

# CaDVAS Newsletter

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## CaDVAS News

We are delighted to report that Jan Poynter has been successful in two recent funding applications for CaDVAS, one to KentCAN and one to Awards for All.

KentCAN have granted us money to undertake a project looking into the provision of training to the voluntary and community sector across Kent and Medway. Although we know there is a lot of training out there, it is not always easy to get a complete and overall picture of what's going on where.

The scope of the project is to map training courses offered by CVS's and other similar organisations in the county. The overall aim is to maximise the effectiveness of Volunteer Centres and CVS and other organisations such as Kent County Council, the Primary Care Trust and Action with Communities in Rural Kent, by providing information on the different training courses offered, costs and locations, so that we can then be better equipped to respond to your enquiries about available training courses.

The Awards for All grant will be used to deliver a trustee recruitment and development programme. We are planning some high profile events which we hope will encourage more local people to join your boards, as well as training and information for both existing and new trustees.

We will of course keep you updated on these projects in future newsletters.

Join Our Mailing List!

## Members' News

### Canterbury and District Pensioners' Forum

**The Canterbury & District Pensioners' Forum** covers Canterbury, Herne Bay, Whitstable and the surrounding villages within the Canterbury City Council area. Our aims are:

- To promote the welfare and interests of older people.
- To provide a platform where matters of concern can be raised and action taken.
- To raise these issues with the relevant decision makers.

We publish regular newsletters and hold regular meetings which are open to all, as well as special events (see Training and Events section).

Membership of the Forum is **free** so do join us!

We are currently looking for a **secretary** to attend meetings and take minutes, so if you have a few hours a month to spare and would like to get involved, please contact us.

If you are interested in joining the forum or in helping out as secretary, please contact **Anne Belworthy** on **01227 366494** or [annebelworthy@talktalk.net](mailto:annebelworthy@talktalk.net)

### Waste Collection and Recycling

At a recent CDCA event looking at environmental issues, the area of waste collection and recycling was discussed and it became evident that there is confusion around whether charities can have waste and recycling free of charge or not, as some CDCA and CaDVAS members are currently paying for the service while others are not.

The Street Scene manager at Canterbury City Council tells us:

"The Controlled Waste Regulations 1992 states that waste from a charity is classified as

"household waste for which a charge for collection can be made". This is slightly different from commercial waste for which a charge for collection and disposal can be made. Therefore the charge made for waste collections from a charity must be less than that made to a commercial premises.

However, **for most charities, the City Council will collect from a 240 ltr wheeled bin of landfill waste every 2 weeks free of charge. It will also collect clear recycling sacks free of charge every 2 weeks.** Any collections required in excess of this will be charged for. The charity is responsible for the purchase of any bin required.

Charities should note that that waste produced as a result of any commercial activity held at the premises such as hiring out the facilities or from a tea shop etc will be regarded as commercial waste."

Anyone requiring **further information** can contact **Chris Wallis** or **Tracy Flower** or **Ian MacKenzie** on **01227 862000**.

*Thanks to Mella White at CCC for getting this information on our behalf.*

## Job Opportunities

**2 part time ADMINISTRATORS required**  
**(1 based in Thanet and 1 based in Thames Gateway)**  
**3 year contract - 25 hours p.w. in year one**  
**11 hours p.w. in years two & three**

Applicants should be self-motivated with excellent communication and organisational skills. The role will include the provision of first line support to the Funding Buddies project and organising and promoting the Kent Funding Fair in 2010. Project Management experience, the skills to organise conferences and events and the ability to work with diverse groups and organisations is essential. Training will be provided.

Salary scale £15,291 - £15,895 per annum, pro-rata.

Driving Licence essential and business travel paid.

**Closing date: 5pm Wednesday 16th September**

**Interviews: Friday 2nd October.** For further information or to request an application pack, please call **01303 813790** or email: [info@ruralkent.org.uk](mailto:info@ruralkent.org.uk)

Penstock Hall Farm, East Brabourne, Ashford, Kent TN25 5LL

(Reg Charity No 212796)

**Also required:**

**Funding Buddy Mentors**

Opportunities for people with funding and mentoring skills to work with

community/voluntary groups on Project Funding. Successful applicants will be contracted on a self-employed basis at a rate of £18.00 per hour. The number of hours will be determined by demand and the limited budget of the project  
Driving Licence essential and business travel paid  
**See above for Application Pack**

*These posts are funded by the Big Lottery Fund*

## Other News

### **Want to show the county how you make a difference?**

**Kent CAN** would like to highlight an opportunity for the sector to show that it is delivering support linked to the County Council's targets.

