

CaDVAS Newsletter

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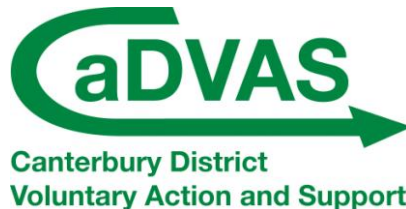
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February newsletter deadline:

Please send or email your items for our next newsletter to Sue Tucker at the address above by

**Midday on Friday 17th
February 2012**

Welcome and CaDVAS News



Welcome to our first newsletter of 2012. We hope you had a good break over Christmas and the New Year – seems a long time ago now!

We've already started our 2012 training programme with our first IT class in Whitstable, to very positive feedback. See below for details of other courses we have coming up.

When you're booking places on our training courses, please note that you need to contact our admin staff (admin@whitstablevc.org.uk), who have now taken over the administration of the training programme. If you need further information about course content, future training plans or if you want to suggest a training course you'd like us to put on, then Sue Tucker is still the person to contact (sue@cadvas.org).

We'll keep you posted on any other changes and developments which arise over the next few months as we settle into closer co-working with our WVC colleagues.

We hope you enjoy the newsletter. Don't forget to check our website regularly for more news and updates; and finally do let us have any items for next month's edition by the deadline on the left – thank you.

Training and Events

CaDVAS TRAINING

Our 2012 training programme is underway and the following courses are coming up:

- 26.01.12 **Volunteer Management:** dealing with difficult situations
- 16.02.12 **Databases for Beginners** using Microsoft Access 2007
- 22.02.12 **Keeping Your Profile High:** working with local media
- 23.02.12 **Spreadsheets for Improvers** using Microsoft Excel 2003
- 15.03.12 **Making Presentations** using Microsoft PowerPoint 2007
- 22.03.12 **Desktop Publishing** for Beginners using Microsoft Publisher 2003
- 27.03.12 **Improving Your Funding Applications**

All courses are booking now – see our [Training Programme January – March 2012](#) for full details.

Watch this space for our April – July courses which will include First Aid, Data Protection and How to Ask for Money – details will be published soon.

Other training



Paradigm have a few places left on workshop in Kent facilitated by Amanda Johnson from Housing Options on the 15th Feb. The workshop is '**Changing practice - from residential care to supported living.**' It is designed as a two day course with the second day on the 1st March.

Full details: [Complete Training Programme 11 10 11 \[1\]](#)



Grants for management training for SMEs

The Leadership and Management Specialist Advisory Service (LMAS) is provided for Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) employing between 2 and 249 people. All you have to do is to go to the below website and ensure that you meet the criteria, fill in a short form, and you will be eligible to receive up to £1000 worth of funding towards management training.

<http://www.skillsoutheast.co.uk/leadership-and-management.html>

Our leadership programme is designed so that you can mix and match courses depending on your needs, and includes Build & Manage an Effective Team, Organising & Delegating, Managing Conflict in the Workplace and much more.

Alternatively, you might be interested in gaining a qualification. Learn to... has been delivering the Institute of Leadership and Management awards for over 5 years. ***NB! These qualifications need to have started by 31st March to receive the Leadership and Management grant funding.***



- QCF ILM Award or Certificate in Team Leading
- QCF ILM Certificate in First Line Management
- QCF ILM Certificate or Diploma in Management

These can be completed at your workplace, and at your own pace.

At Learn to... we offer a variety of day training courses to suit your business needs. The above are standard courses, but please call for bespoke courses at your own venue.

For more information please call 01227 844 449 or email info@learnto.org.uk



The Institute of Fundraising is offering

Small Charity Fundraising Training for just £20

Full details: http://www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk/help_for_small_charities/iofocstraining?dm_i=60Z,NKQG,KWDSK,1WLOX,1

An Introduction to Consortium Working

The **Big Society Co-operative** is holding a free workshop event in Ashford on the 24th January.

The workshop provides an opportunity to discuss and explore all aspects of consortium working and will cover a range of topics including:

- What makes a successful consortium?
- Legal aspects of setting up a consortium, question and answers - led by Jane Adams, Bircham Dyson Bell, Charity Law firm of the Year 2011
- Writing a Memorandum of Understanding
- Identifying partners
- Big Society Partnership support consortium working and tendering

For further information and to register to attend please [click here](#)



EVENTS

Canterbury Christ Church University Business Forum are kicking off the New Year with a presentation on **Mind Fitness** on Tuesday 24th January at Hall Place, Canterbury: [Business Forum meeting 24.01.12 – Mind Fitness](#)

CantAbility AGM

You are invited to the Annual General Meeting of **CantAbility**, which will take place on Wednesday 8th February 2012 at Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre

Full details: <http://www.cadvas.org/index.php/cantability/cantability-events>

'My Dad Says ...' conference and student competition final

Poverty, migration and global interdependence - developing awareness, critical thinking skills & empathy in young people

Friday 27 January, 9.30am - 1pm, Darwin College, University of Kent, Canterbury

For teachers, head teachers, youth workers and all those interested in challenging young people to consider their attitudes and behaviour, and make up their own minds.

