CVS SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE NEWSLETTER

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CVS South Gloucestershire

Now booking...

Voluntary Voices

CVS South Gloucestershire's Annual Conference & AGM

Wednesday 10th October 10.00 - 3.00pm

Turnberrie's, Thornbury's New Community Building

Community Assets, Community Spirit:
What community buildings can do for you!

We have some spaces for displays & stalls
We can organise accessible community transport to the venue

For further information & bookings contact Gillian at CVS South Gloucestershire
01454 865205 or e-mail info@cvs-sg.org.uk

South Gloucestershire 2026: Our vision for an excellent quality of life

The South Gloucestershire Community Strategy is now out for formal consultation.

We were delighted to welcome some many of you to the consultation event at the Jubilee Centre in Bradley Stoke on 19th September. We heard an overview of the Community Strategy from Amanda Deeks, Chief Executive of South Gloucestershire Council, and a brief response to it from Faith Davey, Chief Executive of The Care Forum. We then split into workshops to examine the themes in more detail. The notes from the workshops will be typed up and submitted to the South Gloucestershire Partnership.

For further information contact CVS South Gloucestershire or The Care Forum.
The consultation has been extended to 31st October, so have your say

CVS South Gloucestershire Membership Update

In this issue we are delighted to welcome:

- Cllr David Bell
- Friends of Kingsgate Park
- Make a Wish Foundation
- St Nicholas Family Centre
- Oldland Parish Council
- Quartet Community Foundation
- Thornbury FM

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Local News

CVS South Gloucestershire's Annual Conference - 10th October 2007
Turnberries, Bath Road, Thornbury, BS35 2BB

Community Assets: Community Spirit:

What community buildings can do for us!

This year's theme is the role of community buildings in community life and delivering services.

Key note speakers from our Community Alliance representatives in the South West. The Community Alliance is a partnership between the umbrella organisations – Community Matters, bassac & Development Trusts Association – which offer support and development advice to community buildings and community based organisations up and down the country. They bring with them a wealth of experience in helping groups develop community and manage buildings, and offer services relevant to the communities in which they are based.

We will also be hearing about the results of the CVS South Gloucestershire Annual Survey and how that will be feeding into the Local Area Agreement and the development of support services for community and voluntary organisations locally in South Gloucestershire.

Workshops confirmed on:

- **Social Enterprise – is it for your organisation?** Led by Richard Snelling, Social Enterprise Works (formerly BACEN) and Kate Whittle, Avon Co-operative Development Agency (CDA)
- **ChangeCheck – toolkit for measuring your community building's impact.** Led by Dave Chapman, bassac and Helen Garforth, Community Matters
- **Marketing your community building and it's services.** Led by Beverley Crocker, Community Action
- **Governance & Management: challenges for community buildings and those that work in them.** Led by Eleanor Armitage, Consultant, formerly of CVS South Gloucestershire
- **Capital fundraising: managing your appeal.** Led by Gurmit Singh, CVS South Gloucestershire
- **Business planning for community buildings.** Led by Keith Cowling, Independent Consultant on developing community buildings

Lunch provided. Please let us know your dietary requirements

Transport. Please let us know if you require assistance with getting to Turnberries. If we get sufficient requests we can organise accessible community transport from Kingswood, Yate, and Filton/Patchway/Bradley Stoke

Contact Gillian for further information & bookings: 01454 865205 or info@cvs-sg.org.uk

Local News

Taking notice of our local communities

South Gloucestershire Council has changed the way it is working with local communities to try and improve the influence that local people can have on decision making.

Two teams, one for priority communities and another for the rural areas and parishes of South Gloucestershire, have been set up, made up of the former Community Development Workers and Community Support Officers. These are now called the Community Engagement Teams.

