

# CaDVAS Newsletter

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## CaDVAS News

### CaDVAS AGM 15.10.10

If you haven't already done so, don't forget to let us know if you would like to attend our **AGM** on **Wednesday October 15th** from **12 noon** until **2.00pm** at **Kent Enterprise House, The Links, Herne Bay CT6 7GQ**. Call us on **01227 452381** or email [sue@cadvas.org](mailto:sue@cadvas.org) to confirm.

If you would like to make a nomination to our board, see the nomination form on our website at [www.cadvas.org](http://www.cadvas.org). You will need to show your **CaDVAS** membership card if you intend to vote in the board elections.

### Disability Forum

We have been asked to help facilitate the establishment of a Disability Forum for the district. We are currently in the very early stages of thinking about what form such a forum might take and how it might function.

We will be aiming to contact all of the organisations we are aware of which work with disabled people over the next few weeks to ask for your ideas, but if you have any thoughts about this please do let us know on **01227 452381** or [sue@cadvas.org](mailto:sue@cadvas.org).

Join Our Mailing List!

## Members' News



**Volunteer Centre**

Canterbury & Herne Bay

### Canterbury & Herne Bay Volunteer Centre

You are invited to our  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
on **Monday November 2nd 7 for 7.30**  
*to be held at the*  
**Kent Enterprise House, The Links,**  
**Herne Bay CT6 7GQ**  
light refreshments will be available  
*svp by email to [canterburyvc@hotmail.com](mailto:canterburyvc@hotmail.com)*  
*or by telephoning 01227 452278*

### Newly converted office available in the centre of Canterbury

*(Other smaller offices also available now -  
please contact Terry for details)*  
Unit 4, Roper Yard, Roper Road, Canterbury, CT2 7EG

The office is a self contained unit within a small community hub of 7 units including a community recording studio run by Skillnet Group CIC. Our aim is

to make the hub environmentally-friendly, sustainable and a beacon for alternative energy in the centre of Canterbury.

Unit 4 measures: toilet 2.20m x 1.50m, kitchen 2.20m x 3.10m, office 5.74m x 4.36m.

It is at ground level and is fully accessible.

It has

- Hot and cold water,
- Sink with draining board,
- Fridge,
- Smoke and heat alarms.

The lighting is F5 low energy. The toilets are supplied by harvested rainwater tanks. The electricity is supplied by Good Energy (the only 100% renewable energy supplier) on a shared meter thus halving the daily charge. There is the possibility of parking but we like to discourage it. We are hoping to have photo voltaic panels fitted which will produce 6.8kw of electricity.

Price: around £525 per month plus a service charge of around £30 (depending on how much electricity is used).

Rates: about £950/annum.

For more information and to arrange a visit please contact Terry Thompson on: 07968 810638 or [conradkidd@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:conradkidd@hotmail.co.uk)

## ***Kent Enterprise Trust - Hub of Activity***

**Kent Enterprise Trust** has now formally opened its brand new hub and conference centre for social enterprises, charities, community groups and voluntary organisations, at **Kent Enterprise House, The Links, Herne Bay CT6 7GQ**. The hub is the first specialist, purpose-designed business support centre of its kind in the area.

The centre already has two confirmed occupants, **Kent and Medway Social Enterprise Network** and **Enterprising Opportunities Community Interest Company**. KET Chief Executive Officer, **John Bland**, says "the Hub will bring

similar organisations together and will help them focus on what matters - their charity, community organisation, or social enterprise." John went on to explain that the Hub will provide back office support including a 'virtual PA' service, a full reception offering, administration support right through to HR, payroll and marketing support.

For more information, call Project Manager **Becky Richards** or CEO **John Bland** on **01227 265 899** or visit [www.enterprisetrust.org](http://www.enterprisetrust.org) .

## Other News

### **KM Group Charity of the Year**

**KM Group** editors are now accepting applications for charities and good causes to become the **KM Group's charity of the year**.

The multi-media company has a proud tradition of supporting local causes both by turning the spotlight on them to encourage readers and listeners to back them, as well as organising events to directly raise funds for the charity or cause.

To help manage requests to become our charity of the year for 2010 causes should apply via the website [www.kmcharityteam.co.uk](http://www.kmcharityteam.co.uk) by **October 14th**.