**The Kent Partnership** is putting together a selection of case studies to show how the people of Kent are benefiting from work delivered by its own staff and its many partners, including the VCS.

Do you have a case study that you could send? Or do you have information and contact details for projects that you think would make a suitable case study?

To find out more please contact [Lauren.Key@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Lauren.Key@kent.gov.uk)

### **Charity Bank: using savings to fund charitable organisations**

Charity Bank, with its headquarters in Tonbridge, is a bank that is also a charity. It uses its depositors' funds to provide loan finance and business support solely to charitable organisations changing lives across the UK.

As a charity, it has expert knowledge of the charitable sector, and understands the importance of having access to the resources or skills required in order to succeed.

As a regulated bank, and member of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, it's a safe place to deposit your money - and because it publishes details of every loan it makes, it's transparent too.

If you're from a charity, voluntary organisation or social enterprise and want to talk to us

about loan finance, or are interested in supporting the sector through our range of deposit accounts, call **01732 774040** or visit the website [www.charitybank.org](http://www.charitybank.org) .

## **Guidance on getting through the recession**

The **Charity Commission** and the **CBI** have jointly produced a really useful publication called **The economic downturn - 15 questions trustees need to ask**. It is available as a free download from the Charity Commission website at [www.charity-commission.gov.uk](http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk) or by calling their Contact Centre staff on **0845 300 0218** (lines are open from 8.00am to 8.00pm weekdays and 9.00am to 1.00pm Saturdays, except national holidays).

## **Debt Advice Foundation launches recession helpline**

By David Ainsworth, Third Sector Online, 11 August 2009

The Debt Advice Foundation has launched a new helpline for people who have been affected by the recession after reports showed existing charity services were struggling to cope with a rise in demand.

The foundation said Citizens Advice Bureaux had reported a rise of 21 per cent in the number of cases they dealt with in 2008, with an average of more than 7,000 people asking for help every working day.

The new service is being funded by contributions from lenders, including banks and building societies, and is intended to relieve the pressure on existing charitable debt advice services.

"As the recession bites, the number of people facing debt problems is rising, with personal insolvencies now at a record high," said Dennis Benson, chairman of the foundation.

"The Money Advice Trust, the government-backed debt support agency, has predicted that half of the four million people expected to be seeking debt advice this year are unlikely to get an appointment with a debt charity."

The new telephone helpline number is **0800 292 2077**.

## **Donations from Microsoft, Cisco and Symantec**

Over the last three years Microsoft, Cisco, Symantec and a number of other major companies have donated their latest technology to nearly 4,000 UK charities through **Charity Technology Exchange (CTX)**.

To find out if your organisation is eligible and to begin the application process, go to [www.ctxchange.org](http://www.ctxchange.org)

## **SmartScore monitor ready this year**

By Hannah Jordan, Third Sector, 21 July 2009

A system to measure the impact and effectiveness of charitable projects will be launched later this year. The bespoke online monitoring system, called **SmartScore**, is designed to help development agencies, NGOs, corporate social responsibility programmes and charities to measure and improve their performance. It will show potential and existing donors and funders how effectively their money could be or is being spent.

Projects will be assessed and scored as they progress through a combination of field visits by the firm's monitors and online feedback from clients. The cost of the service will vary according to how much assessment individual charities require.

**Paul Schoen**, a director at SmartScore, said the sector needed better impact measuring. "There are some systems in place that try to measure transparency, but they are not an adequate measure of performance," he said.

## **Training and Events**

Our First Aid, New Media and Vetting and Barring Scheme training courses are now fully booked. If you would be interested in attending training in any of these areas at a future date, please contact us - we will always try to repeat events where there is sufficient demand.

## **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.

**Writing Better Funding Applications** will take place on **Friday 23rd October, 10am - 4.30pm**. (Venue still to be confirmed.) The trainer will be Kathy Roddy. Look out for more details in the October newsletter.

Places are limited, so if you would like to attend please contact us as soon as possible on **01227 452381, 07595 543411** or [info@cadvas.org](mailto:info@cadvas.org)

## Training and Development Team

**The NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent Training and Development Team** are the leading providers of health improvement related courses in Kent. We train over 1,500 participants each year from a variety of sectors including public, third and business. Our training courses include communication skills, health and wellbeing, smoking cessation, mental health and sexual health training.