Priority Communities Team

There are five priority communities in South Gloucestershire:

- Patchway
- Filton
- Kingswood
- Staple Hill
- Cadbury Heath

The Priority Communities Engagement Team will be working in these areas to develop action plans based on community consultation and taking forward practical initiatives for community projects

The Priority Communities Engagement Team also takes responsibility for adult and community learning and financial inclusion initiatives

Contact Martin Gregg 01454 863003

Rural and Parishes Team

The Rural and Parish Communities Engagement Team will be working with the 46 Town and Parish Councils in South Gloucestershire to support the work they do in their communities, share information, monitor the Parish Charter, support Parish Planning and Quality Parish Status and attract external funding for regeneration projects into the rural areas

Contact Deborah White 01454 864612

Capacity building support

South Gloucestershire Council's former Community Development Workers no longer provide direct support to community and voluntary organisations. Organisations requiring support with organisational development, management issues, and/or funding advice are welcome to contact CVS South Gloucestershire

Contact Emma Collier or Gurmit Singh for further information of the services CVS South Gloucestershire can provide

T: 01454 865205 e: info@cvs-sg.org.uk

Local News

Thornbury FM

Thornbury FM is back on air from Monday 5th November to Sunday 2nd December, broadcasting on 87.7FM. We are always keen to promote local events, announcing press releases and interviewing local people. For free publicity email info@thornburyfm.org or (whilst on air) call the studio on 01454 412001. For further details visit www.thornburyfm.org

Battle Against Tranquilisers AGM & Question Time

Battle Against Tranquillisers invites you to an 'Any Questions' evening, An opportunity to ask your questions to a panel which will include

- David Nutt, Professor of Psychopharmacology and Head of Community-Based Medicine, Bristol University
- David McKeown, Prescribed Medication Misuse Nurse, Greater Belfast
- Mike Peirce, Chief Executive ,The Southmead Project
- A BAT service user

Friends Meeting House Hampton Road, Redland October 25th 2007

7.00pm onwards (tea/coffee and biscuits from 6.30) The evening ends with a buffet by Pudseys

FFI: Una Corbett T: 0117 966 3629; E: una@notranx.fsnet.co.uk

A new community facility in Kingswood

Kings Meadow Community Flat is being developed as a community facility for tenants and residents of a part of Kingswood where there is little community activity. The two bedroom flat will host a small chill-out-type room for private or small group session and a larger community room. Ancillary facilities include a newly fitted kitchen, accessible toilet and baby changing facilities, and a spacious garden.

Renovation work is progressing well and it is hoped that the flat will open for business at the end of October. Rental rates have not yet been agreed but are likely to be similar to those offered in the area.

Contact Adam Parfitt, Chair, Kings Meadow Community Flat Management Committee

19, Barrington Close, Kingswood, South Gloucestershire, BS15 4QD

Superb office space to rent at the Kingswood Foundation

A ground floor office space of 1,500 sq ft plus storage will become available in early 2008. The offices are part of the Kingswood Foundation estate, set in landscaped gardens with a café on site, offering disabled access and free parking. Our Victorian building houses 20 other local and national charities. We are situated 4 miles from Bristol city centre in the heart of Kingswood. Rental discounts are available for charities with a further 10% discount for charities working with children or young people.

For further information contact Chris Jackson T: 0117 9477948 E: cjackson@kfl.org.uk

Policy & Practice News

The Quirk Review and its implications for us

One of the first initiatives to stem from "Strong & Prosperous Communities", the Government's White Paper on local government and its relationship with communities, has been the Quirk Review which was launched in May 2007. The Quirk Review examined in some detail the issue that has dogged many a community based organisation up and down the country – that of how to achieve greater control of the buildings they occupy and how to maximize their potential, particularly in areas and for causes where public funding is hard to come by.

The Quirk Review team came to three firm conclusions:

- Assets are used in service of an array of social, community and public purposes. Any sale or transfer of public assets to community ownership and management needs to realize social or community benefits without risking wider public interest concerns and without community purposes becoming overly burdened with asset management
- The benefits of community management and ownership of public assets can outweigh the risks and often the opportunity costs in appropriate circumstances. And if there is a rational and thorough consideration of these risks and opportunity costs, there are no substantive impediments to the transfer of public assets to communities. It can be done, indeed it has been done legitimately and successfully in very many places
- There are risks but they can be minimized and managed – there is plenty of experience to draw on. The secret is all parties working together. This needs political will, managerial imagination, and a more business focused approach from the public and community sectors

They considered these in relation to the whole spectrum of community management and ownership of assets. The stake that community-led organisations have in particular assets extends from short-term management agreements, through to leasehold ownership on leases of varying lengths and freehold ownership. It also stretches from small volunteer-run village halls and community centres to multi-million pound, multi-purpose community enterprises. They recognized that the greater the stake, the greater the financial and legal responsibility the organisation takes on, but also the greater the freedom to exploit the asset's potential.

