

Voluntary Action Barnsley (VAB) BCVN Bulletin June 2009

VAB News

Are you over 19?

Are you unemployed but want to work?

Voluntary Action Barnsley is running a project to support people who want to return to work. Volunteering has been identified as a way into employment providing opportunities to gain experience, develop new skills and qualifications.

So, if you are struggling to find a way into work and would like

- help to build your confidence
- to use your skills and develop new skills
- to have access to training and work towards qualifications
- to gain valuable experience

THEN Volunteering could be the answer!
One to one support is provided to guide you step by step as you move towards employment.

If you have even just a few hours a week spare and are interested in finding out more, then please contact;

Janet Thomas at the **Volunteer Centre, Voluntary Action Barnsley, The Core, County Way, Barnsley, S70 2JW** or **telephone 01226 320105 ext. 104** for more information.



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Defibrillator Training

Late July 2009 (exact date tbc) 3½ hour Course



To be held at
The Core
County Way
Barnsley
S70 2JW

£25 per person (with certificate)

FOR SALE

7 x 6 Litre FOAM Fire Extinguishers



£25 each (RRP at £40)

Suitable for: Fires caused by the combustion of flammable liquids such as petrol, oils, fats, paints and tar - known as [Class B](#) fires. Also very good for fires of solid materials, such as wood, paper and soft furnishing - described as [Class A](#) fires. Not suitable for: Deep fat fryer fires. All extinguishers are new, fully charged and ready to use and supplied with wall brackets. Annual maintenance due November 2009.

To book a place on the defibrillator training or to find out further information about the fire extinguishers please contact:

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Funding News Community Grants

A funding scheme offering up to £12,000 to small community organisations and social enterprises that help unemployed people move closer towards a job or training – will be holding a launch event at The Core on TUESDAY 14th JULY

Further details can be found on the VAB website at:

<http://www.vabarnsley.org.uk/events.php?action=months&prm=06&chm=1>

The event

The centrepiece of the launch will be 1:1 surgeries, at which groups can book a 15 minute appointment to discuss potential applications with a member of the Community Grants team.

The day will also feature workshops on application dos and don'ts, as well as information on other funding streams which may be available to support the delivery of informal learning. A free lunch will be provided. Teas, coffees and refreshments will also be available throughout the day.

You can call 01482 327438 and speak to Diane or Zoë.

The program

The Community Grants program is financed by the European Social Fund and the Learning and Skills Council. Between now and September 2010, Community Grants will distribute £1.4 million in South Yorkshire to small community groups and social enterprises (annual turnover under £300k; no more than 9 FTE staff) to provide learning opportunities targeted at unemployed individuals from 4 priority groups:

- **People with health conditions and disabilities**
- **Lone parents**
- **Over 50s**
- **People from ethnic minorities**

Activities can include basic skills (IT, ESOL, numeracy); taster work experience (including volunteer placements); careers advice and guidance; job searches; confidence and personal development work; and debt counselling. For further details, including downloadable guidance notes and application forms, log on to www.hlc-vol.org/commgrants



Feeling the Crunch?

Are you facing challenges and difficult decisions as a result of the current economic climate?

Or do you see opportunities for growth but lack the necessary finance to move forward?

We have funding available to support social businesses in either position and would like to talk to you about the challenges or opportunities that you face.

Working across Yorkshire and the Humber, Key Fund Yorkshire offers an innovative mix of flexible grant/loan packages and equity investment for social entrepreneurs, voluntary and community organisations and existing social enterprises.

To find out more please contact the Key Fund on **0845 140 1400**, email info@keyfundyorks.org.uk or visit our website www.keyfundyorks.org.uk

Local News

Barnsley Great Insulation Scheme – Free for over 60's

BMBC are working with Cosyhome Insulation Ltd to carry out energy efficiency improvement works in your area.

On offer to Barnsley residents are FREE cavity wall and loft insulation measures to qualifying customers to help you make your home more energy efficient and reduce fuel bills. The offer is available whilst funds last.

Cosyhome Ltd are an authorised contractor installing insulation on behalf of BMBC under the Barnsley Grant Scheme.

Please contact Cosyhome on 0800 019 25 19 or contact Su Angel at Barnsley Council on 01226 775 184 or 0800 915 3342.



Focus on: Young Diallers

'As a user led project, our mission statement is to provide free, confidential, non-judgemental advice and information on all issues affecting the young disabled people in the Barnsley area, enabling them to live as independently as possible.

We are a charitable project funded by Children in Need to provide relevant information and advice to young people who face challenges on their journey into adulthood.

The Young Diallers Team is made up of volunteers between the ages of 14 and 24 who have first hand experience of dealing with difficulties of growing up with a disability. Their first hand knowledge, coupled with continuous training, help make them the ideal people to offer support and help to people in similar situations.

The information on the web site is compiled and maintained by the team and continues to grow as a direct response to the views of the people who use the site.

We also offer a TEXT-IT service to 13 to 18 year olds, who need to know more about the issues that affect them on their journey into adulthood. Texts are received on a high tech secure system ensuring the utmost confidentiality. Information and advice is sent back free as a text to the user's mobile phone.

The web site contains information on places to visit, sports facilities, youth activities, cinemas and theatres and much more, as well as 'It Ain't Reight Forum', where opinions can be voiced. There is also a Sexual Health addition to the web site, which is supported by the Terrence Higgins Trust and gives information and advice on contraception and STD's etc".

