

Barnsley Community and Voluntary Network (BCVN) Bulletin January 2010

VAB News

Art Competition – The Future of Barnsley?



(Above image created by Tom Jenkins – last years winner in the 18-21 age category – Tom has agreed to be one of the judges in this years competition).

VAB is holding its 2nd annual art competition open to young people to design a piece of art which will be displayed at The Core. The artwork will continue to be displayed in the reception area so that members of the public can come and view the artwork.

There are three age categories;

- 11 and under
- 12 – 16
- 17 – 25

Theme:

The Future of Barnsley – your vision of Barnsley in the future.
The theme is very broad so that you can be creative.

Closing date: Wednesday 31st March



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The artwork:

The artwork should be no bigger than A1 in size (841 x 594 mm). Alternatively, you can design a sculpture (no bigger than 2m high and 1m wide).

You must also tell us your name, telephone number, address and data of birth plus a short paragraph about your piece of art.

Entries should be sent to

Naomi Douglas, Voluntary Action Barnsley
The Core
County Way
Barnsley
S70 2JW

Please help us advertise this competition by passing on the info to any young people you work with or to members of your family.

If you would like us to send you some flyers and posters please contact Naomi Douglas or James Wadsworth e mail Naomi.douglas@vabarnsley.org.uk or telephone 01226 320 107 or more info



Annual Survey 2010 – your chance to win £50

Voluntary Action Barnsley (VAB) is conducting its annual customer satisfaction survey. We are keen to know your opinions about our services and this information will assist us in our future service provision.

The survey should take no more than 5-10 minutes to complete, and it can be accessed online at www.vabarnsley.org.uk (and click on the quick link "customer survey" on the home page).

All returned questionnaires will be entered into a prize draw to receive a £50 voucher to be redeemed in a store of your choice. On return, the final page of this questionnaire will be kept separately and will be used for the prize draw only. Please be reassured that we will not share your personal details with any third party.

We will feedback to you with the results in the Summer edition of the VAB newsletter.

Many thanks for your time and co-operation.



BE PREPARED!

The law is changing to protect children and vulnerable adults. This will involve compulsory checks. Don't worry there is information and support available to you!

From November 2010 all new employees who want to work with children or vulnerable adults must be ISA registered. Until they have registered they cannot legally be employed.

Failure to comply with this new law could result in both employers and their new employees or volunteers having legal action taken against them.

Information Sessions will be held on:

Tuesday 2nd February 1:00 pm at The Core
Wednesday 10th February 1:30pm at Mapplewell Village Hall
Tuesday 30th March 1:30pm at Priory Campus
Thursday 15th April 1:30pm Dearne Playhouse
Penistone area date and venue to be confirmed

For more information on this scheme or to attend one of VAB's Information Sessions please contact:

Ann Moffatt – 01226 320114 or Doreen Gwilliam - 01226 320106



Are you 19 or over?
Are you looking for work but could do with some help?

Voluntary Action Barnsley can support with:

- access to training
- application forms/cv
- confidence building
- opportunity to update skills/gain experience
- support with issues that are causing you concern

Also why not come to our **VAB CLUB** which is a drop-in for Job Search/or Volunteering Opportunity Search
Fridays 10.30am -12.30pm



Find out about latest job vacancies

All local newspapers are available and there is access to the internet, phone and photocopier.

Plus advice about volunteering opportunities, all are welcome to drop in - no appointment necessary and a free cuppa available!

One to one support is provided to guide you step by step as you move towards employment.

Contact Janet Thomas at Voluntary Action Barnsley, The Core, County Way, Barnsley, S70 2JW or telephone 01226 320105 for more information



VAT WORKSHOP

As we move away from a grant funding culture, local voluntary sector organisations are looking to alternative ways of generating income, often through contracting or trading. With new methods of income generation you may find that your organisation is no longer exempt from VAT registration. This workshop will:

- Help you to understand the basics of VAT
- Ensure that you know when and why you should register your organisation for VAT
- Explain the effect of registration on charities/ non for profit organisations
- Provide you with information on VAT relief to available to charities
- Give you the opportunity of a 'one-one' advice session with the HM Revenue & Customs VAT Advisor

Presented by: Lynda Wargent, HM Revenue & Customs

Date: Tuesday 9th March 2010 from 10am – 12 noon

Venue: The Core, County Way, Barnsley

For more information, or to reserve your place, please contact Angela Hayes on 01226 320116, angela.hayes@vabarnsley.org.uk



Redundancy Handling
Date: 11th February 2010
Time: 1:30pm - 4:30pm
Venue: The Core, County Way, Barnsley, S70 2JW

This half day seminar will look at the legal definition of redundancy and enable participants to get an overview of the minimum legal steps that an organisation needs to take in making staff redundant.