The Government has accepted the whole of Quirk's report, and a number of actions are now taking place as a follow up. These will include publication of guidance on asset management, asset transfer and risk assessment; greater publicity for policy and practice tools such as Community Calls for Action and Public Requests to Order Disposal (PRODs). A major information campaign has been launched with seminars in each of the regions, which reaches the South West in Bristol on 12th March 2008..

All change please!

The Disability Rights Commission and the Equal Opportunities Commision will close on 30 September and will become part of the new Commission for Equality and Human Rights.

From 1 October visit www.cehr.org.uk to find out more.

Children & Young People

Children and Young Peoples Services: Integrated Locality Working

The development of preventative panels, the use of the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) and the strengthening of locality 'teams' across services is now been rolled out in the Kingswood and Yate Localities. Our integrated and preventative model of working has been tested and refined in the pilot area (Severnvale), giving us a head start in the other two localities. The integrated working training programme continues to be delivered to ensure all practitioners working with children and young people understand the new processes and their own responsibilities. A multi-agency steering group is currently being set up in both Kingswood and Yate with an initial 'setup' meeting being held in early November to establish purpose and membership.

Children's Workforce Development Council

CVS South Gloucestershire and the Care Forum are pleased to announce that we have jointly been awarded a fund from the Children's Workforce Development Council. The three-year pot of money (2007-10)will greatly increase the voluntary and community sector's capacity by:

a) working with voluntary children's services organisations to develop the skills and capacity of their workforce and to implement integrated working
b) Working with voluntary children's services organisations facilitating the participation of vcs children's services organisations to participate in the emerging decision making process and fora

CVS South Gloucestershire will be using our share of the funding to develop organisational development, management and fundraising training specifically for children and young people's groups to support their sustainability; to develop information and dissemination mechanisms for those groups; and to represent voluntary sector children and young people's groups on strategic decision making fora.

The Care Forum will be using their share for the funding to develop locality-based networks of voluntary sector children and young people's groups to enable them to share good practice. These will develop into locality focused community partnerships enabling the roll-out of integrated working practices.

For further information contact Emma Collier, CVS South Gloucestershire on 01454 865205 or Kate Oliver, The Care Forum on 0117 965 4444

Extended Schools

As part of its work around the extended schools programme, VCS Engage is developing an extended schools guide. The guide will offer practical advice to voluntary organisations on how they can work with schools and local authorities to deliver extended schools services.

VCS Engage is also planning a series of events that will focus on how voluntary organisations can participate in the extended schools programme. Full information will be made available on the VCS Engage website shortly.

The initial report on the barriers to VCS Participation on extended schools is now available on the VCS Engage website www.vcsengage.org.uk.

Partnerships, Networks & Representation

Teenage Pregnancy in South Gloucestershire:

South Gloucestershire Faith Forum Event

South Gloucestershire Faith Forum is hosting an open debate on the subject of Teenage Pregnancy on Wednesday 31 October, 7.00 - 9.00pm at The Ridgewood Centre, Station Road, Yate

As people of faith, all of our communities have a view, an opinion and a perspective on the consequences of unplanned pregnancy . So where are we on the causes of teenage pregnancy? the effects? the consequences? and what can we all do about it?

'Teenage Pregnancy' is the first in a series of topical public debates where all members of every faith community can come along and share their views. The aim is to provide a relaxed forum for constructive discussion; a safe space for exploring different views.

Rev. Harold Clarke, Director of the Churches Council for Industry and Social Responsibility will be facilitating the evening. Keynote speakers will include Saifi Hasmi from DALMO, the South Gloucestershire Muslim Group, representatives from the Catholic Adoption Agency and the Brook Centre – and we would value your contribution too.

