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Welcome and CaDVAS News

Welcome to a rather shorter than usual newsletter; we've stuck to local news rather than including the usual national roundup, working on the theory you're probably all too busy getting ready for Christmas to spend too much time on a newsletter!

Do have a look, though – there is news of our New Year **training programme** and also a number of both paid and volunteering **opportunities** with some local organisations.

Also, don't forget to have your say about the Canterbury City Council's **draft budget** for 2012-13; the consultation finishes on 22nd December.

Sue will be on leave from lunchtime on Friday 16th December until Thursday 29th, but do email or leave messages and I'll contact you when I'm back.

All that remains is to wish all our readers a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year – we look forward to working with you in 2012.



Training and Events

CaDVAS TRAINING

As you may already have seen, our [Training Programme January – March 2012](#), which features, by popular demand:

- further training on volunteer management
- working with local media
- improving your funding applications
- lots more IT using different software versions

is now available and all courses are open for bookings.

Other training



Carers Matter CIC is planning further training courses for both carers and professionals in 2012 using a number of venues across the county including Canterbury Umbrella and the Horsebridge Centre, Whitstable. For course information please contact:

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EVENTS

Deaf Awareness Event

A new initiative to encourage more employees to take up Deaf Awareness is now available in Canterbury.

Signs4Life have set up an introductory workshop in Deaf Awareness to help staff to communicate and engage with their deaf & hard of hearing colleagues, service users, students and clients in Canterbury. The Deaf Awareness event will be taking place on Tuesday 31st January 2012 at Age Concern Centre, Castle Row, Canterbury (CT1 2QY) from 9:30am-12:30pm. This local initiative is to help identify barriers that deaf people face and explore their culture and community but also to encourage inclusion of all people with sensory, physical or learning disabilities in Canterbury. [Attendance is strictly by booking only \(limited places\).](#)

For further information please contact Fozia on info@signs4life.org.uk

Members' News – Members on the move

Herne Bay Shopmobility

Herne Bay Shopmobility has moved! Our new address is:-

Herne Bay Shopmobility,
ChristChurch South Room,
William Street,
Herne Bay CT6 5NR

Our telephone number remains the same 01227 372487 but our email address has changed to hbshopmobility@gmail.com.

VOLCARE - CANTERBURY & THANET

After over twenty years at Beach House, Volcare has moved!

We now have an office within Age UK's building in Herne Bay, along with the Canterbury & Herne Bay Volunteer Centre and Crossroads Care East Kent. Our new address is:

16 RECULVER ROAD,HERNE BAY CT6 6LE

Our telephone number is still 01227 749400 and our email address remains Volcare@aol.com

There is full disabled access so please feel free to visit us, but check first in case we are both out!

We will be closed from Friday 24th December to Monday 2nd January 2012, but messages will be picked up regularly during this period, if you need to contact us.

**BEST WISHES FROM ALL OF US FOR CHRISTMAS
AND THE NEW YEAR**

Other News

OPPORTUNITIES

BTCV has a vacancy for a new full time post of **Community & Volunteer Fundraising Manager** working for our national fundraising team, but based at BTCV's Kent office at the Singleton Environment Centre in Ashford.

Full details at: http://www.btcv.org.uk/cgi-bin/staff_vacancies/view_single_staffad?ref_no=ref1323431393

Any queries should be referred to either our Head of Fundraising, Duncan Batty, or our HR department, both at our Head Office on 01302 388 888

Wildwood Trust is now inviting applications for our Heritage Skills at Wildwood Training opportunities.

We have four posts, each for a one-year training period. The deadline for applications is 9th January 2012.

1. **Environmental Education Trainee.** This post provides an introduction to a career in environmental education within a British wildlife park and conservation charity. The successful candidate will be given training and experience in key skills used in this field.

[other\hlf trainee education app info.doc](#)

2. **Conservation Trainee.** This post provides an introduction to a career in wildlife conservation management within a British wildlife park and conservation charity. The successful candidate will be given training and experience in key skills used in this field.

[other\hlf trainee conservation app info.doc](#)

3. **Keeper Trainee.** This post provides an introduction to a career in animal/wildlife care and management within a British wildlife park and conservation charity. The successful candidate will be given training and experience in key skills used in this field.

[other\hlf trainee keeper app info.doc](#)

4. **Ranger Trainee.** This post provides an introduction to a career in environmental habitat management within a British wildlife park and conservation charity. The successful candidate will be given training and experience in key skills used in this field.

[other\hlf trainee ranger app info.doc](#)

The posts are for one year only and are aimed at those interested in following a career in conservation. The successful candidates will be expected to complete a portfolio of evidence of the skills they have learned. The training will provide the groundwork and experience required for those considering either further academic training (e.g. a conservation degree, or diploma) or developing their career by joining a zoo, wildlife trust or other conservation organisation.

See attached training descriptions for further information. **Please apply for one post only.**

Application is by covering letter and application form. Send your application for the attention of:

Beth Flowers, Wildwood Trust, Herne Common, Herne Bay CT6 7LQ

Or e-mail beth@wildwoodtrust.org by 5pm 9th January 2012

Send a self addressed postcard if you wish to receive confirmation of receipt.