The seminar is aimed at anyone with responsibility for HR function(s) in an organisation.

The seminar will also greatly benefit Trustees, who often find themselves involved in consultation meetings.

By the end of this seminar participants will have a good understanding of the steps involved in redundancy and be able to objectively carry out a redundancy process.

Facilitator: Shokat Hayat, HR Advisor

Cost: £15 per person


To book a place please email Helen Langley:
helen.langley@vabarnsley.org.uk

Barnsley Community and Voluntary Network (BCVN)
Meeting
18th February
09:30 – 12:30 (lunch provided)
The Core, County Way, Barnsley
S70 2JW

This meeting will look at the long term transport strategy for South Yorkshire

Consultation with the Voluntary and Community Sector

By April 2011 South Yorkshire must put in place a long term (15-20 years) strategy for transport. This is a government requirement, but more



importantly we need a strategy to help us prioritise the transport improvements we want to invest in and to make sure that these will bring greatest benefit for South Yorkshire and for local communities, organisations and individuals.

Transport is expensive and has long lead-in times so having a clear direction and priorities is essential. We are working with partners across South Yorkshire and seeking views from organisations and individuals to agree what these priorities should be.

This is an opportunity to discuss and shape future plans for transport in South Yorkshire.

Contact Naomi Douglas naomi.douglas@vabarnsley.org.uk or telephone 01226 320 107 for more information.



Healthy Start

When: Friday 5th February 2010 10am – 4pm

The Mall, Barnsley

Opportunity to learn about the Healthy Start scheme which is raising awareness of breastfeeding, nutrition in pregnancy and the voucher scheme, you can exchange vouchers for; milk, fresh fruit and veg and you may be eligible for the free vitamins. All this will help give your child a healthy start to life!

For more information on the Healthy Start scheme, please contact:
Kay Bennett, Infant Feeding Coordinator NHS Barnsley
01226 433787 or email Kay.Bennett@Barnsleypct.nhs.uk

You can also visit the Healthy Start website for more information:
www.healthystart.nhs.uk



NHS Barnsley 'Demanding the Best' Cancer Reform Strategy 2009-2014

Cancer has been identified as being a key priority for NHS Barnsley. One of the principle goals within the NHS Barnsley 5 year commissioning strategy is to focus on key programmes that will prevent early death and long term illness with a key initiative being 'Demanding the Best' Cancer Reform. A specific work programme has been developed to take forward plans in respect of cancer services.

The 'Demanding the Best' Cancer Reform Strategy 2009-2014 (December 2009) sets out the vision for the future provision of services, which reflect national policies and deliver our local aspirations for meeting the needs of our population and improving the experience of cancer provision from prevention through to end of life care. The Strategy has been shaped using feedback received from a Barnsley-wide Consultation exercise and the Strategy has been ratified by the NHS Barnsley Board in December 2009.

Our overall vision for cancer reform is to;

Reduce the gap in the number of cancer deaths in under 75 year olds between our most and least deprived areas, we will do this by having a comprehensive, proactive prevention focus, ensure awareness is raised about the risk factors and symptoms of cancer, ensure rapid access to diagnosis and timely, appropriate treatment and care is the norm.

There are six main themes to the way we intend to focus our activity:

Goal 1: Develop systems and processes to ensure World Class Commissioning of Cancer Services

Goal 2: Develop a systematic approach to cancer prevention utilising a wide array of tools such as social marketing to support cancer prevention

Goal 3: Promote early detection, screening and diagnosis, having impact on earlier presentation for screening, investigation and diagnosis

Goal 4: Implement effective treatment pathways, ensuring fast access to high quality cancer treatments, surgery, radiotherapy and drug treatments

Goal 5: Support and empower patients living with and beyond cancer

Goal 6: Improve the quality and choice of care locally for people approaching end of life.

