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## Welcome and CaDVAS News

Welcome to our latest newsletter. September seems to have flown by – it's hard to believe we're already more than halfway through October.

Sue has now moved completely out of the Canterbury Volunteer Centre and is now based at Whitstable Volunteer Centre from Monday to Thursday, usually from 9am to 4pm, and some Friday mornings. The phone number there is 01227 772248. If Sue's not in the office at these times, please try the mobile number, 07595 543411.

As you'll see below, there are a couple of places left on our November **training courses**. We're starting to put together the training programme for the New Year, which we hope will include some funding-related courses and maybe First Aid and Food Safety, which always seem popular. We're also looking at trustee training and will be continuing our IT training programme. If there are any particular training topics you would like to see included, please do let Sue know and we'll do our best to accommodate your needs.

Do keep sending in your news for the newsletter and also don't forget that our website, [www.cadvas.org](http://www.cadvas.org), is updated regularly so we can publicise your activities and stories there too.

## Training and Events

### CaDVAS TRAINING

We still have a few places available on the following courses:

#### **Management in Action: Managing for High Performance**

Canterbury Innovation Centre, Tuesday 15th November 10am – 4.30pm

Are your staff under pressure to deliver more with less? Do you know how to set effective plans that give your staff focus and bring the results you are looking for? Would you like to increase your staff's morale?

This course will give you the tools to:

- Design effective plans
- Help your staff stay focused and be more productive
- Increase staff morale
- Create a more effective team

Full details: [Management in Action](#)

#### **IT Courses: Getting the best out of Outlook (using Microsoft 2003)**

Thanington Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 9.30am – 12.30pm

This course provides an introduction to the main features of Microsoft Outlook so that you can use it to its full advantage. Outlook is more than just an email programme, and it can be used to help you organise your tasks and your diary. It is aimed at those who have little or no previous knowledge of Outlook although it is expected that you will have basic knowledge of operating a computer and of sending an email.

Users of Microsoft 2007 or other versions will also find this of use – if this applies to you please let us know when booking so that the trainer can make the appropriate preparations.

Full details, fees, booking information: [training courses Autumn 2011](#).

# Other training

## **Fuel Debt Advice (FREE Full Day In-Depth Courses for Advisors) 10 November 2011 in Canterbury**

NEA has secured funding from EDF Energy Trust to deliver 20 fuel debt advice training sessions in London, the South East and the South West. This course is an ideal introduction for advice workers involved with clients who are in fuel debt or for the more experienced advisor as an update. It covers the main issues, raises awareness and aims to give participants a clearer understanding of the pathways involved in resolving fuel debt.

**Course outline:** The 1 day course includes the following topics:

- What is fuel poverty and fuel debt?
- Causes of fuel debt
- Responsibilities (customer, fuel supplier, landlord)
- Payment options
- Switching Suppliers
- Things that go wrong and how to rectify them?
  - Billing errors
  - Meter problems
  - Misuse of energy - how people can waste energy and not understand the implications of their actions
- Speaking with the supplier and navigating through their processes
- The complaints procedure
- Grants; assistance; EDF Energy Trust – who they are and what they do; sponsors of free course:
- Priority Service Register:
  - Social Tariffs
  - Grants and Trusts
  - Energy efficiency

**If you would like to reserve a place please contact**

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[www.nea.org.uk](http://www.nea.org.uk)

## **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 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> November 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. Courses are funded by NLDC Response.

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

## **EVENTS**



### **FREE Networking Event**

**The Kent and Medway Social Enterprise Network are running a networking day including workshops, speakers from social enterprises and plenty of opportunity to network on:**

**Friday 4th November 2011**

at

Lenham Community Centre, Groom Way, Lenham, Maidstone, Kent ME17 2QT

*from 09.45am – 4.30pm*

*Pre Booking is required but the event is FREE to everyone. Log onto [www.kamsen.org.uk/networking](http://www.kamsen.org.uk/networking) to book a place.*

**Book quickly as numbers are limited**

## Canterbury District Partnership Group Carers' Coffee Morning

The District Partnership Group works with the Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board to take forward Valuing People Now in Kent. The Canterbury District Partnership Group meets 6 times each year to discuss and debate issues concerning people with learning disabilities, their families and carers. **Are you a parent or unpaid carer of a person aged 16+ with a learning disability?** If so the District Partnership Group would like to hear your views at its next [Carers coffee morning, Wednesday 9th November](#).

