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Welcome and CaDVAS News

Welcome to our May newsletter; apologies for the unusually late arrival of this month's edition – everything has got a little delayed between the flurry of recent bank holidays.

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent EGM. The proposal to integrate along with Whitstable Volunteer Centre (WVC) into a new organisation called **East Kent Voluntary Action Support (EKVAS)** under the umbrella of Kent Enterprise Trust (KET) was fully discussed and carried unanimously. You can read the EGM minutes at <http://www.cadvas.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/CaDVAS-EGM-Mins-12-04-11.pdf>; we will of course keep you up to date with the integration process as it continues.

Kent Enterprise Trust are advertising for a full-time **Director of EKVAS**; for a job description, person specification and application details see <http://www.cadvas.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/Director-of-EKVAS.pdf>

Other CaDVAS news: don't forget that if you're grappling with an IT problem, our volunteer **Mike Turner** may be able to help. Mike has over 30 years' experience as an IT manager/trainer, system builder, database designer (specialising in SQL and web based systems), network trouble shooter and designer.

Mike says he is happy to do, or guide and or instruct others in, troubleshooting, upgrading PC's, networking including cable installations, designing and implementing networkable databases.

If you think he might be just what you're looking for, you can contact Mike via CaDVAS – just email sue@cadvas.org with an outline of what the problem.

Training and Events

CaDVAS TRAINING

Outputs, outcomes and impact measurement

Date & Time: Thursday 26th May 2011, 10am - 1pm

Venue: Seasalter Christian Centre, Seasalter, Whitstable

This course is a must for senior staff, fundraisers and project workers in voluntary organisations who need to understand and measure their outcomes; the **trainer** will be **Kathy Roddy**.

Only one place left – book now!

Getting the best out of the internet

This course enables you to develop effective research skills using the internet to find specific information quickly and efficiently

Date & Time: Tuesday 7th June, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Venue: Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre

The trainer will be **Joanne Martin**.

For full information on these courses and to book places please visit our website:

<http://www.cadvas.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/CaDVAS-training-spring-summer-2011.pdf>

New date: Excel 2003 for Improvers

Joanne will also be delivering a course on **Excel** on **Thursday 7th July** at Thanington. This will be aimed at people with some basic knowledge of Excel who would like to improve their skills; More details will follow

Please note: places are very limited and so please book early by contacting

Sue Tucker on 01227 452381 or sue@cadvas.org .

Fees for all courses:

CaDVAS/ CASE Kent / Swale CVS members: £25; Non members: £50

Canterbury District Community Alliance:

supporting local voluntary and community groups

Capacity Building for the Voluntary Sector

CDCA is working in partnership with Canterbury Christ Church University to offer a series of seminars called **Capacity Building for the Voluntary Sector**. The first three events are:

Working with Older People - Dementia Awareness, 25.05.11
Developing Cultures of Effectiveness in the Workplace, 02.06.11
Leadership Development, 06.06.11

Further information: <http://www.cadvas.org/index.php/training>

CANTERBURY DISTRICT DOMESTIC ABUSE FORUM TRAINING DAY

Nackington Police Station, Nackington Road, Canterbury CT4 7AZ
Friday 20th May; Session A: 9:30 to 12:30, Session B: 1:30 to 4:30

The training will cover a variety of topics from basic awareness, where to get help and information to risk assessments.

Please RSVP to Emma@rsdvp.co.uk or telephone 01227 452 852
stating whether you wish to attend session A or B.

The Accidental Fundraiser

Our colleagues at **CASE Kent** still have a few places left on their **Accidental Fundraiser** training course which is being held on **2nd June** from **10am to 1pm** at **Trinity Resource Centre, Margate, CT9 3TN**.

This course, delivered by **Kathy Roddy**, is **free**. For more information visit:
http://www.c1175367.myzen.co.uk/index.php/case_site/training/

Skills Plus

Do you know someone who is being held back in their career because they do not have the recognised English and maths qualifications?

Or perhaps they want to develop study skills for other qualifications or help with their children's homework. If so these courses may be what they are looking for.