To attend contact John Hesketh T: 01454-864620 or E: john.hesketh@southglos.gov.uk

South Gloucestershire Safer & Stronger Communities Partnership

At the last meeting of the Safer & Stronger Communities Partnership, Emma Collier, Chief Officer at CVS South Gloucestershire, was elected Vice-Chair of the partnership to work alongside Cllr John Godwin, the Chair. Members of the partnership were keen that the position of vice-chair was taken by a representative from the voluntary and community sector.

Planning in South Gloucestershire - Statement of Community Involvement

The Statement of Community involvement sets out how the Council will involve the wider community in the production of planning documents and determining planning applications. In January and February this year the Council consulted on the draft SCI and the revised document was then approved by Council and submitted to central government. The next step is for a further six week round of public consultation. This is the opportunity for people to make **formal** representations.

You can do this between 7 September and 19 October. Paper copies can be seen at the Council One-Stop-Shops and libraries or you can telephone Ben McGee if you want to be sent a copy. (01454 863572 You can also see the document and make your comments on line. See http://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/inovem/consult.ti/system/calendar

This is an important new development in the planning system, and CVS South Gloucestershire is talking to the Council's Planning, Transportation and Environment Department about holding a consultation event specifically with the South Gloucestershire's voluntary and community sector. We'll keep you posted...

Funding News

Social Enterprise funding

Social Enterprise Investment Fund

The Department of Health's Social Enterprise Investment Fund (SEIF) provides financial support to social enterprise pathfinders and other organisations which are, or are aiming to become, social enterprises delivering one or more health and/or social care services. Funding can be in the form of loans, grants and equity capital or a mixture of these, depending on the recipient organisation's needs and structure.

The objectives of the Social Enterprise Investment Fund are:

- to stimulate and encourage the development of a vibrant social enterprise sector in the delivery of health and social care services;
- to provide start-up funding and longer term investment to emerging and existing social enterprises in the health and social care sector with a view to their sustainability.

The fund aims to: enable and support embryonic social enterprises; be responsive to differing stages of development; set high standards for business development and a low threshold for access to support; encourage new ideas; involve social enterprises in the development of the services provided; challenge social enterprises and those who support them to think beyond traditional boundaries; take a non-bureaucratic, facilitative approach; provide a speedy turnover of applications and provision of services; develop an innovative approach in plugging in to new forms of finance; social mission shaping financial policy.

Preliminary application forms can be downloaded from the documents and Links section below, or from the Department of Health SEIF webpage.

Completed forms must be emailed to SocialEnterpriseFund@dh.gsi.gov.uk by the deadline of 31st October 2007.

Applications will be assessed and if found to be suitable, a meeting with an 'enterprise advisor' will be arranged, to discuss how to move the proposal forward. Applicants may also be required to make a short presentation to the SEIF investment panel. For full details of the application process see the document SEIF Application Process in the Documents and Links section below.

Contact Information: Tess Pendle Partnerships for Health Ltd. New Kings Beam House, 11th Floor, 22 Upper Ground, London SE1 9BW T: 020 7633 4113 F: 020 7633 4141
e: SocialEnterpriseFund@dh.gsi.gov.uk W: http://www.partnershipsforhealth.co.uk or http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk/VCSLaunch.aspx?SCHEME_ID=12-S105

Triodos Launches 'Evergreen' Loans

Triodos Bank has introduced a revolving credit facility, known as an 'evergreen' system, which will allow charities and social enterprises to repeatedly take out and pay back loans within a fixed time period. Although the method has been used before in commercial markets, it is new to the voluntary and community sector.
Read the Third Sector story at www.thirdsector.co.uk/Channels/SocialEnterprise/Article/665441/Evergreen-loans-l aunch

Funding News

Adventure Capital Fund & Business Development Grant

The Adventure Capital Fund (ACF) offers a range of investments and support to develop community based enterprises. The aim of ACF is to fill the investment gap that faces community enterprise organisations, and to increase investment-readiness of community organisations wishing to move to greater sustainability through enterprise. The ACF offers two types of funding for established community organisations: the Main Investment Fund and the Managed Workspace Fund. The Main Investment Fund usually offers a mix of loans and grants between £50,000 to £750,000.

