LibDems' election manifesto.

## **Theresa May urged not to charge volunteers for Criminal Records Bureau checks**

By Kaye Wiggins, Third Sector, 12 October 2010

The heads of [Volunteering England](#) and [Compact Voice](#) have written a joint letter to the Home Secretary, Theresa May, asking her to not start making volunteers pay for Criminal Records Bureau checks.

The letter, signed by Justin Davis Smith, chief executive of Volunteering England, and Oliver Reichardt, head of Compact Voice, which represents the voluntary sector on the Compact, voices concern that charges for the service, which is free for volunteers, would be introduced as a result of the government's review of the vetting and barring system.

"We understand the government is reconsidering the current commitment to free CRB checks for volunteers because of the wider review of the vetting and barring process," says the letter, which was also sent to Nick Hurd, the Minister for Civil Society.

It says removing the free checks would "send a strong signal to the sector that the government is not fully committed to increasing participation in volunteering".

Davis Smith told *Third Sector*: "We agree that the vetting and barring system should be much simpler, because the bureaucracy involved with criminal records checks can be a barrier to people volunteering. But we don't think charging volunteers to have the checks would be the right solution."

A Home Office spokeswoman confirmed the government was reviewing the free checks as part of a review of the entire vetting and barring system.

"The terms of reference for the remodelling of the vetting and barring scheme and of the criminal records regime are currently being considered and a further announcement will be made shortly," a statement from the department added.

## **Coalition will review Tupe regulations**

By Kaye Wiggins, Third Sector Online, 27 October 2010

The government will review restrictions imposed on charities by the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations as part of its plans to cut red tape in the voluntary sector, according to civil society minister Nick Hurd.

At a round-table discussion with front-line charity staff yesterday, organised by the [Directory of Social Change](#), Hurd was asked whether the government would make it easier for charities to set up projects delivering public services that had previously been delivered by local authorities.

Charities struggled to do this, he was told, because they were unable to change the job titles, salaries, sick pay arrangements and, in some cases, pension arrangements of staff that had been transferred from local authorities.

"I know this is a big issue for some charities delivering public services," Hurd said. "We will look at what we can do to make it easier. One of our main priorities is making it easier for charities to do business with the state."

Hurd said cutting red tape and reforming public service commissioning were high on the agenda of the [Office for Civil Society](#). He said the department would publish a plan for public service reform early next year.

## **Decentralisation minister calls on councils to strengthen ties with charity sector**

Civil Society e-NewsFinance | Vibeka Mair | 18 Oct 2010

Councils should make best use of the voluntary sector's ability to deliver effective and innovative local services when managing future budgets, decentralisation minister Greg Clark said in a speech last week to local authority chief executives.

Clark said there was an even greater need for the diversity, innovation and cost savings that voluntary and community groups can offer in a tougher economic climate, and councils should look for opportunities to strengthen ties with the sector.

Praising the contribution of the voluntary sector to education, tackling worklessness, the environment and social care, Clark said voluntary and community groups should have the right to challenge councils to offer a better alternative if they can do things better or more cost effectively.

The upcoming Localism Bill will entrench the right for communities to challenge the status quo and open up opportunities for new ways to do things differently. Clark said the government expects local authorities to devolve and empower people and to maintain strong links with the voluntary sector over the coming months.

He stressed that central government wasn't giving power to councils to then see it recentralised locally through a monopoly of local public services with voluntary and community groups - including charities, social enterprises, co-ops and housing trusts - pushed out.

Speaking at the SOLACE conference, Clark said: "The spending review will inevitably present councils with some tough choices in the town hall, but councils must resist any temptation to pull the drawbridge up on the voluntary sector. We expect councils to devolve and empower people and maintain strong links with voluntary and community groups.

"Right now in a tight economic climate there is a greater need for the diversity and innovation voluntary and community groups can offer. Reinforcing monopolies of local services by retrenching into the town hall is not the way forward. Opening up more of councils' budgets to have it carried out by voluntary organisations can

improve effectiveness, increase resilience and save costs."

Clark made it clear that the government's mission to decentralise would introduce the idea of contestability - the right for communities to challenge councils to consider new ways of working.

The upcoming Localism Bill will include this new right, giving communities greater freedom to implement their innovations, spawning imitations in other neighbourhoods when they work and sharing lessons when they don't.