Further information: <http://www.cadvas.org/index.php/training>

Fully Funded Course for Anyone Thinking About Volunteering

Are you interested in volunteering but for one reason or another aren't quite ready to take the plunge? Dover District Volunteering Centre understands there are many reasons why taking on a volunteer role may seem daunting. You may lack confidence or need encouragement, you may worry about your childcare options or travel costs, you may be struggling to decide what sort of volunteer work you would like to do.

If this sounds familiar to you, then our Free course could greatly benefit you. The course takes place in Dover on Wed 8th and Thurs 9th June 2011 . Lunch and refreshments are included free of charge, and travel expenses can be reimbursed. All previous course participants have found them informative, fun and interesting.

If you would like to book a place, please contact Karen at the Volunteer Centre on 01304 367898 or email office@doverdistrictvolunteering.org.uk



Is your organisation struggling to deliver its aims and objectives? Are your staff under pressure to deliver more with less? Do you know how you will tackle the challenges ahead? Do feel enthusiastic about the future of your organisation?

[Striding Out CIC](#) is a leading provider of **leadership and business training and coaching**. We work with voluntary and independent organisations to help them achieve their objectives through bespoke training programmes and coaching.

We recently set up a branch in Kent and our aim is to offer affordable training and

coaching to third sector organisations in the county. As a social enterprise, we aim to inspire as well as be inspired by the individuals and the partners we work with. We believe that high-quality training and coaching shouldn't be a luxury just available to senior managers and executives in wealthy corporations.

With huge challenges facing the sector, charities and other independent organisations need all the support they can get to enable them to become more effective, sustainable, engaging and to continue to make a positive contribution to their service users and community.

To find out more about how we can support your organisation call Ana on 01227811987 or [drop her a line](#).

EVENTS

Family Day at Westgate Hall, Canterbury Sunday 15th May 10am – 4pm

Join us for a family fun day!

Activities and crafts for 0-12s

Children's entertainment

Facepainting, balloon modelling and a bouncy castle

Nearly new sale

Food

Entry: Only 50p per family

Further information: <http://www.cadvas.org/index.php/events>

Reminder: don't forget RESULTS: The effect will be....

CantAbility, the disability forum for Canterbury District and **Canterbury City Council (CCC)** are staging a joint event at **Westgate Hall** on the **17th May 2011** from **10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Entrance is free.**

A Disability Needs Assessment has recently taken place in Canterbury District. To launch the assessment, provide feedback and to thank all who took part in it, we would like to invite you and your group/organisation to this celebratory event. The **Lord Mayor** Pat Todd, accompanied by the **Lady Mayoress** Barbara Todd, will

open the event at **10.00 a.m.**

CantAbility has arranged guest speakers including representatives from statutory organisations to update us on the most current information. The consequences of the “Spending Review” on local government provision Kent County Council (KCC) and “White Paper” / “Bill” concerning the NHS provision in the District plus the government led DWP Benefit changes are of great significance to the lives of the disabled community. The formal presentations and questions will be programmed until **1.00 p.m.**

(**Results** follows **CantAbility**'s previously successful event “After the Spending Review” in November 2010)

Further information: <http://www.cadvas.org/index.php/events>

Kent LINK – Annual Meeting

Thursday, 19 May 2011 from 10.00am to 3.00pm

***Harris Suite, Kent County Cricket Club
St Lawrence Ground, Old Dover Road, Canterbury CT1 3NZ***

Further information and meeting papers including proxy vote forms:

<http://www.thekentlink.co.uk/kent-link-annual-general-meeting-2011.html>

**Thanet Voluntary & Community Sector Forum Conference
Pfizer Sports & Social Club, Sandwich, 25 May 2011**

POSITIVE STEPS TO CHANGE

'MEETING THE CHALLENGE HEAD ON'

Alternative Funding Opportunities

Developing A Thinking Approach

Working With The Changes

Exploring Options Towards Sustainability

Interactive Workshop Session

Further information and booking form: <http://www.tvcsf.org.uk/>



Volunteers' Week 2011

In five weeks' time, on Wednesday 1 June, [Volunteers' Week 2011](#) will be upon us. If you haven't yet planned how you will be celebrating, there's still time - and the Volunteers' Week website can offer lots of inspiration.