Mick Barker - Project Worker: Young Diallers Barnsley

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Barnsley takes a 'convenient' approach to healthy eating

Giving local people more convenient access to affordable, healthy and seasonal food - that's the vision for the new healthy eating campaign in Barnsley. The healthy eating store campaign is based on a highly successful project in Scotland and supports the supply of healthy food through local convenience stores.

The project, funded by NHS Barnsley, aims to make it easier for everyone across the borough to access good quality fruit and vegetables from their local shops by promoting the sale of more affordable and healthier foods. Knowledge of the 5 A Day message is already widespread but less than 20% of Barnsley residents achieve this on a regular basis. This project will provide easier access to healthy foods for those people who rely on convenience stores for their food shopping – making healthier choices easier.

Dr Joan Miller, Acting Director of Public Health said, "We know how important it is for people to eat healthily. Eating a variety of foods that are low in saturated fat is important to prevent health problems such as heart disease and diabetes and can help to maintain a healthy weight. NHS Barnsley is committed to supporting local people to make healthy food choices and this exciting new project is one of the ways we are hoping to do this". Sheffield Wildlife Trust has been contracted to deliver the project. Engaging with the convenience stores and monitoring the project will be Matthew Barton who has a total of five years retail experience with two years Commercial Management experience within Marks & Spencers.

Matthew says, "We have all seen recent adverts encouraging us to Change4Life and 'Eat Well', and this project aims to support this by providing easier access to healthy food in local convenience stores." He adds, "This is an exciting opportunity to promote healthy eating and to work with convenience store retailers to benefit the local community."

If you manage a convenience store, or are a local resident interested to find out more about this project, please contact **Matthew Barton on 0114 263 4335 or email m.barton@wildsheffield.com**



Events

Community Resilience Event

All you ever needed to know about Swine Flu

Monday 13th July 2009 09:30 -12:00 at The Core

"Response and Recovery from major incidents is more effective where citizens and the community work in support of the emergency services"

It is intended to raise awareness of the presently circulating A/H1N1 Swine Flu virus, which has been declared a Pandemic by the World Health Organisation and to discuss how we can all work in partnership to support the local community.

Starting at 09:30 on Monday 13th July 2009 (Refreshments available)

The Core
County Way
Barnsley
S70 2JW

With presentations from

- The Health Protection Agency on "What is Swine Flu"
- NHS Barnsley Emergency Planning Officer on local planning arrangements
- Public Health Specialist on "Working Together"
- Followed by an open discussion and questions session

This event is aimed at community and voluntary groups, volunteers, community partnerships and community activists.

NHS Barnsley c/o Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Gawber Road
Barnsley
S75 2EP

Telephone: 01226 (43) 4530



Voluntary Action in the 21st Century A Regional Consultation Event with the Conservatives

Thursday 2 July 2009, 3.30 – 5.30pm
The Circle, Sheffield

**This event is a unique opportunity to learn more about the
Conservative Party's Green Paper - A Stronger Society – Voluntary
Action in the 21st Century.**

Nick Hurd MP, and Shadow Minister for Charities, Social Enterprise and Volunteering, will provide an overview and summary of the paper, and its key themes. Delegates will then be able to ask questions and give feedback on the paper, and discuss the issues that are raised. You can also find out about the VCS Manifesto for Yorkshire and the Humber produced by the Regional Forum.

This is the only consultation event taking place in our region on this paper, and a real chance to voice your thoughts and opinions on the Conservatives' proposed policies for our sector. Don't miss this opportunity to ask questions about how the Green Paper could impact upon your organisation, and upon our sector - locally, regionally and nationally.

Open to anyone working or interested in the voluntary and community sector in the Yorkshire and Humber region. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Carron Charlesworth, Voluntary Action Sheffield
The Circle, 33 Rockingham Lane, Sheffield, S1 4FW
Any queries, please call 0114 253 6623.

General News

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Contact: John Woodside on 01226 723027 or 0771 973 9930
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS at Priory Campus

14th July – Strawberry Afternoon Tea

15th August – Summer Fair

9th September – Annual Flower & Art Show

26th September – Mind, Body & Spirit

27th September – Car Boot

30th October – Monster Mash Family Event

20th November – Christmas Fair

21st November – Back To School Disco
(60's-70's-80's)

8th December – Senior Citizen Christmas Event
(Seasonal 2 course lunch plus entertainment)

**For further information on the above events please contact either
Sue or Nicki on 01226 770610**

Social Enterprise Yorkshire and the Humber awards

Now in its 6th Year the Social Enterprise Yorkshire and the Humber awards aim to celebrate and recognise the achievements of social entrepreneurs in the region.

Sponsored by Business Link the SEYH Awards provide a platform for Social Enterprises in Yorkshire and the Humber to showcase themselves and their achievements, culminating in an awards dinner to be held on 21 October 2009 at Doncaster Racecourse.

The Awards:

There are five award categories:

- Start up of the Year
- Social Enterprise in Education
- Innovation in Enterprise
- Social Entrepreneur of the Year
- Social Enterprise of the Year

Judges will be looking for outstanding examples of businesses that are delivering real social impact and competing effectively in a commercial market.



Why Enter?

The SEYH Awards is a fantastic way to promote your social enterprise whilst also celebrating the achievements of the social enterprise sector within the region. If you would like to enter please click on the following link:

<http://www.businesslinkyorkshire.co.uk/Top-Level-Nav/Social-Enterprise/SEYHawards.aspx>

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