### Canterbury Christchurch University presents:

[Business Forum Extra – 'Social Media – Using LinkedIn to its full potential'](#)

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2011 – Hall Place Enterprise Centre

[Dyslexia Awareness](#)

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2011, Hall Place Enterprise Centre

## BATTLE OF IDEAS 2011

This year's [Battle of Ideas festival](#) is taking place at the Royal College of Art, London on **October 29-30**. During the course of the weekend, over 2,250 people will be participating in 75 different debates involving hundreds of incisive and thought-provoking speakers. This year's festival programme includes strands of debate entitled Battle for the World, Battle for Morality, Food Fight, Society Wars, Battle for Our Brains, and Reassessing Politics and Sporting Contests.

Visit <http://www.battleofideas.org.uk> to view this year's festival programme, including satellite events, as well as carefully selected readings for each session and videos of previous years' sessions.

Tickets are available through [online booking](#), or by phone: 0207 269 9220.

## Members' News

### Members on the move!

Due to the closure of Beach House in Herne Bay, the following members of CaDVAS have notified us of their new contact details:

[Crossroads Care East Kent change of address](#)

[Epilepsy HERE new address](#)

[Canterbury and Herne Bay Volunteer Centre – Herne Bay office relocation](#)

### East Kent Mencap is looking for 3 people to join their Executive Committee.

Do you want to support people with a Learning Disability to make a difference? Do you have a can-do attitude and want to contribute to the strategy and planning of East Kent Mencap's future? Then you could be the person we are looking for.

#### Further information:

[EXC0002 Advert Exec](#)

[JD Exec Member](#)

[LIFE Time Bank](#)

[Generic Equal Opps Monitoring Form](#)

Anyone wishing to apply will need to complete the application form and mark it EXEC COM and return to Suzanne Derham at East Kent Mencap, 132 Northdown Road, Cliftonville, Margate, CT9 2RB, or e-mail [suzanne.derham@eastkentmencap.co.uk](mailto:suzanne.derham@eastkentmencap.co.uk).

Or you can call Suzanne on 01843 224482 for a general discussion.



### Charges for adult social care services consultation results

Earlier this year, Kent County Council began a consultation on **proposals** to introduce some new charges and increase others for non-residential adult social care services. “Non-residential” means social care services other than those delivered through a residential or nursing care home, or involving any nursing care.

After that consultation finished, members of staff from adult social services looked at all the responses received and produced a report with recommendations. The following four proposals were put forward for consultation and have been discussed earlier in the week by members of the Cabinet and the Adult Social Services Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

1. Charge people who use mental health services in the same way as all other people who receive services.
2. Include day care and transport as part of the services for which a charge can be made.
3. Increase the amount of available income that is taken into account when working out a person’s charge from 85% to 100%.
4. Reduce the standard amount allowed for the Disability Related Expenditure Assessment (DREA) from £21 to £17 per week for everyone.

Today, the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services and Public Health, **Graham Gibbens**, decided that **all four proposals will go ahead. Charges will be introduced for mental health services, day care and transport from April 2012.** The amount of income considered when working out charges will change to 100% from January 2012, at the same time as the DREA amount changes to £17 per week.

KCC remains committed to providing adult social care for people with moderate level needs (as well as for those with critical or substantial level needs). In order for us to be able to do this, and to be able to meet the increasing demands on adult social care both in terms of what they cost and the numbers of additional people needing services, we need to raise more money from people who use those services, and who can afford to pay more for them.

Most other authorities only provide for people with critical or substantial level needs; out of the 152 councils who provide adult social services there are only 26 that still offer to support people with moderate needs. Our members believe it is really important we maintain this level of support to people in Kent.