BIG LUNCH SUNDAY 5 JUNE, WESTGATE

You are invited to **East Kent Mencap's Big Lunch** for people with learning and other disabilities, with their families and carers, on **Sunday 5 June** at **Ursuline College, Westgate, from 11am to 3pm**. The event is **free** and everyone is invited to bring a picnic to enjoy together. There will be lots of activities including sports, crafts, music and arts plus food and drink outlets with shelter in case of inclement weather. Parking will be available on site this year (entrance in The Warren Drive CT8, at the back of the school grounds).

Further information from East Kent Mencap (Affiliated to Mencap),

New Gateway House, 132 Northdown Road, Cliftonville, Margate CT9 2RB

01843-224482 www.eastkentmencap.co.uk

Or visit <http://www.cadvas.org/index.php/events>

Small Charity Week (20-24 June 2011)

[Small Charity Week](#) is all about celebrating the work of the small charity sector and making sure everyone knows all about it. Each day has a different theme (there's I ♥ Small Charities Day, the Big Advice Day, Policy Day, Fundraising Day and Celebration Day) and every day has lots of opportunity to get involved to gain new skills, raise your profile and raise funds.

**Changes in the NHS –
what will it mean for YOU and your doctor?
22 June 2011, Dover**

Following the huge success of this event in Tunbridge Wells, the LINK is pleased to announce that it will be hosting a similar event in Dover in the evening of **Wednesday, 22 June 2011 at The Ark, Noah's Ark Road, Dover, CT17 0DD.**

The event will start at 5.45pm (arrival and light buffet from 5.00pm) and end by 8.30pm. There will be time for you to ask questions and to have your say.

For more information contact:

Louise Murrell: 01303 297050 / 07976 596913 / louise@kentlink.org

The Rising Sun Domestic Violence Project

presents

The Love Shouldn't Hurt Fashion Show

You are invited to a night you will not forget in a hurry!

The aim is to create awareness of domestic abuse in teenage relationships and to raise money for the LSH Schools project. We have 65 young people from different schools modelling high street labels, Live performances and some great competitions. You can reserve tickets online and book a single seat or a table of 8/10. The fashion show is taking place at **Canterbury High School** on **Friday 24th June 2011**; Doors open at **7pm**. Bring as many people as you can to this night of entertainment.

We are still looking for helpers on the night so if this is something that interests you please do contact:

Dan Blythe, Love Shouldn't Hurt Schools Project, 07816 002189 www.lsh.me

Facebook: Love Shouldn't Hurt schools project; Twitter: LSHschools

The Kent Event

The Kent Event is a new community event which will be held for the first time in June 2011. It is an annual countywide event featuring a wide range of activities by and for the people and communities of Kent.

Chain Reaction is the name for the *focus* of 2011's Kent Event. It is a series of simultaneous runs, on Saturday 25th June which will include most towns and villages throughout Kent and a parallel run in Kisasa, Tanzania. Various running clubs and **disability clubs** will be getting involved in the runs.

Further info: www.thekentevent.org info@thekentevent.org

Sandwich Community Resources Lunch Club

Do you work or volunteer in your local community? Have you heard about the **Sandwich Community Resources Lunch Club**?

It's an informal meeting held three times a year for people working within the local community, who are interested in sharing information with one another.

Sandwich Community Resources Lunch Club meets three times a year at

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

Further information and forthcoming meeting dates:

<http://www.cadvas.org/index.php/events>

Members' News



Exciting opportunity to develop The Pulse, our new community café and meeting place in Sittingbourne

The Pulse Community Café and Meeting Place is part of Skillnet Group and will provide a positive and dynamic community focal point. It will act as a resource for local groups, offering a friendly environment for a wide range of community activities.

We are looking for a person, group, organisation or existing business to manage and develop The Pulse.

Further information: <http://www.cadvas.org/index.php/news-2>

Other News

Home Safety Visits for Vulnerable Families in Kent

Kent Fire and Rescue Service conduct home safety visits, targeting the most vulnerable members of the communities. The visit entails giving fire safety advice, looking at risks in the home; including electrical and kitchen safety and identifying risk factors such as overcrowding and any safeguarding concerns, and where necessary fit smoke alarms. We have a number of staff within KFRS who have different language skills and visits can be conducted in a number of different languages.