The successful cause or charity will receive the full backing of the newspaper, web and radio station in their community and any special fund-raising projects the charity undertakes during the year.

Causes applying will be notified in November if their application has been successful. The charity of the year period usually runs from the first week of January, although some areas may differ.

**The KM Charity Team** is hoping for active charitable partners who will make the most of the opportunity of being named as **Charity of the Year**. Currently editors are open to all suggestions and ideas but the key issue is **location**. The project you wish to be supported must be within the circulation area of the KM Group newspaper and radio station for which you are applying. **It is not essential to be a registered charity to apply**. Any local good cause or project can be considered.

**The KM Charity Team** also has other schemes to support you:

- **Treasure Chest.** Apply for free prizes to support the raffles and auctions of your cause.
- **Fund-raising abseils and other adrenaline events.** Your charity can apply for a block of places at one of our local **KM Charity Challenge** events. This is a risk free way to provide an exciting fund-raiser in one of the KM Group circulation areas.

For information on **Treasure Chest** and all our charitable activities go to [www.kmcharityteam.co.uk](http://www.kmcharityteam.co.uk) For our brain and brawn fund-raising events go to [www.kmcharitychallenge.co.uk](http://www.kmcharitychallenge.co.uk) .

### **SEED - South Eastern Enterprise Development project**

This is a new project, funded by **SEEDA** (South East England Development Agency), which aims to help local people start their own business.

#### **Who is the project targeting?**

Unemployed or economically inactive adults e.g. those living on benefits, supported by spouse or retired. It is not seeking to engage employed or self-employed people.

#### **What is being offering?**

1-1 coaching, training and support into self-employment. Signposting if self-employment is not for them.

The project co-ordinator for the Canterbury area, **David Somers**, would be happy to meet you and discuss the project in more detail and to work with yourselves to help local people in these difficult times. For more information you can contact him on: **01304 814386** or [davidsomers\\_uk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:davidsomers_uk@yahoo.co.uk)

### **VACANCY - Chair of KVIC Board and Board Member of Kent CAN**

**The Kent Voluntary Infrastructure Consortium (KVIC)** would like to appoint a **Chair** from within the Voluntary and Community Sector to take forward the work

of the Board. This follows the present Chair's decision to stand down in December 2009.

**KVIC** is a partnership consisting of 28 partners from the voluntary and community sector and the public sector. KVIC's role is to deliver the **Change Up** agenda in Kent - to ensure effective support for frontline voluntary and community organisations. This will take place through delivery of the **Kent Infrastructure Development Plan (KIDP)**. The work of the Board focuses on delivering the projects within the action plan. For a copy of the plan please see the **Kent CAN** website [www.kentcan.org](http://www.kentcan.org) **KVIC** section. This also contains details of the Consortium's role, membership etc. including the requirement that members will act in their own capacity and not as representatives of organisations of which they are associated.

**The Chair is expected to:**

- Lead the activities of the Consortium in line with the ChangeUp programme

Promote the Consortium externally and champion its aims

- Liaise with stakeholders and partners to ensure full engagement with the Consortium and its work within Kent
- Deal with other Consortium business as it arises

**Key skills and attributes:**

- Ability to chair multi-organisational meetings
- A good knowledge of the voluntary and community sector
- Ability to provide leadership and to facilitate implementation of a programme that focuses and delivers outcomes
- Good communications and representational skill

The accountable body for **KVIC** is **Kent CAN** and the two partnerships work closely together. The successful candidate will be expected to also join the **Kent CAN** Board.

**Time commitment:** at present **KVIC** meet **quarterly** for a 2 hour meeting and **Kent CAN** meet **bi-monthly** for a 2 hour meeting. There will be work to undertake between the KVIC Board meetings and on average this amounts to around **2 days a month**. There is a part-time co-ordinator, line-managed by **Kent CAN** to take this work forward and provide support to the **KVIC** Board. Travel expenses will be re-imbursed.

For an informal discussion, please contact present **KVIC Chair Simon MacLachlan** phone **01580 714387** or **Barry Clout Kent CAN Chair** phone **01634 579833**.

If you are interested in applying, please submit a 200 word personal statement outlining how your experience is relevant to the role and your suitability for it, and how you have demonstrated the key skills and attributes outlined above. We also require contact details for a nominee for yourself, not from your own organisation.