### **[Read the changes to charges for home care and other non-residential services factsheet](#)**

For other associated documents go to: [Decision taken - changes to social care charging](#)

**What do you think of this decision? How will this affect you and /or your service users? Let us know by emailing [info@cadvas.org](mailto:info@cadvas.org)**

**CLG** has published two new statements on the **Community Rights** in the Localism Bill, [Right to Challenge](#) and [Assets of Community Value](#).

### **IBM pro-bono marketing support**

As part of their centenary year celebration, IBM UK is launching a [marketing bureau](#) providing pro bono consultancy to charities and the voluntary and community sector.

### **Free online guides to help get the most out of computers and the internet**

Digital Unite's [Learning Zone](#) provides a free online resource offering over 200 easy-to-use learner guides for people at all levels. Topics covered include getting started and how to email to using social networking sites and downloading music and films.

## **BT Community Web Kit**

BT has [tools](#) that let voluntary and community groups build and maintain their own simple website free of charge.

Source: LINX 195, 15 Sept

## **Community Toolkit**

Zurich are supporting [Community Toolkit](#), a free information resource for people who want to get involved in organising smaller, straightforward community activities. Get some guidance on how to set up and plan your community group's activities. Get a free personalised Community Toolkit Pack to help get your activity started.

## **Empty homes cash**

Communities Minister Andrew Stunell has [announced](#) that community groups will be able to apply for Government cash to bring empty homes that blight neighbourhoods back into use.

## **Plan your neighbourhood with Building Community**

The [Building Community programme](#) offers free expert advice to help community groups get involved in the planning process and shape their local neighbourhood. They offer free guidance, workshops and resources.

Source: LINX 196, 22 Sept

## **[Nick Hurd affirms government's commitment to 'big society vision'](#)**

Source: Civil Society e-news 12.10.11

The Minister for Civil Society has set out the government's flagship objectives in an open letter to the voluntary sector

## **TSRC launches gateway to voluntary sector research**

The new [Third Sector Knowledge Portal](#) is being launched by the Third Sector Research Centre. It has been built in partnership with the British Library and funded by £200,000 from the Big Lottery Fund.

Source: LINX 199, 13 Oct

## Charitable Incorporated Organisation delayed until next year

Source: Civil Society e-news 14.10.11

The implementation of the new legal form Charitable Incorporated Organisation is not now expected until the spring of next year.

## Hurd proposes cutting social enterprise requirement from Public Services Bill

Source: Third Sector Daily 19.10.11

Amendments could remove the requirement for public sector organisations and the government to develop social enterprise strategies

# Action *with* Communities in Rural Kent

## Are you paying too much for your gas and electricity?

Action with Communities in Rural Kent is working in partnership with “Make it Cheaper” to help charities such as Village and Community Halls as well as rural shops get the best possible deals for their gas and electricity supply and thus help their sustainability. The [Make it Cheaper flyer](#) gives brief details of how to go about finding the best possible deal and you might perhaps wish to pass this information on to those organisations that you support who might be able to benefit. You can also find out more on our website [www.ruralkent.org.uk](http://www.ruralkent.org.uk).

KENWARD TRUST 

are looking for volunteers

Kenward Trust is a registered charity that helps people recover from addiction to drugs or alcohol, so they can go on to leading non-dependent, fulfilling lives. They also run a range of youth services to help prevent future substance misuse and the effects they have on society.

Kenward Trust are **looking for volunteers** to take on the following roles:

- Public Speaker
- Community Fundraiser
- Horticulture Nursery Manager
- General Volunteers

Full details and application form: [http://www.kenwardtrust.org.uk/work\\_for\\_us.html](http://www.kenwardtrust.org.uk/work_for_us.html)

## Do you want to get your stories onto TV?

On 23<sup>rd</sup> September a large number of organisations attended a talk from ITV Meridian about how to get your stories onto television. The day, organised by Voluntary Action Maidstone, was a great success and so the presenters are happy to repeat the talk for any other groups who were unable to attend.