For a full copy of the NHS Barnsley 'Demanding the Best' Cancer Reform Strategy 2009-2014 please contact Laura Ingham on 327111.



I love Barnsley! **Show your love on Friday 12th February**

Barnsley has a one off opportunity to benefit from money to tackle LOCAL issues. South Yorkshire Community Foundation (SYCF) are calling on organisations in Barnsley to get behind the 'I Love Barnsley' campaign and to get involved with activities on the I Love Barnsley day which will take place on 12th February. 'I Love Barnsley' is about local people and organisations supporting local causes, by taking part in simple fundraising initiatives.

To encourage people to support LOCAL causes **every £1 raised in Barnsley gets matched by a £1 from the Government.** All money raised in Barnsley stays in Barnsley and is used by community and voluntary groups to tackle local issues. Groups led by volunteers are often best placed when it comes to dealing with local problems, because money is spent on addressing issues NOT on wages. These community and voluntary groups can often make a massive difference with a tiny amount of money.

SYCF has launched the 'I Love Barnsley' campaign and they have the support of the Barnsley Chronicle, Dearne FM, Barnsley Chamber of Commerce and members of One Barnsley which include the Council, the NHS and Voluntary Action Barnsley.

Voluntary Action Barnsley will be holding a fundraiser on

Friday 12th February at The Core at 12:30pm.

So why not drop in during your lunch hour and buy some food and take part in one of our quizzes! Every £1 you spend will be match funded!

Contact Naomi Douglas on 01226 320 107 for more information or e mail naomi.douglas@vabarnsley.org.uk





General News

Barnsley Needs You - Barnsley Work & Skills Board's competition to find Barnsley's Best Employer!

Following the success last year of the Best Apprentice and Best Mentor competitions, this award aims to promote the business or organisation that is providing the best opportunities for staff training and has a clear strategy to encourage and enable employee development.

But we do not want companies to nominate themselves. We want your employees to put you forward and for them to judge your commitment to improving skills and guaranteeing a strong future.

Please do pass this email on to your staff and ensure that they are aware of the competition. If your company wins, then the employee who submitted it gets the £200 prize and you get valuable publicity and recognition for the investment you are making.

The competition closes on 18th February and entry forms can be downloaded from www.barnsleyneedsyou.org or contact us on 01423 867264 or competitions@barnsleyneedsyou.org for further details.

Barnsley's Best Employer will be announced at an event for the press and local businesses in the Core on 3rd March.



The Charity Awards 2010 are now open for entries

The Charity Awards recognise excellence in the leadership and management of charities. They provide a wonderful opportunity for you propel your charity's work into the spotlight, to influence policy makers and funders and to boost the morale of your staff and stakeholders.

The closing date for entries is **Friday 12th March 2010.**

For more information visit:
www.charityawards.co.uk



Volunteering Opportunities

Barnsley Riding for the Disabled would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone wishing to volunteer at weekends.

Volunteers are *a/ways* needed and for a variety of jobs, including: side walking with riders on horses, yard jobs such as mucking out or feeding the horses, the list goes on...

No-one should feel put off because they don't have experience with horses, as full training would be given by our experienced yard manager, Catherine Mitchell.

All that is needed is a few hours of your time at a weekend on a regular basis, that could be weekly, fortnightly, or monthly and could consist of something as simple as a 2, 3 or 4 hour block.

If you would like to do something amazing for Barnsley, be a volunteer. It doesn't take much.

**Please call Catherine Mitchell, Yard Manager on
01226 241478**




Social Enterprise in Action

Action for Blind People is set to work with social enterprises throughout Yorkshire and the Humber to offer work experience placements to blind and partially sighted people looking for employment.

Thanks to funding by the National Lottery through Big Lottery Fund, Action for Blind People has developed a Social Enterprise and Employment Development (SEED) Project dedicated to finding placements within social enterprises.


The host social enterprises will be offered a full package of support tailored to their needs, including advice on Health and Safety issues, access to specialist adapted equipment and Visual Awareness training. The majority of work placements will last between one day and two weeks and could provide a perfect lead-in 'working interview' for the DWP's Future Jobs Fund six month placements.