Please email this back to **Liz Silk, KVIC Co-ordinator**, by **31st October 2009** [liz.silk@kentcan.org](mailto:liz.silk@kentcan.org)

The applications will be sent to the members of the KVIC Board for a voting process in mid November. Candidates will be contacted by **28th November**; with the assumption that a handover of Chairs can be completed at the next KVIC Board on **9th December**.

## **Trustees for VAWK**

**VAWK** is a multi-purpose organisation, providing a wide range of services for local charities, groups and individuals across Kent. Our annual turnover is approximately £1.5 million; we have offices in 11 locations and employ 55 staff.

Following recent mergers and expansion we wish to recruit new members to join our Board of Trustees. We are looking for people who can help steer **VAWK** towards achieving its mission and ensure the organisation is effectively managed. You would need to be able to make a commitment to **VAWK** and devote the necessary time; have strategic vision, independent judgment, an ability to think creatively and a willingness to challenge constructively when appropriate. You will be used to operating at a strategic countywide or regional level and will have extensive experience in one of the following areas:

- Health and social care strategy
- Business, social enterprise, trading
- Education, learning and development
- BME, faith, seldom heard
- Youth volunteering

We are particularly keen to achieve a more diverse Board of Trustees and we welcome applications from all sections of the community. We will pay Trustees' travel expenses and provide an induction into **VAWK's** work.

Please email [info@vawk.org.uk](mailto:info@vawk.org.uk) for an application pack. For an informal discussion about the role of Trustee, contact the Chief Executive on **01892 530330**.

## The Big Care Debate

The Government has launched a '**Big Care Debate**' on the future of care and support services, focussed on consultation about the proposals put forward in the Green Paper Shaping the Future of Care Together. ([www.careandsupport.direct.gov.uk/greenpaper/](http://www.careandsupport.direct.gov.uk/greenpaper/)).

**Kent County Council** will be submitting its own response to the consultation, but we would also like to encourage you to consider whether you have any views on the Green Paper which you would like to feed back to the Government.

The issues involved in the future of care and support are far **wider** than the question of **funding**, which has been given the most attention in the media. As a voluntary organisation involved in care and support, you may have views that it would be useful for the Government to understand about some of the wider issues around **independent living** raised in the Green Paper.

The national consultation lasts until **13th November**. Because this is a national consultation, responses should not be sent to KCC staff but instead can be submitted directly to the Government. Details of how to respond may be found on the dedicated care and support website (web address given above).

## National Parents' Week, 19 - 25.10.09

Join in the tenth **National Parents' Week**, which runs from **Monday 19th - Sunday 25th October 2009**, and help us with ideas for a **Parents' page** on Kent County Council's Website.

Kent's **supporting parents strategy** promises to help mums, dads and carers get better information, support and guidance to help them in their role as a parent.

**KCC's** website [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk) is being reviewed and doesn't have a page just for parents at the moment.

Because it's **Parents' Week**, we thought this would be a good time to ask

you for help to support as many parents as possible to tell us what they think by filling in the **questionnaire**. We can then give your comments to our website design team for them to consider.

The questionnaire can be completed with individual parents or as part of a group during your planned activities in **Parents' Week**. Completed questionnaires can be emailed or returned to;

**Allison Allan**  
**Supporting Parents Officer**  
**Room 2.71**  
**Sessions House**  
**Maidstone**  
**ME14 1XQ**

For more information you can contact Allison on:  
**07920 526550**

## **Government 'Keep warm, keep well' campaign**

**Keep Warm Keep Well** is a national campaign to reduce cold-related illness and deaths during winter. You'll find information and advice about how to stay well in winter by keeping warm and what financial support is available and you can download booklets aimed at people over 60, families and people with a disability or long-term health conditions.

Apart from the campaign information there are links and further information on a range of associated issues.

Find out more at [www.keepwarmkeepwell.direct.gov.uk/index.html](http://www.keepwarmkeepwell.direct.gov.uk/index.html)

## **Charity Commission urges more collaboration and mergers**

By Paul Jarvis, Third Sector Online, 17 September 2009

The **Charity Commission** has urged charities to consider merging or collaborating with other third sector organisations after a poll revealed that fewer than one in 10 has recently considered either step.