If you are interested, please email [Nashreen.issa@itv.com](mailto:Nashreen.issa@itv.com).

A useful information guide produced on how to get your stories onto TV can be viewed on the Voluntary Action Maidstone website:

<http://www.vam-online.org.uk/YourStoriesYourNews-1.pdf.pdf>.

## Help with childcare costs

### A resource to support professionals who advise parents

Daycare Trust's 'Help with childcare costs' booklet is now in its 3rd edition. With over 3000 copies distributed nationwide, to ensure you don't miss out order your copies now. Further information: <http://ctt-news.org/77Z-KFPV-C13F507434/cr.aspx>

## Funding and Finance News

### Charities disappointed by lack of feedback on grant refusals

Source: Third Sector Daily 09.09.11

A report funded by the Charities Aid Foundation says charities want to know why their bids fail and would like forms to be shorter for initial applications.

## **Learning from unsuccessful grant applications**

Source: LINX 196, 22 Sept

[Guidelines](#) on how charities can learn from unsuccessful grant applications have been published by the Centre for Charity Effectiveness at Cass Business School.

## **Choosing the right online fundraising site**

The Guardian

The Guardian voluntary sector network has an [article](#) about choosing which site to use for online fundraising.

Source: LINX 195, 15 Sept

## **'Absolute explosion' in heritage funding applications**

Source: Civil Society e-news 16.09.11

The Heritage Lottery Fund has witnessed an "absolute explosion" in funding applications, just as local government cuts funding to local heritage projects, and the Heritage Lottery Fund deals with its unexpected windfall in Lottery funds.

## **"Back to school" on Funding Central**

Source: Funding Central Newsletter – 21 September 2011

As well as giving you details of the latest income opportunities and funding news, Funding Central also provides top-notch learning resources for free.

This is an easy and accessible way for you to learn more about topics like: [Introduction to Grants](#), [Introduction to Contracts](#), [Loan Finance](#) and the ever-important [Financial Management](#).

Now is a good time to refresh your knowledge, and your learning could make all the difference when you put in your next application or bid.

## **Bursaries Available for Charity Work Placements**

Source: Third Sector, 26/09/2011

**The World of Difference UK programme offers bursaries worth £2,500 for people to undertake two or four-month stints with voluntary organisations.**

The programme, provided by mobile phone operator Vodafone, will offer bursaries to up to 500 people.

The company is offering £2,500 a placement for the person's salary and £250 for the charity's expenses. The placements will last for two months if they are full-time or up to four months if they are part-time.

Charities can either find people themselves or register their placements on the World of Difference UK site, enabling people to find placements through an online 'match-making' service.

**The closing date for applications is 22 November.**

Interested charity applicants can click [here](#) to find out more (opens in new window).



**[Social media is becoming essential to charity fundraising, says Institute for Philanthropy](#)**

Source: Third Sector Daily 06.10.11

Report from the institute says charities rely increasingly on such media to secure donations

## **Big Lottery Fund – The Big Decision**

**It's 'The Big Decision' - how would you spend £10million?**

What does this country need most - more recycling, better educated youngsters, stronger community spirit or new investment in science?

Channel 4 is following the Big Lottery Fund (BIG) as we ask the British public how they would spend 10 million pounds of lottery money. The results of this nationwide debate will help directly determine which projects will benefit from a Lottery funding.

From caring for the world around them, to helping people learn the skills they need to make the most of their lives, to tackling local issues- for the first time, the general public are being asked to decide the themes that best represent their priorities for Lottery funding in the current climate. The results will help BIG to find five inspirational projects across the UK, each to receive a multi-million Big Lottery Fund grant as part of its Millennium Now programme.

To have your say please visit [channel4.com/thebigdecision](http://channel4.com/thebigdecision)

## Funds currently accepting applications include:

### Social Action Fund

#### Funding big ideas, inspiring social action

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.