[Kent Probation Volunteer Mentoring Scheme - Secondment Opportunity](#)

New Youth Advocacy Team at KCFN

KCFN are proud to announce a new project available to young people: A **Tobacco Youth Advocacy Team**, run in partnership with KCC Public Health.

In order to run the project effectively we need young people from Ashford, Canterbury, Maidstone and Shepway districts to get involved. Young people can apply to take part at: www.bit.ly/youthadvocacy.

Applications will be accepted until the 2nd of January 2012.

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE IN WHITSTABLE



The Mediation Service has some reasonably priced office space, meeting rooms and training space available for rent. There are individual offices, which can accommodate 2-4 desks, or a larger open plan space that can easily take anything from 10-15 desks. There are good facilities, kitchen, store room, toilets and a relaxation area, as well as a mini-conference or meeting room that can comfortably sit 10 people, and a larger training area that can accommodate 20 people, along with projector, flip charts etc.

The full price list is not yet finalised, but to hire the meeting room is £12 per hour, the training room approximately £20 per hour and offices hot desking at £20 per week per person.

For more information contact:

Wendy Freshman, Chief Executive
The Mediation Service, 171-172 John Wilson Park, Whitstable CT5 3RB

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Canterbury City Council budget consultation

December 2011

The Council's budget consultation for 2012-13 is currently available at <http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/budgetconsultation>.

As part of the draft budget for 2012/13 there are proposed savings to the following which may impact your organisation:

- Voluntary sector grants budget reduction of £5,400
- Parish Concurrent Functions Funding Budget reduction of £7,100

We are interested to receive your feedback on these proposed budget reductions and attached is a [response form](#) for you to complete and return to lynda.gatusch@canterbury.gov.uk.

The deadline for feedback is December 22nd; the short timescale is due to the reporting schedule for the council's decision making process.

The final budget will be agreed by Full Council on February 16th 2012.

Cuts to Services - Pat's petition

6900 signatures in 5 weeks but still a long way to go

Are people in your community, like us, worried about the impact of cuts to services and benefits? This is something that affects everyone, but especially disabled people and their carers. Can you offer your support for Pat's Petition by publicising it to your members and contacts?

Pat Onions, who is blind and a carer, has added her petition on the government's own website. She has been supported by a group of individual volunteers, disabled people and carers, who are alarmed by the number of changes taking place and their effect on society's most vulnerable. It calls for the government to

"Stop and review the cuts to benefits and services which are falling disproportionately on disabled people, their carers and families".

The link is here: <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/20968>

Pat's Petition cuts across all individual allegiances. The petition must reach 100000 votes. It can only do this if a broad range of organisations from across the country work together, passing the link to their members and encouraging people to vote. Mind, rethink mental illness, making space, RNIB, radar, independent living, Scope, Pain Concern and many more have sent statements of their support. A full list and background is available here: <http://carerwatch.com/reform/>

Funding and Finance News

Funding Opportunity for Local VCO's

This is a unique opportunity for groups to present to donors and raise up to £5,000 for their organisation:

Kent Community Foundation is joining forces with **The Funding Network** www.thefundingnetwork.org.uk to hold a 'Giving Circle' in West Kent on Thursday March 15th 2012 in the evening. It will be an event where shortlisted local VCOs will present their work in 6 minutes to an audience of donors. A further 6 minutes of questions to the presenters are allowed by the donors, who will then engage in friendly philanthropy - a bit like Dragon's Den, only more sociable!

If you would like to be considered for presenting at the event, with the aim of raising funds for a community project in Kent and Medway, which supports vulnerable and disadvantaged people reach their potential, please read the [120315 KCF Guidance for Applicants.doc](#) and [120315 KCF Guidance for Sponsors.doc](#) and complete the [funding & finance\120315 Project Application Kent.doc](#).

Please note, that in line with The Funding Network's rules, a Personal Sponsor must be prepared to pledge at least £150 to their project if it is selected for presentation at the event. Further details are in the Guidelines.



Could you help us learn how communities in England can live in a more sustainable way?

If the answer is yes, your community could be one of 10 to receive up to **£1million** to work across the public, private, voluntary and community sectors to build a sustainable and resilient community that can develop inspirational ideas and share their learning with other communities across England.

We are particularly keen to see vulnerable people benefitting by making greener choices that will help them reduce their costs and improve their quality of life.

Our offer

We will invest in up to 10 communities by providing:

- Access to expert support and advice to help each community develop their skills, knowledge and abilities and build on best practice within and between communities
- Up to £10,000 to develop a project delivery plan that details the environmental, economic and social challenges affecting the community and how they can be addressed
- Grants of between £500,000 and £1 million for up to five years. This funding will provide an opportunity for communities to work together to access further resources and support so that their communities are sustainable and resilient long after our funding ends.

Want to know more . . .

To find out more about **Communities Living Sustainably** please visit our [website](#) or contact the Big Advice Line on 0845 4 10 20 30. Please note the closing date for the expression of interest stage is **Tuesday 31 January 2012**.

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**. For more information visit www.kentcan.org

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 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:

Tel: 01303 813790

Fax: 01303 814203

Mobile: 07900 560235

Email: nigel.turley@ruralkent.org.uk

Website: www.fundingbuddiesinkent.org.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

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Deadline for items for the next newsletter:

Midday on Monday 16th January 2012 - thank you.

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

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