A commission poll of 1,001 charities in July and August showed that only 9 per cent had considered collaborating, forming a consortium or merging with others in response to the economic downturn.

Although the figure was up six percentage points on the commission's previous poll, published in March, the survey also found that 77 per cent of charities had not considered such a move, despite the economic conditions making life increasingly difficult.

"We're urging every board of trustees to look creatively at ways of collaborating with others in order to make their funds work harder and to provide better value for their beneficiaries," said **Andrew Hind**, chief executive of the **Charity Commission**.

The findings contrast with the **NCVO's** most recent quarterly survey, published this week, which found that almost three-quarters of respondents planned to collaborate more over the next 12 months.

## **Searching for the right partner? The NCVO can help**

By Paul Jarvis, Third Sector Online, 24 September 2009

### **Funding Central**

, the **NCVO-run** website that lists funding opportunities for charities, has started a matchmaking service designed to help third sector organisations find partners so they can jointly bid for grants or contracts.

The umbrella body has set up a new section on the site, called **Find a Partner**, which allows organisations to search for like-minded charities so they can make joint bids for government grants or contracts listed on the website. It also enables users to provide information about their activities and experiences of applying for funding.

"With more and more organisations wanting to collaborate, this will help users find those who want to work together on a project or who are looking to put in joint bids for funding and contract opportunities," said **Graham Collins**,

sustainable funding programme manager at the **NCVO**.

## **Thirdsector.co.uk launches: Good Practice page for charity professionals**

Third Sector Online, 15 September 2009

**Third Sector's** new-look website includes a better way for users to find tips, expert advice and case studies. A new section called **Good Practice** allows you to do a targeted search of the archive to find articles from the **At Work** section of the magazine.

"There is a wealth of practical information in our archive, and this offers people a much easier way to find what they need," said Helen Barrett, editor of Thirdsector.co.uk. She said the new design, with wider pages and reorganised content, had been welcomed by readers on Twitter. "We have advised anyone having difficulty loading the new site to empty the cache on their computer - that seems to work," she said.

On the **Good Practice** page, users are offered the latest practical articles in the site's **five main categories** of Fundraising, Finance, Governance, Communications and Management. They are also offered further choices in each category, such as Case Study or Practical Charity Finance. These bring up a string of relevant articles, ordered by date.

Barrett said she hoped the new section would prove to be a significant service to website users. "Interviews, case studies, guides to the law, commentaries by experts - the full range of articles from the **At Work** pages is now much more accessible," she said.

## **Office of the Third Sector Launches**

### **Consolidation Consultation**

**OTS** announces consultation on consolidation bill which proposes to simplify charity legislation in England and Wales. The bill was promised during the passage of the **Charities Act 2006** and will incorporate the Recreational Charities Act 1958, the Charities Act 1993 and the Charities Act 2006.

**OTS** has assured the bill is not designed to introduce policy changes but to repeal obsolete provisions and correct minor mistakes and inconsistencies. It will also strive to make the legislation simpler and more comprehensive by splitting up longer sections of text.

The Minister for the Third Sector, **Angela Smith**, said: "Through the implementation of the Charities Act of 2006, the Government has freed charities from unnecessary red tape and introduced fair rules that treat all charities equally. The views of those who work with charity law will help ensure that we develop the clearest and most user-friendly bill as possible."

The consultation will last until December. For further information, visit [http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third\\_sector.aspx](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector.aspx)

Source: Third Sector, 14/09/2009

## **Changes to charitable incorporated organisations legal form**

By David Ainsworth, Third Sector Online, 17 September 2009

The **Office of the Third Sector** and the **Charity Commission** have outlined several changes to the proposed rules for **charitable incorporated organisations** in their response to a consultation held last year.

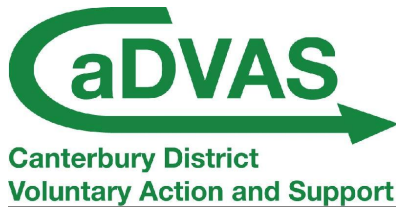
The **CIO**, which will be a **new legal form for charities**, is expected to be popular among third sector organisations because it will limit the liability of trustees, but without requiring them to register with Companies House. They will instead be regulated entirely by the Charity Commission.