Further information: <http://www.cadvas.org/index.php/news-2>

KENT PARENT PARTNERSHIP SERVICE

Supporting parents of disabled children and children with Special Educational Needs (SEN)

We are holding drop-in sessions for free and confidential information, advice and support in Canterbury on Fridays May 20th, June 10th, June 17th and July 8th.

Full details: <http://www.cadvas.org/index.php/news-2>

OFFICE SPACE FOR HIRE

We have some office space available at The Mediation Service in Whitstable, just to the rear of Clover House on the old Thanet Way. 1,000 to 2,000 square feet, plenty of space, a separate training area, and a large open plan office, with two additional separate offices. Disabled toilet and large staff room/kitchen. All for £6000 per annum. Buildings insurance at £160 and rates at £100 per month in addition. There is plenty of parking, easy access, it's nice and quiet, the landlord is terrific and there's a garden outside!!

For further information contact:

The Mediation Service, 171 - 172 John Wilson Park, Whitstable CT5 3RB.
help@themediationservice.co.uk 01227 262 049

Dover District VCS Network - join us!

The **Dover District Voluntary and Community Network** supports the voluntary and community organisations and helps them build strong relationships with the public sector. All members of the voluntary sector in Dover district are at present de facto members of the Network.

The network is funded by the Big Lottery, through the BASIS programme, until the end of 2011. It is now time to put in place a sustainability plan for the Network. The BASIS Project Action Group feels that this is a good time to ask members of the Network to formally join the group, so they can influence how it moves forward when the project funding ceases.

For more information contact louiserogers@casekent.org.uk



KCC Sport, Leisure and Olympics service have published an update on current activity, achievements and plans for Kent regarding the Olympic and Paralympic Games: see <http://www.cadvas.org/index.php/news-2>

NAVCA LINX 174, 7 April 2011:

New Gift Aid forms

HMRC has issued new [Gift Aid forms](#).

Charitable Incorporated Organisation model guidance issued

The Charity Commission has published [guidance on the CIO legal form](#) including model constitutions.

Community organisations: A guide to effectiveness

New Philanthropy Capital has [published a guide](#) "to help community organisations ensure they are as effective as possible."

HMRC to simplify charity guidance

Civil Society e-news Finance | Gareth Jones | 11 Apr 2011

HMRC is to review all of its charity guidance in order to make it easier for those who are not tax professionals.

In what it described as "a significant undertaking", HMRC will contact groups and individuals to understand their issues and concerns, and consider how to help reduce charities' administrative burdens, for example by explaining common errors. In the mean time, it will produce a number of short guides on specific topics to support charities.

In a statement, it said: "HM Revenue & Customs recognises that some published guidance is targeted at certain groups within the charity community and can be difficult for people who are not tax professionals to use. HMRC is determined to make guidance accessible to the whole of the charities community, from volunteers to professionals."

NAVCA LINX 176, 21 APRIL 2011:

Guardian free advertising for volunteers

The logo for Guardian Jobs, featuring the word "guardian" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font and "jobs" in a lighter blue, sans-serif font, both in lowercase.

Guardian Jobs are offering free advertising for organisations looking for volunteers on guardianjobs.co.uk as part of its commitment to voluntary sector recruitment. 207,000 Guardian Jobs users work in the Voluntary or Charity sector.

CIO Legal Form or Company? – Pros and Cons

Sandy Adirondack has produced a useful comparison weighing up CIOs versus charitable companies, based on what is known so far:

www.sandy-a.co.uk/managing.htm#cio-yes-or-no

Source: Richmond CVS e-Gov Issue 32 April 2011

Charity Commission update: Posted: 08 May 2011 06:01 PM PDT

[Our insurance guidance for charities has been revised](#) - Get an overview of the different types of insurance available.

NAVCA LINX 28.04.11:

The Government's listening exercise on the **Health and Social Care Bill** is an opportunity to get changes to the Bill. [Read NAVCA's briefing](#). **All responses and views should be submitted by 31 May 2011.**

Compact being 'ignored to death'

By Kaye Wiggins, Third Sector Online, 11 April 2011

Report says agreement between public and voluntary sectors has not been sufficiently independent of government

The Compact, the agreement on how the public and voluntary sectors should work together, is "in danger of being ignored to death", according to a report this week.