WEDG (the Development Education Centre in Canterbury) has been working with secondary schools to help students develop greater critical awareness, independent thinking and empathy in order to engage with the highly relevant global topics of immigration and poverty. The impact of the project has been measured by the University of Kent, and is funded by DfID.

This event is an opportunity to meet some of the students involved (who will be participating in the competition final), plus gain an overview of the project, the resources designed and the research findings.



- 30 minutes by car from Ashford, 40 minutes from Maidstone
- 56 minutes by train from London St Pancras to Canterbury West

To book: . RSVP by email to Liz@wedg.org.uk, including name, school/organisation and phone number. This event is free of charge.

Skills Third Sector, London Learning Consortium and Fair Train present a free conference for Third Sector employers on 8th February 11am – 3pm at the Directory of Social Change, London:

[accessing funding and apprenticeships through youth contract 2012 free conference](#)

Canterbury District Partnership Group meeting dates 2012

- Tuesday 21st February 10am – 1pm
- Tuesday 29th May 10am – 1pm
- Tuesday 4th September 10am – 1pm
- Tuesday 27th November 10am – 1pm

All meetings will be held at St. Mary Bredin Church, Nunnery Fields, Canterbury.

Sandwich Community Resources Lunch Club Meeting dates 2012:

Wednesday 7th March, Wednesday 4th July and Wednesday 7th November

Meetings take place at

The United Reformed Church, Cattle Market, Sandwich, 12.45 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.

Further information: contact Kate Gollop, 01227 749400 or volcare@aol.com

Herne Bay Projects and Business Exhibition

You are invited to the Annual Herne Bay Projects and Business Exhibition! The event, which takes place on the **21st March 2012 (2 - 7pm) at the King's Hall**, will display a series of information stands on Herne Bay's regeneration and community projects; as well as offer the chance to meet local businesses and traders.

Full details: <http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/main.cfm?objectid=1882>

Book your place at the NCVO Annual Conference - 5 March 2012, London

After a year with substantial funding cuts combined with increased demand for services provided by charities it's time to come together and find practical solutions to do more for ourselves. Join NCVO for a conference that will reinvigorate and inspire you and your organisation to move forward in these challenging times.

Find out more and book your place on the [NCVO website](#).

Members' News

Animate Arts Company are looking for new board members

Animate Arts Company, who are based in Herne Bay, are currently looking for new board members to support the organisation's work, providing creative and engaging experiences for young people and local communities. This not-for-profit organisation has been running for 10 years and has established an outstanding reputation for high-quality and inspiring projects in the area.

We are now seeking inspiring leaders from the local community who can offer strategic support to continue and develop our programme of work.

Attached is an [outline of our opportunity](#) or alternatively you can visit our website at www.animatecommunityarts.com for more details. Please do contact us directly if you would like to discuss it in more detail.

Other News



Membership

Volunteering England is an independent charity and membership organisation, committed to supporting, enabling and celebrating volunteering in all its diversity. Our work links policy, research, innovation, good practice and programme management in the involvement of volunteers.

Membership of Volunteering England brings a range of benefits - for a full list of membership benefits [click here](#).

If you're not already a member, you can find out more about VE membership in their current [Membership brochure](#). If you are a Volunteer Involving Organisation with limited resources you may be eligible for free membership.



KCC household waste recycling centre consultation

KCC is consulting the public on proposed changes to your Household Waste Recycling Centre (otherwise known as 'the tip' or 'the dump'). The proposals include:

1. Prohibit the deposit of tyres, gas bottles and asbestos
2. Limit construction waste to two (30 litre) sacks
3. Cease opening height barrier at Household Waste Recycling Centres on Wednesdays with provision made for domestic over-height vehicles on Saturdays
4. Prohibit access of vans, trucks, flat-bed vehicles and trailers to Household Waste Recycling Centres
5. Introduction of permit scheme along the west-Kent boundary to prevent non-Kent residents using Household Waste Recycling Centres
6. Consider future changes to the network to ensure efficiency.

Send your response online at www.kent.gov.uk/hwrcconsultation

Updates from the Charity Commission:

[Public benefit guidance update](#) Posted: 20 Dec 2011

[New Risk Framework published](#) Posted: 15 Jan 2012

The dynamic between charity chair and CEO

Based on interviews with chairs and chief executives in a variety of organisations conducted by a fellow of the Clore Social Leadership programme, '[A marriage made in heaven? The relationship between Chairs and Chief Executives in charities](#)' gives an analysis of the dynamics of the most critical relationship in charities.

Funding and Finance News

Charity Commission update: [New mobile website makes donating safer](#)

Posted: 15 Dec 2011 05:01 PM PST. Check charities' details on your phone

Funding cuts

NCVO, ACEVO and NAVCA, have written a [letter to all local authorities](#) (PDF 110KB) reminding them of the Government's official advice of a three month notice period for any funding cuts. If you are expecting funding cuts in April, you should use this guidance as a basis for conversations with the local authority – you should also read NCVO's [guide to challenging funding cuts](#) (PDF 76KB).