The Business Development grant is targeted at community enterprises in their early stages of development to improve their investment readiness and sustainability through developing their skills and capacity.

Further information: Stacy Francis, c/o Local Investment Fund, Tel: 020 7488 3455

Email: info@adventurecapitalfund.org.uk Web: http://adventurecapitalfund.org.uk

Children & Young People

Funding to Develop Playful Ideas

Voluntary and community groups, the social enterprise sector, and town and parish councils that are looking to develop innovative and new ways of providing for children's play activities are eligible to apply for grants of £10,000 and £250,000. Closing Date is 31st December 2007 FFI: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

UNLTD - Sport Relief Partnership

UnLtd Sport Relief Awards provide opportunities for young people to bring communities together, to help them promote understanding and solve conflict through sport and being active. This UK wide funding programme is for 11-21 year olds, who are prepared to go the extra mile and use their passion for sport to bring respect and understanding to their communities by setting up their own projects.

Funding of £250-£5,000 is available for entrepreneurial young people who have great ideas and who want to make a difference. For example, with this money you could engage young people from different backgrounds by organising an indoor cricket mini-world cup. Or perhaps you could help reduce violence in your area by getting young people to channel their energies into football rather than fighting. Or how about organising a skateboarding competition for kids that will reduce tensions in the local area. …all it takes is one great idea.

There are two types of application: One for 17 to 21 year olds and another for 11 to 16 year olds; the latter will need to provide a letter of support from an appropriate adult. There are no published closing dates, but the scheme is cash-limited.

http://unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=110&PageName=sportrelief

Funding News

Community and Education Small Grants Scheme

Groups, youth clubs, football clubs and education establishments that wish to increase participation by both players and volunteers in grass roots football have the opportunity to apply for funding of up to £9,000 through the Football Foundations Community and Education Small Grants Scheme. Funding is available for training courses, to hire FA qualified coaches, for the hire of qualified/affiliated referees, facility hire, affiliation to league or County Football Associations, recruitment events, first aid kits and travel expenses. The Foundation seeks to encourage applications from groups whose income is less than £15,000 per annum as well as for projects conducted over a three year period, projects aimed at engaging traditionally excluded groups, such as black and minority ethnic communities, women and girls and disabled groups and the introduction of new lunchtime/after school clubs which lead to inter school competition. Applications can be made at any time.

http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/seeking-funding/small-grants

Health & Wellbeing

Funding to Encourage NHS Volunteers from Diverse Backgrounds

The Office of the Third Sector, together with the Department of Health have launched a new Volunteering in Health initiative to encourage volunteers from a diverse range of backgrounds within the National Health Service and to encourage the spread of best practice in the use of volunteers. The initiative will distribute £75,000 in small grants to provide voluntary hospital groups with funds to build their capacity and actively encourage volunteers from social excluded groups. In addition, the initiative will aim to raise awareness of volunteering through local media and run a series of one-day training programmes for Volunteer Managers and NHS Executive Board members on supporting volunteers from a diverse range of backgrounds.
http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/news/news_stories/070605_nhs.asp

Kellogs Active Living Fund

Grants of up to £1,000 are available through the Kelloggs Active Living Fund for projects that remove the "barriers" which stop people being active. The fund is open to charities and other voluntary and community organisations as well as Schools for activities that directly lead to people taking part in sustained physical activity. In particular, the Fund is looking to support: projects that implement innovative ways of getting non-active individuals active; existing projects or activities that adapt or expand so that they are available to new groups of people or new geographical areas; and existing projects or activities that need new or replacement equipment, or existing projects that require replacement funding. A panel of Kellogg's employees meets every two months to assess applications. Applicants should receive a decision on their application within approximately 10 weeks of submitting your application.

http://www.kelloggs.co.uk/company/corporateresponsibility/activelivingfund/

Funding News

General

LankellyChase Foundation

The LankellyChase Foundation funds community projects working in the following areas: arts; breaking the cycle of abuse and deprivation; developing communities; heritage; mental health; and offenders and society. In addition, there is a limited programme of support for organisations working with refugees and asylum seekers. http://www.lankellychase.org.uk