[Use it or lose it: a summative evaluation of the Compact](#), by the research consultancy group Practical Wisdom R2Z, was commissioned by the Commission for the Compact, which was responsible for monitoring the agreement before it was abolished at the end of last month.

It says observance of the Compact is under threat because of a "thicket of newer and higher-profile initiatives that bypass it" and the closure of the Commission.

"Despite widespread belief that the Compact is 'a good thing', at least in principle, the substantial effort devoted to translating it into reality, and its positive impact, the Compact is currently at low ebb and is in danger of being ignored to death."

The report says that, since 1998, the government unit responsible for the voluntary sector – previously the Home Office's Voluntary and Community Unit and now the Office for Civil Society in the Cabinet Office – "has not been able to devote sufficient resources to work on the Compact".

In his foreword to the report Sir Bert Massie, the former Compact commissioner, says that unless an "effective mechanism for independent oversight of the Compact's operation" is put in place, there is a risk of the Compact "becoming worthless and devoid of effectiveness".

For more information about Compact in Kent and how to make it work, see <http://www.cadvas.org/index.php/news-2>

Vodafone and JustGiving launch free text donation service

By Sophie Hudson, Third Sector Online, 6 May 2011

The mobile phone provider Vodafone and the donation website [JustGiving](#) have launched a new service that they say will enable all UK-registered charities to raise money through text donations for free.

The companies say the new JustTextGiving service, which is launched today, will allow charities to set up text message fundraising for free and collect donations without any commission or charges being taken off.

Smaller charities in particular have often found the associated costs of using text donation services prohibitive.

The companies say JustTextGiving will incur no set-up or running costs for charities, no commission will be taken and no extra charges will be added to donations, no matter which mobile phone network the donor uses.

To use the service, a charity must register for a unique code at www.justtextgiving.co.uk. The code will be publicised by the charity, inviting donors to send donations.

This message would have to contain the unique code and the amount the donor wanted to give, and then be sent to 70070.

The donor would then receive a text message that thanks them and contains a URL; by visiting that web page, they can sign a Gift Aid declaration and opt in to share their contact details with the charity.

Charities that are members of *JustGiving* will be assigned up to 10 of the unique codes. Charities that are not can sign up for one.

There are also plans to launch the service to all individual fundraisers from 20 June.

Guy Laurence, chief executive of Vodafone, which has invested £5m in the new technology so far, said the new fundraising method meant that people would be able to donate spontaneously.

A spokeswoman for Vodafone said the idea had come from Laurence after he saw how much could be raised for charities through text donation campaigns.

Anne-Marie Huby, managing director of *JustGiving*, said: "The future success of the charitable sector depends on making giving relevant for the next generation of donors and fundraisers – with mobiles a pocket essential, the ability to harness the power of a simple text is game-changing for the country's charities."

Fewer than one in 10 proposals succeed in getting Reaching Communities grants

By Sophie Hudson, Third Sector Online, 20 April 2011

New guidance from the Big Lottery Fund says there will be £100m in the programme this year but demand is increasing

Organisations applying for a [Reaching Communities](#) grant from the [Big Lottery Fund](#) have a chance of success of less than 10 per cent.

The figure is contained in new [application guidance](#) published this month by the BLF in response to increased demand for funding.

Reaching Communities awards grants of between £10,000 and £500,000 for projects in deprived areas. Public and voluntary sector organisations can apply.

The guidance reveals that in 2010/11 the programme received 5,730 outline proposals asking for a total of more than £1bn. Of these, 1,322 were invited to apply formally and the programme made 500 grants, totalling just under £125m during the year.

A BLF spokeswoman said it had introduced a new applications procedure in 2010 to eliminate more bidders at the outline proposal stage.

She said the programme was planning to award grants totalling at least £100m in 2011/12.

"We are experiencing increased demand for our funding and we expect this to continue because of the changing and more challenging environment in which voluntary and community sector organisations operate," she said.

The guidance says the programme is likely to fund fewer large projects in the future. "We will only consider making grants of more than £300,000 if we think your project is an example of excellent practice," it says.