The new proposals remove a suggestion that **CIO** trustees should have a lower duty of care than exists at the moment, and will replace a number of minor criminal offences with Charity Commission powers similar to those that currently exist for other charities. They also include less public disclosure of the details of trustees and members.

The response said that it hoped the new legal form would be introduced by **spring 2010**. But it said a decision has not yet been made about whether to introduce the provisions all at once, or to implement it in stages - the latter by allowing new formations first, then conversions later, in order to ensure that the

burden on the Charity Commission is not too great.

## Training and Events



### CaDVAS TRAINING

#### Getting your message across - using new media

Do you know your Facebook from your Twitter? Or are you a social networking novice? If so, you may be missing out on a major new way of letting the world know about the work you are doing. Following on from our recent workshop on working with traditional local media, we now turn to new media:

**Date:** Wednesday 11th November

**Time:** 9.30am - 12.30pm

**Venue:** Hersden Neighbourhood Centre

**Cost:** **CaDVAS** members first 2 places free then £15;  
non-members £15

**Trainer:** The trainer will be **Liz Crudgington**, who after completing a degree in journalism and spending eight years working on local newspapers, now runs her own media consultancy.

***We have had a couple of cancellations for this event so there are now two places available, on a first come first served basis.***

#### Writing Better Funding Applications

**CaDVAS** are offering this training event in partnership with **Action for Communities in Rural Kent** as part of the **KentCAN FINC - Funding Information Networking Celebration**.

**FINC** is a Kentwide initiative which will include a number of **fully funded** training events, local minifairs and a Kent Funding Fair, over the coming months.

The **'Writing Better Fundraising Applications'** course covers the following elements:

- Preliminaries to trust fundraising
- A business plan that is 'fit for fundraising'
- Project planning
- Looking at the finances
- Researching and nurturing potential funders
- The case for support
- Writing the application : dos and don'ts
- Structuring a letter
- Application checklist

The course is very interactive and delegates have an opportunity to discuss their own issues and share / address common problems.

**Date:** Friday 23rd October 2009

**Time:** 10am - 4.30pm

**Venue:** Seasalter Christian Centre, Seasalter, Whitstable

**Cost:** This event is **free** to all participants. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

**Trainer:** The trainer will be **Kathy Roddy**, who has spent more than 17 years in the voluntary sector. She has run a national charity and is now a freelance trainer and consultant. She is a member of the Institute of Fundraising and holds their Certificate in Fundraising Management. She is also a qualified project manager.

***Closing date for applications: by midday on Thursday 15th October***

### **Microsoft Excel For Improvers: Manage Your Finances With Formulas**

**CaDVAS** are offering this training event in partnership with **Learndirect**, **Concorde International** and **Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre** as part of our drive to make local VCOs more productive and less stressed with IT. The session will concentrate on how you can use **Excel** and throw away your calculator and will focus on using Excel to manage business finances.

**Date:** Friday 30th October

**Time:** 9.30am - 12.30pm

**Venue:** Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre

**Cost:** £15 including lunch.

**Trainer:** **Ken Baughan**, who is the Programme Director of a Microsoft IT Academy, an NVQ Assessor for IT, and a Microsoft Office Specialist. He's been teaching IT at all levels since the 1990s, and likes to keep training sessions simple, relevant and practical.

***There are only a couple of places left on this course so if you would like to attend please contact us as soon as possible and by midday on Monday 12th October at the latest.***

This is part of a **series** of ten short training events on the most popular subjects requested by our members, which will include **Access Databases**, Excel and **PowerPoint**, as well as **Computer Maintenance for Beginners**, **Computer Security**, and **Creating a Website**. Look out for details of more sessions in future mailings.

To apply for any of these **CaDVAS** training events please contact us on **01227 452381** or email [info@cadvas.org](mailto:info@cadvas.org)

## **The Vetting and Barring Scheme**

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the CaDVAS Vetting and Barring scheme training event later this month is fully booked, but you might be interested in the following:

**Date:** 23rd November

**Venue:** Oakwood House, Maidstone with morning and afternoon sessions.

**KCVYS** (Kent Council for Voluntary Youth Services) is facilitating FREE workshops on behalf of **Children England** and **VCS Engage / Safe Network**. Partnered by **CVS Medway** for the engagement of VCS organisations in Medway.

These workshops are for organisations working with vulnerable adults as well as children and young people.