Church & Community Fund

The fund supports projects carried out by Church of England bodies worldwide linked to strengthening church and community relationships. Projects could include: employing a youth worker, renovating an old church hall for use as a community centre or providing hot meals for the homeless in a church room. Closing date: 1st November 2007

www.centralchurchfund.org.uk

Funding to Promote Financial Inclusion

The Friends Provident Foundation makes grants of up to £200,000 to not-for profit organisations for projects that address financial exclusion within disadvantaged communities. The funding is distributed through the Financial Inclusion Programme 2007 – 2009. The Foundation will consider applications for work that will make a strategic contribution to the overall outcome of financial inclusion in the UK. The Foundation will consider requests for capital or revenue funding, core funds or project costs. The Foundation is willing to consider applications from any type of legally independent organisation, but can only support work that is legally charitable.

Deadline: 9th November 2007.

FFI: http://www.friendsprovident.com/common/layouts/subSectionLayout.jhtml?pageId=fpcouk/SitePageSimple%3Afriends_provident_foundation_landing+_page

Local Grant

The annual round of small community grants for voluntary and community groups from South Gloucestershire Council opens on Monday October 8th

Grants are awarded to local groups to develop projects and provide activities that meet local needs. Categories of work include art and culture, children and play, community safety, developing communities, enhancing the natural and built environment, learning activities, promoting equality and tackling poverty, sports and for supporting vulnerable people.
An online application form and further information and guidance will be available from the South Gloucestershire Council website - www.southglos.gov.uk/grants - from 6th October 2007.

All applications must be received by 19th November 2007.

CVS South Gloucestershire News

CVS South Gloucestershire Annual General Meeting

CVS South Gloucestershire's AGM will take place on Wednesday 10th October, it will take place immediately before the Voluntary Voices event at 9.45am.

We are interested to hear from anyone interested in standing for election to the Board of Trustees - we currently have two vacancies. Over the last year or two we have endeavoured to make our Board of Trustees more representative of the voluntary and community sector in South Gloucestershire. Our current Board of Trustees includes:

- Una Corbett - Battle Against Tranquilisers
- Sandy Hore-Ruthven - Kingswood Foundation
- Peter Iles - Age Concern South Gloucestershire (Vice Chair)
- Bill Martin - Centre for Deaf People (Chair) (due to retire at the AGM)
- Michael Packer - The Chase & Kings Forest Community Project
- Jane Spence - Children's Playlink
- Dawn Taylor - Survive
- Gillian Turner - The Care Forum

We would particularly like to hear from you if you:

⇒ Manage a community building - village hall or community centre

⇒ Work in rural areas

⇒ Work in regeneration

And we are particularly seeking someone to take over the role of Treasurer to oversee the financial direction, management and probity of CVS South Gloucestershire

To be eligible to stand for election to CVS South Gloucestershire's Board of Trustees you need :

- To be a full member of CVS South Gloucestershire (membership forms available from our office)
- To manage (paid or voluntary) a VCS organisation or project either based in or providing services in South Gloucestershire
- To have an interest in helping South Gloucestershire's voluntary and community sector to develop their services and organisations, and to represent their concerns and issues more effectively

To discuss the management of CVS South Gloucestershire and your interest in standing for election to the Board of Trustees please contact Emma Collier, Chief Officer, on 01454 868728 (direct line) or e-mail: chiefofficer@cvs-sg.org.uk

To find out more about membership please contact Gillian Graham, Office Manager on 01454 865205

CVS South Gloucestershire News

Voluntary Sector Managers and Trustees Support Project

This project supports the development of voluntary sector managers' skills in South Gloucestershire through the development of networks and learning opportunities. We are focusing on the needs of paid managers in the voluntary and community sector, and on the needs of trustees and management committee members. Examples might include:

...for paid managers	Leadership skills, Managing change, Strategic financial planning, Strategic management, Diversity awareness, Partnership working
...for chairs	Roles & responsibilities of chairs, Being kept up to date with Legislation, Relevant local and regional initiatives, Networking and training opportunities
...for treasurers	Charity accounting, SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice) Financial planning and management

The project has now been underway for a couple of months, and a group of paid and voluntary managers from a range of voluntary organisations has met twice. A skills survey has also been sent out to people who have expressed interest in the project. From these, some clear needs have been identified and training opportunities will now be developed. We are also looking into the idea of developing e-networks that can be shared by our colleague projects in Bath & North East Somerset and North Somerset. More on that at a later date.