## **Commission for Compact releases guide on partnership working**

Civil Society e-news Governance | Vibeka Mair | 7 Oct 2010

An implementation guide on how community groups and local public bodies can improve the way they work together has been published by the [Commission for the Compact](#).

Based on the national Compact partnership working agreement, the guide presents examples of common situations where community groups and local public bodies come into contact with each other.

For each situation, the guide offers tailored advice on how each party can get the most out of the relationship and also looks at what local support organisations can do to help. An example would be where a community group holds its meetings in a space owned by the local council.

Sir Bert Massie CBE, Commissioner for the Compact, said: "Partnership working with community groups will become more important as the localism agenda of the coalition government moves forward. Local public bodies will want to engage with community groups. The principles and commitments of the Compact are relevant to these relationships.

Using this guide can help community groups and local public bodies to work better together through implementing Compact best practice in their partnerships with one another."

## **Nationwide to give all staff two days off to volunteer**

Civil Society e-News Fundraising | Vibeka Mair | 12 Oct 2010

Nationwide Building Society is to offer staff two days paid leave per year to support volunteer activities within local communities as part of its support for the Big Society agenda. Employees are able to select a cause of their own choice or can take up opportunities available through Nationwide's charity partners.

Nationwide's divisional director, corporate affairs, Maxine Taylor said: "Supporting our local communities is at the centre of Nationwide's ethos as a mutual organisation and *'Nationwide Volunteers'* is a natural extension of our corporate responsibility programme. It is particularly relevant given the Government's Big

Society agenda. Employee volunteering can make a real difference to the community sector, particularly within the context of this challenging economic climate. Our talented people giving their time and expertise can be the most effective donation of all.”

Charities and volunteer groups that may need help from Nationwide employees can get more information [here](#) and [here](#).

## **Cameron launches £10m international youth citizen service scheme**

Civil Society e-News Fundraising | Vibeka Mair | 7 Oct 2010

David Cameron has announced a £10m international youth citizen service scheme. The scheme, which will be means-tested, will focus mainly on 18 to 22-year-olds, who will work on projects aimed at improving the lives of some of the poorest people in the world.

In the pilot year (2011/12) places will be offered to 1,000 young people and to 250 more experienced older people. An evaluation will determine how best to scale up the scheme to offer places to many more applicants. The Department for International Development will work with specialist volunteering agencies to pilot the scheme in the first year, with first-year costs of up to £10m.

The experience will be designed to broaden horizons, develop new skills and foster self-reliance. Young volunteers will work on social action projects for three-month periods, in some places alongside older volunteers on longer placements.

From 2013, International Citizen Service will seek to include graduates of the UK-based National Citizen Service programme for 16-year-olds.

Announcing the scheme at Conservative Conference, the Prime Minister said: "Last century, America's Peace Corps inspired a generation of young people to act, and this century I want International Citizen Service to do the same thing."

## **Funding and Finance News**

### **Help the Homeless Grant Scheme - Grants of up to £3,000**

Help the homeless provides a grant scheme to support small and medium-sized UK charities that work to help homeless people rebuild their lives and re-enter society.

Funding is targeted at projects to find practical ways to help disadvantaged

individuals return to the community through training or residential facility provision, rather than merely providing short term shelter.

For more information [click here](#) or [click here](#) to download an application form.

**Deadline for applications: 31 December 2010**

## **Nesta to trial local programmes to inform Big Society agenda**

Civil Society e-News Governance | Vibeka Mair | 26 Oct 2010

The National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (Nesta) will be piloting programmes to test community organisation for the Big Society agenda.

The scheme, called Neighbourhood Challenge, will look to demonstrate how community organisers, when equipped with the right skills, and small, catalytic amounts of money can come up with innovative responses to local priorities, particularly in areas with low levels of social capital.

It will see Nesta work with partners to trial different approaches to community organising and supporting community-led innovation. Ten community organisations from across England will be selected to participate in the 18-month programme.

Successful applicants will receive funding to trial an approach to community organising, with practical tools and training to help people set up local campaigns, new community projects and new social enterprises. From February 2011 to February 2012 the participating organisations will receive financial and in-kind support to run their programmes in the neighbourhoods they have selected. The precise level of support will depend on the approach taken, but as a guide Nesta expects to provide each area with at least £150,000 worth of support.

Nesta will also help establish local social challenge prizes to incentivise and reward community-led action. The Challenge will be rigorously evaluated to inform the government's thinking about how to make the Big Society work for all communities in the UK.