**All applications must arrive by 12 noon Wednesday 2 November 2011.**

The Fund supports activity in three areas:

1. **Social action in the community** – projects that will encourage people to come together in their neighbourhoods to support each other.
2. **Social action inspired by the Olympics and Paralympics** – projects that will capitalise on the momentum and enthusiasm generated by the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympics Games to create a legacy of social action.
3. **Social action for all ages** – projects that motivate people across all generations to get involved in volunteering and charitable giving – from school children and students, to working professionals and those near or of retirement age. If you have an ambitious but realistic proposition that will encourage social action or are looking to scale up a successful local project in a big way then apply to the Social Action Fund. Whatever amount you need whether its £500k or over £1 million, if it's a great proposal that we think could make a significant difference to the numbers of people taking social action in England, we will fund it.

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

### Silver Dream Fund

Big Lottery Fund's **Silver Dream Fund**, in association with the Daily Mail, offers an exciting new opportunity for groups to test out a range of ideas about new ways to support older people, whilst building on the wealth of experience and skills that they have to offer to others, including their families, neighbourhoods, and local communities.

The challenge is to come up with a great idea that will pioneer ways to help vulnerable older people deal more effectively with life-changing events.

If you value older people as active participants with voices that need to be heard, and who have an important role to play in seeking solutions for current and future generations, and you want to find out more about this opportunity and how to submit your idea, please visit our [website](#) or contact the Big Advice Line on 0845 4 10 20 30. Please note the closing date for the initial submission of ideas is **28 October 2011**.



## **Community action against crime: Innovation fund encouraging creative new approaches to tackling crime**

The Community action against crime: Innovation fund will encourage effective partnerships to get everybody working together to tackle crime. It will be used to encourage voluntary and community groups to work with their community safety partnership to tackle local crime problems, including through co-design and co-delivery of initiatives to cut crime. Applications from grassroots community activists who are not traditional recipients of government grants are encouraged. Community action against crime: Innovation fund is funded by the Home Office and delivered by the Community Development Foundation (CDF).

To find out more including eligibility and how to apply visit:

<http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/quest/crime-innovation-fund>

## **Communitybuilders Fund Reopens (England)**

Communitybuilders is looking for up to six of the best, most promising examples of sustainable, community regeneration projects in England to be pioneer investees of the new era of the Communitybuilders Fund. Communitybuilders welcomes applications from exceptional, established organisations that are able to demonstrate impact in their communities and have credible plans for financially sustainable initiatives.

The minimum investment available is £250,000 and the maximum is £750,000.

Communitybuilders is primarily a loan fund and investments will have a minimum 80% loan element. An interest rate of 5% will be charged on the loan.

All applicants must complete the online eligibility checker in order to access the application pack. **The deadline for applications is 9 December 2011.**  
<http://www.communitybuildersfund.org.uk/>

## ESF Community Grants

### Developing the skills of local people, supporting people into employment

The Grant Fund for 2011-13 is now open for applications. If you are a charity, voluntary or community organisation working in Kent or Medway and are supporting people who are over 18 years of age and are not employed to access learning or employment then you can apply for a grant of up to £12,000.

To find out if you might be eligible to apply for an ESF Community Grant download the [Criteria and guidelines](#) document. Alternatively you can ring Action with Communities in Rural Kent on **01303 813790** or email [communitygrants@ruralkent.org.uk](mailto:communitygrants@ruralkent.org.uk). If you would like to apply for an ESF Community Grant, please email [communitygrants@ruralkent.org.uk](mailto:communitygrants@ruralkent.org.uk).

### 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](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, or visit their website at [www.kent.gov.uk/externalfunding](http://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](http://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](http://www.kent.gov.uk/community_and_living/external_funding/search_for_grants.aspx)

**J4b community** produce a **regular funding newsletter:**

[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:**

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Website: [www.fundingbuddiesinkent.org.uk](http://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](http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk)

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Deadline for items for the next newsletter:

**Midday on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November** - thank you.

Please send your items to Sue Tucker at the address above or email to [sue@cadvas.org](mailto:sue@cadvas.org)

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