To register your interest, participate in the skills audit, and to discuss your management training & development needs contact Gurmit Singh, CVS South Gloucestershire T: 01454 868730 or E: projectdev@cvs-sg.org.uk

CVS South Gloucestershire Resources

Do remember that CVS South Gloucestershire operates an equipment loan scheme. Whatever your event, we can lend the following items to groups in South Gloucestershire

- Lap top computer
- Digital projector & screen
- Portable overhead projector
- Flip chart & stand
- Folding Velcro display boards

We can also offer the following resources for us in our office:

- Laminator
- Comb binder
- Photocopier

Printers to give away

We have 2 Printers and a selection of printer cartridges that are FREE to a good home. If you would like any of the following they can be collected from the CVS South Gloucestershire offices:

- Epson C64 Printer with Yellow, Magenta, Cyan and Black cartridges
- HP Deskjet 3420 with black and tri-colour cartridges (out of date but unopened)

Contact Gillian T: 01454 865205; E: info@cvs-sg.org.uk

Training & Development News

Group Training & Development from CVS South Gloucestershire

The Autumn programme is well underway with the Websites made Easy course particularly well received by all who attended. The course proved to be so popular that we will be running it again in the New Year so if you were not able to come along to this course please register your interest with me and I'll keep your name on file.

The next course on Fundraising is fully booked but there are one or two places left on our Media Training and Marketing on a Shoestring so please get in touch if you would like to attend. Of course all our courses are now free of charge.

As well as our traditional course programme increasingly we are working with individual groups to tailor training to meet their needs. We have recently been working with South Gloucestershire Chinese Association and have funded a consultant to work with their management committee. Work like this is planned with other groups and if your organisation would like to talk to CVS about how we could support the development of your organisation through training please get in touch with me.

Finally, I have added an extra training session to the current programme as a result of a plea from two community organisations in Bradley Stoke. Several people have indicated that some training around Employment Law would be useful so I have set up a training course for November 21st to be held at The Jubilee Centre in Bradley Stoke and run by Holi Whitehead, a barrister who has worked extensively in the voluntary sector. If you would like to come along to that session or would like more details please get in touch.

For further information & support with your organisation's training needs, contact Sarah Buckle, CVS South Gloucestershire, T: 01454 868729 or E: trainingdev@cvs-sg.org.uk

1st - 8th November is Compact Week: What has the Compact ever done for us?

Compact Week 1-8 November 2007

We have copies of a starter pack for promoting the compact with your partners and for addressing that question.

The South Gloucestershire Compact Monitoring Group is able to take up your issues with your statutory partners, and we now have a standard for with which to raise them.

For further information compact Usha Kumar, South Gloucestershire Council T: 01454 865864 or E: usha.kumar@cvs-sg.org.uk

Free Community Training from the Energy Saving Trust

Community Action for Energy (CAfE) is offering a number of free training courses over the next few months, including 'Finding out about energy', 'Making it Happen', 'Funding' & 'Planning for Success'. Places on the course are free to CAfE members and membership of CAfE is free. To find out more about the courses or to book your place call the CAfE team on 08701 261 444 or email CAfE@est.org.uk The training courses are being offered as part of the Community Action for Energy Programme (CAfE), an Energy Saving Trust programme www.est.org.uk/cafe