For more information on our courses please visit:  
[www.easternandcoastalkent.nhs.uk/home/training](http://www.easternandcoastalkent.nhs.uk/home/training)

or contact **Angie Jones** on **01304 222228**  
email: [tpc@eastcoastkent.nhs.uk](mailto:tpc@eastcoastkent.nhs.uk)

Some courses are available free of charge; some places on other courses will be made available free of charge to participants from small voluntary organisations. More information is available on the website or from the contact above.

## Training 4 Care

**Training 4 Care** is appointed by Kent County Council to provide subsidised training courses for the Care sector in Kent. Details of their September - December courses are available now. Courses include:

- Employee Short Courses
- Management Short Courses

- Mental Capacity Act Training
- Sensory Awareness Training

To contact Training 4 Care:

**Bookings:** 01303 858311

**Enquiries:** 01303 858305

**Email:** [T4Cshortcourses@southkent.ac.uk](mailto:T4Cshortcourses@southkent.ac.uk)

**Website:** [www.southkent.ac.uk/training4care](http://www.southkent.ac.uk/training4care)

**Post:** Training 4 Care, South Kent College, Shorncliffe Road,  
Folkestone, Kent CT20 2TZ.

## "PREPARATION FOR CHANGE"

**The Canterbury District Community Alliance** would like to invite you to 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
- Kent County Council
- Kent CAN
- Various voices from the local Voluntary and Community Sector

This event will also feature workshops and funding stalls - if you want to glimpse into the future of funding within the District, you won't want to miss this event!

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.

An agenda for this event will be available in the near future.

**Canterbury & Coastal Rethink Carers' Support Group**

## **"INHERITANCE PLANNING"**

Wills, Inheritance Tax and Discretionary Trusts

Presented by

**STEVEN HOWELLS,**

Senior Associate with law firm Clarke Willmott,  
in association with Rethink

**TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2009**

**At 7.30pm at the Canterbury Umbrella**

(Rear entrance, St Peter's Place, Canterbury, CT1 2DB)

**THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO EVERYONE**

Free admission Tea/coffee and biscuits

For further details please telephone the Area Joint Voluntary Co-ordinators,  
Chris & Cheryl Ives on **01227 760707**

Or email: [rethinkcanterbury@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:rethinkcanterbury@dsl.pipex.com)

Rethink-severe mental illness: Registered charity 271028

## **Full of Life Conference**

The **East Kent Association of Senior Citizens' Forums** - which brings together the five forums across East Kent: of Canterbury District; Dover & Deal; Shepway; Swale and Thanet; is holding its second **conference** on **1st October 2009** in the **Westgate Hall, Canterbury**, starting at **10 am** and finishing with a buffet lunch. The event is free but you must be a member of one of the forums to attend.

Those of you who attended our very first "Full of Life Conference" held last year at Kent County Cricket Ground will know the importance of building a better understanding between those working on older people's services in the statutory sector and older people themselves. Our conference will provide the perfect opportunity to share information on policies and priorities and there will be sufficient time for networking between the voluntary sector and statutory representatives. Be there!

### **Speakers include:**

- Peter Rayner, Vice Chair of the National Pensioners Convention
- Debra Exall, Head of Strategic Policy, KCC
- Alison Davis, Assistant Director of Commissioning, Eastern & Coastal Kent PCT, NHS
- Barry Coppock, Chair, Thanet Senior Citizens' Forum

Westgate Hall provides the ideal location for our Conference with adjoining car parking and a large hall with ample room for both delegates and display stands/stalls. Over 100 senior citizens from each of East Kent's 5 Forums will be attending. Hope to see you there!

For more information call **01227 366494** or contact Barry Coppock on **01843 864487**  
**Mobile: 07786082291** or email: [barrycoppock@hotmail.com](mailto:barrycoppock@hotmail.com)

Please book your place by **Friday 25th September**.

### **Refreshing the Compact: a chance to have your say**

In response to the Compact Refresh consultation, **RAISE** and Surrey Compact are pleased to be hosting a joint Focus Group to enable partners in the South East to have their say on the proposed new Compact. This is your opportunity to shape the content of the document which forms the working relationship between the Government and the Third Sector.

The Focus Group will take place on **Thursday 24th September** from **10.00am-4.00pm** in **Guildford**.

For further details and to book your place, please call **01483 885271** or visit [www.raisepolicy.org.uk/compact/index.html](http://www.raisepolicy.org.uk/compact/index.html)

The consultation paper is available to download from:

<http://www.thecompact.org.uk/files/139847/FileName/CompactConsultationPaper.pdf>.