Government pledges that Big Lottery Fund cash for the Olympics will be paid back as promised

By Sophie Hudson, Third Sector Online, 7 April 2011

The government has pledged that £425m of the £638m contributed by the [Big Lottery Fund](#) towards the 2012 Olympic Games will be paid back in accordance with a memorandum of understanding it signed in 2007 with the Mayor of London.

The [Department for Culture, Media and Sport](#) confirmed this yesterday in response to the launch of the Big Lottery Refund campaign by the [Directory of Social Change](#). The campaign, intended to make sure all the money is paid back as promised, was prompted by correspondence seen by the DSC that it says indicated the memorandum was being updated in the light of the spending review.

A spokeswoman for the DCMS confirmed that the memorandum of understanding was being updated, but said this would not affect the repayment of funds to the BLF. The government was "fully committed" to making sure that the money would be repaid from the receipts of Olympic Park land sales after the games, she added.

Ben Wittenberg, director of policy at the DSC, said he was surprised at the government's response to the campaign but said it would continue until the money was paid back.

"There are questions like how the money will be distributed, how it will be paid back and when," he said. "Some more detail on that would be really helpful."

The DSC has [set up a website](#) to support the Big Lottery Refund campaign. A number of groups have already signed up to support it, including the umbrella body [Navca](#) and the [Small Charities Coalition](#).

Government consults on details of 'statutory force' threat to councils

By Kaye Wiggins, Third Sector Online, 12 April 2011

The [Communities and Local Government](#) department may remove councils' responsibility for voluntary sector funding or force them to change their policies if they cut the sector's funding disproportionately, according to [new draft rules](#).

New guidance from the department, published for consultation today, says councils "should seek to avoid passing on disproportionate cuts" to the voluntary sector.

It also says councils that are planning to cut funding for voluntary sector groups should give three months' notice to the groups and their service users if the funding cut "will materially threaten the viability of the organisation or the service it provides".

The new rules will be introduced under the 'best value' duty set out in the Local Government Act 1999.

A spokeswoman for the CLG said councils that did not follow the guidance could be subject to judicial review or, in extreme cases, to the sanctions contained in section 15 of the 1999 act.

The department has [opened a consultation on the guidance](#), which closes on 13 June.

Treasury Committee reopens cheque abolition question

Civil Society e-news Celina Ribeiro | 14 Apr 2011

The Treasury Select Committee will reopen its inquiry into plans to phase out cheques after being inundated by public concern and unconvinced by evidence put forward by the Payments Council.

Doubts about the rigorousness of the Payments Council's cost-benefit analysis and argument that cheques were doomed to inevitable decline as well as public

reaction to the idea has prompted the reopening of the inquiry.

Treasury Committee Chairman Andrew Tyrie MP said that the Council had failed to consider the “millions of people” who are not comfortable with using more modern payment methods.

“Since our last inquiry we have been inundated by letters from the public telling us they rely on cheques,” he said. “Many charities, small business and vulnerable people depend on cheques.”

The Committee has requested that the Payments Council go away and “do some number-crunching” on the cost-benefits of phasing out cheques after Tyrie said he was “shocked” by the lack of such evidence provided by the Council at the last inquiry.

CAF Bank launches a debit card for charities

Civil Society e-news Vibeka Mair | 18 Apr 2011

CAF Bank, the not-for-profit bank owned by the **Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)**, has launched the **CAF** Bank MasterCard debit card for charities. The card is free for all **CAF** Cash Account holders and all standard transactions are free.

Commenting on the launch, Peter Mitchell, **CAF** Bank Chief Executive said, "Following feedback from our customers, we wanted to be able to offer charities increased flexibility in their banking."

"Our debit card will help provide this and allow them easier access to their money and an even more complete banking service from a charity banking specialist. The card will also help charities to overcome the imposed changes that the anticipated closure of the cheque clearing system will bring in 2018."

More information the **CAF** Bank debit card can be found at **CAF** Bank's [website](#).

For further 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 which exists to support and promote the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) in Kent and Medway, 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**; email 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

If you have difficulty contacting any of the above, please feel free to contact CaDVAS for further information

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Deadline for items for the next newsletter: **Midday on Tuesday June 7th**- thank you.

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

Registered Office: Tower Works, Simmonds Road, 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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