NCVO are trying to build up a picture of where the cuts are hitting the sector hardest. By sharing information we can better work together to make sure the voluntary sector is treated fairly when public bodies are trimming their budgets. Report your experiences and see the impact of cuts region by region using their [cuts website](#).

Public service procurement

NAVCA has welcomed the [new proposals](#) from the European Commission for revised public procurement directives, published on 20 December 2011. The proposals follow last year's consultation by the European Commission.

NAVCA believes these proposals will make it easier for local charities and voluntary organisations to deliver public services. EU procurement may seem like a dry subject but it has a huge impact on the work of many local voluntary organisations involved in delivering public services. These recommendations are a step forward to making it easier for commissioning bodies to undertake the 'intelligent commissioning' that NAVCA continues to campaign for.

Big Lottery Fund consultation on future funding of infrastructure services

the [Big Lottery Fund](#) has published [a discussion paper](#) [PDF] - *Building capabilities for impact and legacy* - about its new £20m infrastructure programme. The paper suggests the Fund should adopt a new approach to capacity building that allows front-line charities to decide what support they need.

Please add your comments by completing the online survey, which will be available until 15th March 2012 at http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/building_capabilities?fromsearch=-uk.

Funding Opportunities

Funds currently open for applications include:

Kent Big Society Fund

This new £3m loan scheme is now open for new and existing social enterprises in Kent. The scheme is funded by Kent County Council and managed in partnership with the **Kent Community Foundation** (KCF).

The £3m will be donated over three years, with the first £1m allocated to KCF to provide loans from January 2012. KCC will top up the fund by £1m each year until 2014. Loan repayments will be recycled to provide further new loans.

Loans will normally range between £10,000- £100,000. The interest rate range will normally be between 12-15% (APR) but is likely to be arranged as an upfront administration fee and then a flat annual fee. Most loans are expected to be repaid over 2-5 years. Repayment periods and interest rates may vary depending on the strength of the business case put forward by the applicant. Unsecured loans can be made.

A wide variety of organisational structures can apply including registered charities, Community Interest Companies, Companies limited by guarantee, mutuals, cooperatives etc, provided they can demonstrate that they operate as a **social** enterprise, i.e. they have a clear social purpose and community benefit at their core that is noted in their governing document, they undertake trading activities and the majority of any assets and/or profits are used and retained for the benefit of the community, including in the event of dissolution. The Fund will not provide finance to individuals or unincorporated entities.

Applicants must be operating within the Kent County Council administrative area and be utilising the loan finance to benefit Kent residents. Deadline for the first round Loan Enquiries is 15 February 2012.

Further details and applications: http://www.kentcf.org.uk/loan_funding.html

Social Action Fund - Second Round

The Social Action Fund is a new grant fund of over £20 million managed by the Social Investment Business on behalf of the Office for Civil Society.

The Fund aims to inspire organisations to create new social action opportunities; encouraging people to give what they have, be it time, money, assets, knowledge or specific skills. Applications close at **noon on Friday 3 February 2012**.

<http://www.thesocialinvestmentbusiness.org/our-funds/social-action-fund/>

Canterbury Relief in Need

Canterbury Relief in Need Charity makes small grants (up to £200) to residents of five of the City's Church of England Parishes: City Centre, St Martin and St Paul, St Dunstan, St Mary Bredin and All Saints.

The majority of applications access via Social Services but Canterbury Relief in Need is keen to encourage individual applications too. For more information or to apply for a grant please contact the charity:

c/o Furley Page solicitors, 39 St Margaret's Street, Canterbury CT1 2TX , Tel 01227 763939

For more up-to-date news on funding available try the following contacts:

Inside Track, the KCC External Funding Service newsletter - email 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 for more information, or visit their website at www.kent.gov.uk/externalfunding

You can also view the current edition of **Inside Track** on the **CaDVAS** website at <http://www.cadvas.org/index.php/funding-information>

Kent CAN, a county level infrastructure organisation, provides regular **funding e-bulletins** and also hosts the **GRANTnet** funding search website. **Full information:** http://www.kentcan.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=334&Itemid=51

Kent4Community, which is a free web based grant search facility, at www.kent.gov.uk/community_and_living/external_funding/search_for_grants.aspx

J4b community produce a **regular funding newsletter:** newsletter@j4bcommunity.co.uk

Funding Central is a free smart website for all third sector organisations, including community groups, providing access to thousands of funding and finance opportunities, plus a wealth of tools and resources supporting organisations to develop sustainable income strategies appropriate to their needs. Visit www.fundingcentral.org.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:

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Website: www.fundingbuddiesinkent.org.uk

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Deadline for items for the next newsletter:

Midday on Friday 17th February 2012 - thank you.

Please send your items to Sue Tucker at the address above or email to sue@cadvas.org

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