The aim of the SEED project is to open the eyes of employers to the abilities of blind and partially sighted people within the workplace. 81% of employers rated the performance of disabled employees as 'the same or higher' than non disabled people. If this is the case then why is it estimated that 66% of blind and partially sighted people of working age in the UK remain unemployed. Through the SEED Project, with the support of social enterprises, blind and partially sighted people could develop the skills and confidence they need to progress into employment.

Alistair Ponton the Managing Director of Viewpoint CIC, a Yorkshire based social enterprise, said: "The team we have recruited through Action have been enormously beneficial to Viewpoint. Their customer service and IT skills have pushed the boundaries of what services our business can offer and their attitude to helping Viewpoint succeed has reinvigorated our entire staff team."

If you would like more information about the SEED Project or becoming a host social enterprise, please contact the SEED team on 0113 386 2800, email kerry.chase@actionforblindpeople.org.uk or visit www.actionforblindpeople.org.uk



Events

Come and meet your local Councillor Linda Burgess At the Why Vote Workshop

Tutor: Graham Birkin

Date: Thursday 4 February 2010 from 10.00 am - 3.00 pm

Venue: The Core, County Way, Barnsley S70 2JW

Are you registered to vote? Will you be voting in the next general election?
Would you like more information on who to vote for?

The workshop will explore:

Voting options
Politics and local issues
What each political party stands for

(contact details below)



Speaking Out Workshop

Tutor: Alan Wigfield

Date: Monday 8 and 15 February 2010 from 10.00 am - 3.00 pm

Venue: The Core, County Way, Barnsley S70 2JW

Would you like to speak in public with confidence?

Develop techniques to speak effectively
Build your confidence in public speaking
Provide opportunities to speak to the group and receive feedback
Help you develop a personal plan for speaking in public

Free lunch included

Places are limited, please book a place at this event

Contact Shirley Allen-Jackson on 0797 970 7020

Email: info@takepartpathfinderyh.org

Or the WEA Sheffield Learning Centre on **0114 242 3609**



Training News

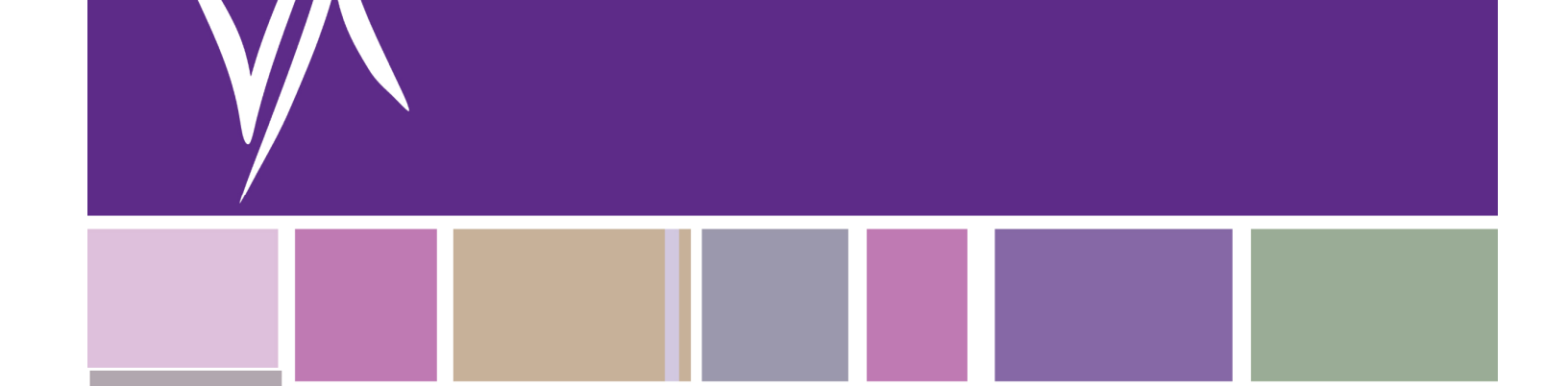
Management, Leadership and Governance for the Third Sector

The following Institute of Leadership & Management (ilm) courses will be on offer through the Train to Gain Enhancement Fund. If you would like to register for any of these courses please contact Liz (details below). You may qualify for the discount if you either work or volunteer with a Third Sector organisation that has at least one paid member of staff.