Training & Development News

Southern Brooks Community Partnership Training Courses

For Full Brochure contact 01454 868570

Date	Course title	Venue	Time
Wednesday 10th October (other dates to be confirmed)	**Introduction to Community Development**	Filton Folk Centre	9.30 – 12.30
Wednesday 7th November for 5 weeks	**Introduction to Child Care**	Brook Way Activity Centre	9.30 – 11.30
Thursday 8th November for 5 weeks	**What is Youth Work?**	Patchway Community Centre	9.30 – 11.30
Wednesday 21st November	**Getting to Grips with Employment Law**	Jubilee Activity Centre	9.30 – 3.30 with free lunch
Wednesday 9th January 2008	**Introduction to youth work**	Filton Folk Centre	6.30 – 9.30
Wednesday 13th February 2008	**Partnership Working**	Brook Way Activity Centre	10.00 – 3.00
Wednesday 12th March 2008	**Dealing with Challenging Behaviour**	Brook Way Activity Centre	10.00 – 3.00
April 2008	**Level 3 Youth Work**	To be confirmed	

Management Committee Training

The Chase & Kings Forest Community Project, in partnership with Community Learning Services, are running 3 short training sessions suitable for people who are new to management committees and for those who have served on management committees for a while and would like a reminder of their roles and responsibilities.

- **Introduction to Roles & Responsibilities of Management Committees**

  A look at the overall role of management committee members, with a brief introduction to the responsibilities of the Chair, the Treasurer, & the Secretary

  Tuesday, 2nd October, 6pm-8pm, @ Our Place, Staple Hill
- **Running Effective Meetings**

  Some tips on how to run Management Committee meetings & Annual General Meetings effectively.

  Tuesday, 16th October, 6pm-8pm, @ Our Place, Staple Hill
- **Introduction to Managing Volunteers**

  Tuesday, **30th October**, 6pm-8pm, @ Our Place, Staple Hill

The trainer for all 3 sessions is Vicky Harrison

The sessions are **free**.

To book or for more information on any of these training sessions contact Steph at The Chase & Kings Forest Community Project

Tel: 01454 868726 or email: steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk.

Dates for your diary: October - November 2007

9th October
Delivering Public Services—Deal or No Deal?
The Withywood Centre, Queens Road, Withywood, Bristol, BS13 8QA
FFI 0117 909 9949 or www.voscur.org

10th October 9.45 - 3.00
Voluntary Voices: CVS South Gloucestershire Annual Conference/AGM
Turnberrie's, Thornbury
FFI: Gillian Graham/Emma Collier
01454 865205

18th October 12 – 2pm,
Better Health Forum: The Men's Zone
Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre, Fiddlers Wood Lane
FFI: South Gloucestershire Men & Boy's Network
fiona.o'driscoll@southglos.gov.uk T:01454 863632

23 October
Viability not liability! Asset-based development for enterprising communities, Bristol
FFI: Development Trusts Association, Melanie McHugh, DTA fax: 0845 458 8337 or e: m.mchugh@dta.org.uk

31 October 7.00 - 9.00pm
Teenage Pregnancy in South Gloucestershire
The Ridgewood Centre, Yate
FFI: www.southglosfaithforum.org.uk 01454 864620 or john.hesketh@southglos.gov.uk

31st October
Social Enterprise workshop: Moving from Grants to Trade, Bath
FFI: Co-Active Ltd, Tel: 01752 - 500888; marie.white@co-active.org.uk

1- 8 November
Compact Week
This year's theme: What has The Compact ever down for us?

1 November 7.00 - 9.00pm
Southern Brooks Community Partnership AGM: Building Community Spirit
Bradley Stoke Community School
FFI: 01454 868570 or www.sbcommunitypartnership.org.uk

13 November 10.30 - 3.30
Securing our future: The role of trustees in sustainable development
The Greenhouse. Hereford Street, Bristol, BS3 £30
FFI :Sarah 0117923 1800 or events@farmgarde.org.uk

14th November 1.30 - 4.30pm
The Care Forum AGM & Annual Conference: Social Enterprise in Health & Social Care
The Vassall Centre, Fishponds, Bristol
FFI: events@thecareforum.org.uk or 0117 965 4444

21 November 9.30 - 3.30
Getting to Grips with Employment Law
Jubilee Centre, Bradley Stoke
FFI: 01454 868570 or www.sbcommunitypartnership.org.uk

27th November 10.30 - 3.30
Greening your community building - Community Alliance seminar
Greenfield Centre, Winterborne
FFI: CVS South Gloucestershire 01454 865205 or info@cvs-sg.org.uk

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