For more information go to [www.kentcan.org](http://www.kentcan.org) and click on Events or call **KentCAN** on **01233 650640**

## Free Handyperson Home Security Training

The Home Office, in partnership with **Foundations** (the national agency for home improvement agencies) and **Dept for Communities and Local Government**, has organised a programme of **free** handypeople home security training for voluntary and community sector organisations working with vulnerable clients. Full details are also available from <http://www-foundations-uk-com/> which provides more information on the three different seminars as follows:

- (a) employed / paid handypeople
- (b) volunteer handypeople
- (c) train the trainer handypeople

If you think this training programme would be of interest to your organisation book a place as soon as possible so as not to miss out.

## 'WISE UP' - Well-being Improvement Skills, Empowerment through Understanding Programme

**EPPCIC** - Expert Patients programme Community Interest Company - invite you to attend a free course called **Wise-Up**. Participants of **Wise-Up** develop their knowledge and understanding of self-management, leading to increased confidence in supporting the people they work with to optimally manage their long-term health condition(s). As with other courses offered by **EPPCIC**, this course is lay-led by a trained volunteer tutor who lives with a long-term condition and who is an effective self-manager and an **EPPCIC** Trainer.

**Wise-Up** lasts for 3 weekly sessions; each session lasts 2.5hr. It is aimed at people working in the 3rd sector who work with or support people living with long term condition(s).

We are planning the course in **Ashford**, starting on **26 October**, continuing on the **2 November** and ending on the **9 November**, from **10:00 - 12:30**.

A [flyer](#) and [information sheet](#) about Wise-Up are attached.

To book a place, print off the attached [booking form](#) and post it back to us ASAP. Places are limited so early booking is advised.

For more information contact:

Antony Chuter

Support Tutor for The Southern Region

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Hove BN3 2DW

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[www.expertpatients.co.uk](http://www.expertpatients.co.uk)

## ACEVO Training

**ACEVO** (Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations) holds a variety of conferences, events and courses tailored specifically for the third sector. These provide an excellent opportunity to focus on the key skills needed to be at the top of your game.

Events coming soon include:

- Making the Transition to Individual Budgets
- Driving Social Change Master-class
- In Better Health Workshops - various aspects of organisational health

**ACEVO** is also holding its annual conference, **Governing the Future: Capitalising on Political and Economic Change** in London on November 5th from 9am - 5pm.

For more details on **ACEVO's** training events and annual conference, go

to [www.acevo.org.uk](http://www.acevo.org.uk)

email [events@acevo.org.uk](mailto:events@acevo.org.uk)

or call **0845 345 8497**

All welcome at  
**Canterbury Local Board**  
Public Meeting

Wednesday, 14 October 2009  
Marine Hotel, 33 Marine Parade, Tankerton, Kent CT5 2BE  
Doors open at 6:30 pm for refreshments  
Meeting starts 7:00 pm

This is your chance to:

- listen to a presentation about the *Government Green Paper 'Shaping the Future of Care Together'* and give your views about how you think the future care system should be funded
- *Member Community Grants*
- discuss local issues with your *County Councillors* and hear what others have to say
- take part in our question and answer session or just come along and listen!

For more information please contact:  
Jo Pannell, Community Liaison Manager  
Tel: 01622 694202  
Email: [jo.pannell@kent.gov.uk](mailto:jo.pannell@kent.gov.uk)  
Mobile: 07595 091727

### **Village Hall Conference**

**Action with Communities in Rural Kent** are holding a **Community Halls Conference** at **East Peckham Village Hall** on **Saturday 17 October**. If you are involved in running your local hall, this is an event not to miss.

For more information contact [jenny.bradbury@ruralkent.org.uk](mailto:jenny.bradbury@ruralkent.org.uk)  
or call **01303 813790**.

**CANTERBURY DISTRICT COMMUNITY ALLIANCE**

presents :  
**"BRINGING COMPACT TO LIFE"**  
A ½ DAY CONFERENCE for KENT  
DURING COMPACT WEEK  
9.30-2pm  
**3RD NOVEMBER 2009**

**Who is it for :** VCS and public sector in KENT

**Venue:** Westgate Hall, Westgate Hall Rd,  
Canterbury, Kent CT1 3BT

**Keynote Speaker: Paul Barasi, Local Compact Voice Officer NCVO :**  
*"Implementing The Compact- How to make it relevant for all "*  
**+ results of Refreshing the Compact- A framework for partnership working  
consultation**

PLEASE BOOK YOUR PLACE USING THE [ATTACHED BOOKING FORM](#)  
(RETURNED TO [MELLA.WHITE@CANTERBURY.GOV.UK](mailto:MELLA.WHITE@CANTERBURY.GOV.UK) ) BY 15TH OF Oct  
2009.