*This programme is part funded by the European Union through the European Social Fund and is co-financed by the Learning and Skills Council and Yorkshire Forward.

ilm Level 3 Award in Leadership & Management

The programme has three mandatory units and includes problem solving, decision making, exploring leadership styles and developing and motivating teams. The teaching will be delivered over 6 weeks x 1 day per week. The



learning is assessed through a mix of work-related activity and reflective reviews.

This course will run 3rd February to 10th March 2010 and again in April and June 2010

The full cost is £235 x 60% discount = **£94**

ilm Level 4 Award in Leadership

This award has three units – Introduction to leadership, planning practical leadership activities and developing leadership through practical activities. The teaching will be delivered over 4 weeks x 1 day per week and units will be assessed through a single work-related portfolio which relates directly to candidates employment activities.

This course will run in April and June 2010. Dates to be confirmed.

The full cost is £235 x 60% discount = **£94**

ilm Level 4 Award in Management

This award has two mandatory units - Understanding the management role and Developing management skills. The teaching will be delivered over 5 weeks x 1 day per week and units will be assessed through a single work-based assignment.

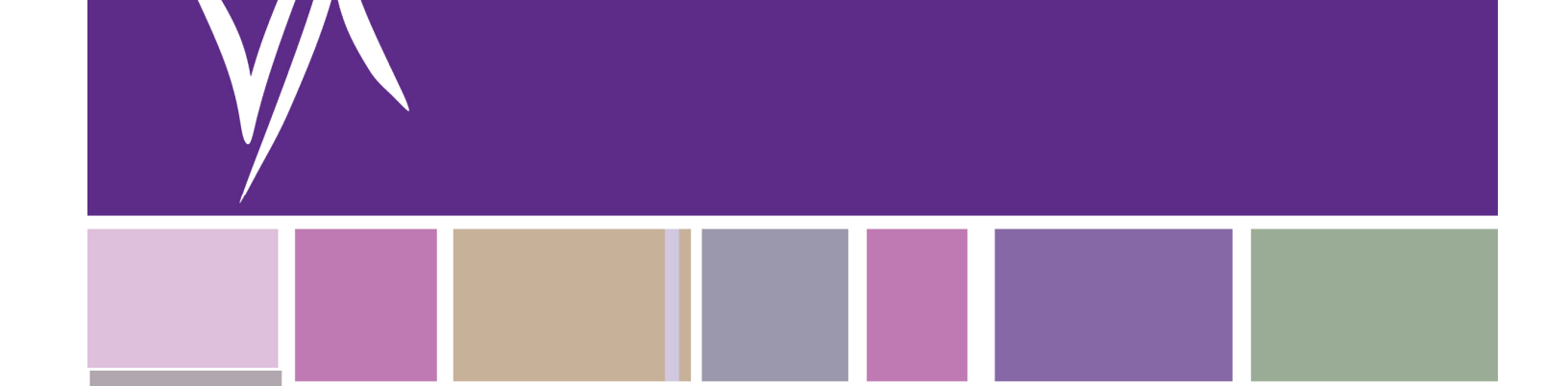
The course will run from 25th February to 25th March 2010 and will run again in May and July 2010.

The full cost is £235 x 60% discount = **£94**

ilm Level 2 Award Team Leading

This award gives practicing and potential 'team leaders' the foundation for this role. The qualification does this by developing basic team leading skills and assisting participants in gaining the basic knowledge required. The teaching will be delivered over 4 weeks x 1 day per week and learning is assessed through work-related reflective reviews.

This course will run in February, April and June 2010. Actual dates to be confirmed.



The full cost is £182 x 60% discount = **£73**

ilm Level 5 Award Understanding Social Enterprise

This award aims to develop the understanding of social enterprise by providing a contextual background to this sector for both managers and advisors. The teaching will be delivered over 4 weeks x 1day per week and the units will be assessed through a single case study.

This course will run in February 2010. Actual dates to be confirmed.

The full cost is £250 x 60% discount = **£100**

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