## **Funding and Finance News**

### **Funding Opportunity for projects working with people with learning disabilities**

The **Learning Disability Development Fund** for 2009/10 is available to Dover, Shepway, Canterbury, Swale and Thanet Learning Disability District Partnership Groups for local ideas.

**What is the money for?** This money is for local organisations, groups or individuals to make a difference in their local community for people with learning disabilities and others.

**Who decides who gets the money?** The District Partnership Group decision-making group decides who gets the money.

**How do people apply for and get the money?** Rules and guidelines to applying for and spending this money. are available fro Sue Tucker at CaDVAS or Sue Peach (see below).

**When will this money be available to DPG's?** The money will be available from August 2009, and is only available for this financial year.

If you would like to apply for funding or talk through ideas for a possible project please contact **Sue Peach** on [sue.peach@eastcoastkent.nhs.uk](mailto:sue.peach@eastcoastkent.nhs.uk) or call her on **01233 618373**.

## **Communitybuilders website**

The **Communitybuilders** website, [www.communitybuildersfund.org.uk](http://www.communitybuildersfund.org.uk), has now gone live.

Communitybuilders is a £70 million fund that offers loans, grants and business support to inclusive, multi-purpose, community-led organisations. The fund opens for applications on **7th September**.

We've also launched an improved version of the **Futurebuilders** website. We've created a new resources section with articles, links, video, audio and a blog. We've also made lots of small changes that will improve the user experience. Have a look at [www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk](http://www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk)

I'd love to hear your comments, so if you have any please email them to Pontus Westerberg, the Website Manager, at [web@futurebuilders-england.org.uk](mailto:web@futurebuilders-england.org.uk) or [pontus.westerberg@futurebuilders-england.org.uk](mailto:pontus.westerberg@futurebuilders-england.org.uk) or call **0191 261 5200**

## **Media Trust announces new Mix Mediabox fund for youth-led projects**

By Kaye Wiggins, Third Sector Online, 19 August 2009

Communications charity the Media Trust has opened a new £1.2m fund for charities and community groups to set up youth-led media projects.

The **Mix Mediabox** will offer grants of between **£5,000** and **£20,000** to groups setting up projects in which 13 to-19-year-olds explore community cohesion. The total value of the fund is £1,240,000.

A Media Trust spokeswoman said the fund, run in partnership with the Department for Children, Schools and Families and the Communities and Local Government department, was particularly looking to support projects that brought young people from diverse ethnic and economic backgrounds together.

She said the Media Trust was encouraging applications from east and north-east England and Yorkshire and Humberside, which had been underrepresented in previous rounds of funding applications.

The fund is open for applications and the **deadline is 21 September**.

Charities, trusts and local authorities can apply for grants from the scheme, which is delivered by a consortium led by the trust and First Light Movies in partnership with Skillset and the UK Film Council.

## **Property guide for community organisations**

By David Ainsworth, Third Sector Online, 19 August 2009

Social lender Co-operative & Community Finance has published a guide for community organisations looking to buy land and buildings.

The guide, **Building Community Assets**, looks at five social enterprises that have benefited from a £5m support programme from the East of England Development Agency.

The programme was administered by Co-operative & Community Finance along with the Plunkett Foundation and Social Enterprise East of England.

The guide explains how the organisations secured funding, what factors particularly helped them to succeed and other lessons for community organisations.

## **Charity Commission Survey Published**

The Charity Commission has announced that **most trusts and foundations are maintaining grant-giving levels** despite a drop in income. Their **Firm Foundations** report shows Britain's trusts and foundations are continuing to award grants - despite a drop in income during the recession - by spending their endowments.

The report surveyed 16 of the country's largest trusts and foundations, as well as three of the smaller ones. Three of the respondents said they had seen a drop in income of more than 30 %, while a further ten had seen a decline of less of than 10%. Only four had seen an increase in income.

Despite these decreases in revenue, only two trusts said they would reduce grant-giving in 2009 and three said they would increase it. Fourteen said it would remain the same. Many of the surveyed groups said they would maintain their award-giving levels by spending their endowments and that under spending from the pre-recession years had allowed them to do so.

The chief executive of the Association of Charitable Foundations, **David Emerson**, said: "The outlook for grant-making is thus far reasonably optimistic. These trusts and foundations have continued to take a calm, measured approach in managing their own endowments. "They have planned ahead to ensure not only that their charitable assets remain secure, but that they will continue to provide an income stream for many operating charities and their beneficiaries at a time when the need for such work is greater than ever."

Source: Third Sector, 17/08/2009  
News provided by [j4bgrants.co.uk](http://j4bgrants.co.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.**

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