PLEASE FORWARD ON TO ANY COLLEAGUES IN THE PUBLIC OR  
VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY SECTORS WHO MIGHT WISH TO ATTEND.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

**CANTERBURY DISTRICT COMMUNITY ALLIANCE**

also presents :

**"Preparation for Change"**

A conference focussing on the future funding prospects for the Voluntary and  
Community Sector within the Canterbury District.

**Date:** Thursday 22nd October  
**Time:** 9.30 - 2pm  
**Venue:** Kings Hall Herne Bay

Speakers will include:

Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust - Anne Tidmarsh  
Kent County Council - Mike Dorman  
Kent CAN - Keith Morris  
Various voices from the local Voluntary and Community Sector

This event will also feature workshops and funding stalls.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Alex Krutnik:

Email: [cdca1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cdca1@hotmail.co.uk)

Tel: 01227 768546

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

## **2009 Annual Conference of the International Journal of Neighbourhood Renewal**

**19/20 November 2009 Birkbeck College, London UK**

*Last Few Places Remaining - Rate of £150 per delegate - Reduced Fee Places available  
for Students / Community and Voluntary Organisations / Academics*

*Last 5 Display Spaces Available - Rate of £250 per space*

The 2009 Annual Conference of the **International Journal of Neighbourhood  
Renewal** takes place in London, UK on the **19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November 2009**. The  
event speaker programme is now being finalised and we have a range of a  
excellent speakers from the world of neighbourhood renewal.

For more information go to [www.neighbourhoodjournal.com](http://www.neighbourhoodjournal.com)

To book your place email [neighbourhoodjournal@googlemail.com](mailto:neighbourhoodjournal@googlemail.com)

### **Funding and Finance News**

#### **NEWS FROM KENT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

##### **Change to criteria - Grassroots Grants**

Could your group use a grant of **£5,000?**

Grassroots grants are designed to help volunteer led community groups with  
income **below £30,000 per annum**, particularly those that may not have applied  
for funding previously. Forms are straightforward, just six pages, there are no  
deadlines for applications so they can be sent in at any time. There will be a

very quick response time once we have received a complete bid.

**Awards can be used for many purposes which might include:**

- Purchase of equipment
- Payment of rent or running costs
- Payment of part-time staff costs
- Funding of activities which benefit local community
- Small refurbishment or access projects

**Groups that apply need to:**

- have been active for a least a year
- have annual income of less than £30,000
- be able to run activities that benefit their community

For an application pack or more details about the fund call **01303 814500** or email us at [admin@kentcf.org.uk](mailto:admin@kentcf.org.uk) .

**Kent Community Foundation Grassroots Grants**

• **THE PHILLIPS FUND**

The aim of **The Phillips Fund** is to protect, conserve and enhance the use and character of Kent's rural landscape and its communities.

The Fund supports charities, voluntary groups and community organisations using volunteers to deliver small but beneficial conservation and environmental projects to rural communities in Kent.

**The kind of activities that might be supported:**

- Planting of trees and hedging
- Regeneration of hedgerows or village ponds
- Creation of wildflower meadows, new native woodlands
- Restoration of local habitats

**Some of the recent grants made by the Phillips Fund include:**

- Gazen Salts Nature Reserve - planting of woodland flower verges
- Bearsted Woodland Trust - planting of hedgerows for wildlife
- Trees for Thanet - planting a shelter belt of trees
- Etchinghill Village Hall - planting hedgerows and wildflowers around village hall
- Sandhurst Tree Wardens - planting a small area of new woodland
- Barnetts Wood Nature Reserve - planting of two hedgerows at entrance to wood

Grants are generally to a maximum of **£1,000**

For more information or to arrange a meeting with one of our outreach advisors please call **01303 814500**

**The Phillips Fund  
Kent Community Foundation**

Office 23, Evegate Park Barn, Smeeth, Ashford TN23 6SX.