To register interest, or for more information, go to [www.nesta.org.uk/neighbourhood\\_challenge](http://www.nesta.org.uk/neighbourhood_challenge). The deadline for submitting expressions of interest is 22nd November at 12 noon.

## **Hurd promises to cut bureaucracy for charities getting public money**

By Kaye Wiggins, Third Sector Online, 4 October 2010

Civil society minister Nick Hurd said the government would reduce bureaucracy for charities receiving public money, but would ask them to provide more evidence of the outcomes they achieve.

Speaking at the fringe event, Great expectations: What lies ahead for charities?, at the Conservative Party conference in Birmingham, Hurd said impact measurement

was a key priority for the government.

"It's important that charities can prove they provide the taxpayer with value for money," he said. "Measuring social return on investment can be difficult for some charities, but I think it's something we need to look at seriously."

But he said the government wanted to reduce the bureaucracy involved in applying for government funding. "[Communities secretary] Eric Pickles' bureaucracy-busting agenda will apply to the voluntary sector," he said. "It should be easier for charities to apply for public money and report on how they spend it."

Hurd said charities should not think of the big society as a government programme. "It's a call to action," he said. "The government is a catalyst for the big society, but people need to do it themselves rather than look to the government to tell them what to do."

## **New Commission chief urges contract mentality**

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The voluntary sector must move from a grants mentality to a contract mentality, the new chief executive of the [Charity Commission](#) said this morning.

[Sam Younger](#) was giving his maiden speech as head of the sector's regulator to an audience of charity finance directors and chief executives at *Charity Finance Live* in London.

He said the sector faced tough times ahead. Wednesday's spending review would have a "significant impact" on the charity landscape and on the Commission itself. It plans to begin a consultation with the sector later this week on what a slimmed down Commission should look like, and what services it should provide.

Younger added that the sector should be encouraged by the sentiment emanating from government that the "affairs of charities are climbing the political agenda". But in order to make the most of this opportunity, the sector must, "move from a grant mentality – the expectation that they will be supported because their heart is in the right place – to a contract mentality. To an understanding that you are going to need to bid for support for certain projects, services, or activities in return for demonstrable public benefit."

In questions afterwards Younger defended the rights of charities to use controversial methods of fundraising such as chugging: "People are not forced to give and actually the evidence is that charities wouldn't continue to invest in it if they didn't get a result."

But he added, "You do have to be careful. Public confidence takes a long time to build up and can disappear pretty quickly."

## Comprehensive spending review round-up

By Stephen Cook, Third Sector Online, 20 October 2010

Although the comprehensive spending review will reduce public spending by 19 per cent over the next four years, it promises a bigger role for the voluntary and community sector.

"The reforms underpinning the spending review represent a significant increase in the opportunities and funding available to the voluntary and community sector in the medium and longer term," says the report, [Spending Review 2010](#).

A key part of this will be the [new £100m transition fund](#), which will run over the next two years in England only, and is intended to help the sector prepare for the opportunities, especially in the area of public service delivery.

Overall, the review says that the government will spend about £470m over the next four years to support capacitybuilding in the voluntary and community sector, including an endowment fund to assist local voluntary and community organisations and money to pilot the National Citizen Service.

Some of the opportunities for the sector will be in the area of criminal justice, the review says. Sentencing and rehabilitation will be reformed, and "this will include paying private and voluntary sector providers by results for delivering reductions in reoffending".

The review says that the government will consider setting the proportions of specific services that should be delivered by non-state providers, including voluntary groups.

"This approach will be explored in adult social care, early years, community health services, pathology services, youth services, court and tribunal services, and early interventions for the neediest families," it says.

Opportunities for the sector are also expected in the government's repeated pledge to introduce new rights for communities to run services and own assets, and for public service workers to form cooperatives.

Many councils are already fundamentally reviewing their roles and services, the review says, "including using greater personalisation and increasing delivery through the voluntary and community sector".

The review says the Big Society Bank "will bring in private sector funding in addition to receiving all funding available to England from dormant accounts".

And it pledges that the government will work with the financial sector, the voluntary sector and community groups to develop innovative equity investment opportunities in public services.

Cultural institutions, such as museums, will be allowed to be more flexible with how they use the money that they raise independently and will be able to establish trust arrangements that enable them to generate more funding from private sources, the review adds.

It concludes that the government will review ways to increase philanthropic giving, saying it will announce further details later this year.

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