E mail: [admin@kentcf.org.uk](mailto:admin@kentcf.org.uk)

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• **THE CROWN CHARITABLE FUND**

Grants for community groups **in and around Herne Bay**

**The Crown Charitable Fund** will benefit voluntary and community groups working with children and young people, up to age 18, in Herne Bay and its surrounding villages.

**Objectives:** To provide funding towards a project that will enable a group to develop facilities and opportunities for young people that are currently lacking.

**Grant size:** Grants awarded are generally between **£250** and **£2,500**. Applicants are encouraged to match the grant £ for £ towards a project.

**Who can apply?**

- after school clubs
- sports clubs
- youth clubs
- other groups benefitting children and young people

The fund does not award grants to individuals.

These are just three of the many projects that have recently been supported

through **Crown Charitable Fund:**

- 1st Whitstable Scout Group - Renovations to their Headquarters
- Equipment for Little Fishes mother and toddlers group in Greenhill
- Canterbury Theatre and Festival Trust - Support for their projects in schools.

If you have a project that you would like to discuss or would like an application form, please contact: -

John Jackson on **01303 814500** or **07812 555023**

Email: [john.jackson@kentcf.org.uk](mailto:john.jackson@kentcf.org.uk)

**Or write to**

Kent Community Foundation

Office 23, Evegate Park Barn, Smeeth. Nr Ashford TN25 6SX

**Turn2us - Financial Advice for Individuals.** If you are looking for financial advice and information for your service users or other individuals (as opposed to funding for your organisation), Turn2us be able to help. Turn2us is an independent charity that helps people access the money available to them - through welfare benefits, grants and other help. Our free, accessible website has been designed to help you find appropriate sources of financial support, quickly and easily, based on your particular needs and circumstances.

To find out more visit <http://www.turn2us.org.uk>

**BT Community Connections** is an award scheme which enables community and charitable organisations to get online. Groups can apply for a laptop and a year's free broadband connection. Award packages will be given to groups who can demonstrate how an award will benefit their work and the local community. The postal closing date for the awards scheme is the **5th January** and the online closing date is the 7th January 2010.

For more information go to [www.btcommunityconnections.com](http://www.btcommunityconnections.com)

**New charity Pro Bono Economics offers advice**  
from economists

By Andy Ricketts, Third Sector Online, 30 September 2009

A charity that will give third sector organisations access to free expert help from economists and help them measure results and impact was launched yesterday.

**Pro Bono Economics** has been set up by economists **Martin Brookes**, chief executive of **New Philanthropy Capital**, and **Andy Haldane**, executive director, financial stability, at the **Bank of England**.

Fifty economists have already agreed to provide services for charities on short and medium-term projects in areas such as evaluating the work they do and determining the best ways of achieving their goals. Pro Bono Economics will act as a broker and match economists to suitable charities.

### **New Resources For Third Sector Procurement**

Futurebuilders England has expanded their website to help third sector organisations with commissioning.

**Futurebuilders England**, the largest social investor in the UK, has launched a resources section on their website to help third sector organisations become better skilled at winning and delivering contracts.

The new section offers a platform for third sector organisations to discuss procurement opportunities via a blog and twitter. It also boasts a range of relevant articles, videos and audio resources to use, comment on and share.

For more information visit <http://www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk/>

### **New Guidance Launched To Improve Third Sector Commissioning**

**The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (Cipfa)** will launch a guide this week to improve commissioning practices for public sector commissioners and third sector organisations.

Developed for **Cipfa's** charities panel, the guide looks at the issues that public commissioners face when they are dealing with charities, and how the relationship between the two sectors can be developed.

The guide also looks at how commissioners can decide whether to offer grants or contracts, how the transfer of staff between organisations should be handled

and how to ensure that charities remain independent and able to contribute added value to the community.

John Maddocks, technical manager for sustainability and the third sector at **Cipfa** said: "We want to help third sector organisations and the public sector work more closely together and understand what each group needs from the other. "

For more information, visit <http://www.cipfa.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/](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)

**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:  
**Tel:** 01227 452381 **Mob:** 07595 543411 **Email:** [info@cadvas.org](mailto:info@cadvas.org)

Deadline for items for the next newsletter:

**Midday on Monday 2nd November** - thank you.

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

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