

**Voluntary Action Barnsley (VAB)
Third Sector News
For Barnsley's Community and Voluntary Network (BCVN)
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VAB News

Introducing our new Payroll Officer

We would like to introduce Debbie Hollingsworth as the new Payroll Bureau Officer. The basic service that groups get is detailed below. Deborah has many years experience as a Payroll Officer and is proving to be a valuable member of the VAB team. She currently administers payroll for over 30 groups in the area and has the capacity to offer the service to additional groups.

Payroll service

Our payroll service is invaluable to Third Sector organisations that employ staff. For many organisations, there are often little enough resources available to allow the set-up of a dedicated payroll service, and even if the potential was there, our charges are so low that in many cases, in-house alternatives are not cost effective by comparison. We believe our charges to be the lowest available in the area.

Low costs do not mean low standards! Our payroll service takes away all the worry - there is no need for your group to keep up to date with changes in legislation and each employee you have will receive a pay-slip and a duplicate for your records. We are also available to answer any queries and support you as employers.

VAB will also provide Payroll Summaries and PAYE remittance reports.

Year-end processing

VAB will provide information to complete the necessary returns and individual year-end forms for each employee. We will offer year-end workshops to assist with this process, however, the responsibility for making year end returns to the Inland Revenue lies with your organisation.

Charges

Setting up payroll: minimum charge of £16.00 per hour.

Monthly/weekly payroll charge: £16.00 per hour.

E.g. should the payroll take 15 minutes, the charge for that period would be £4.00. For 30 minutes the charge would be £8.00, and so on. There is a minimum charge of £8.00 for monthly payroll and £3.50 for weekly.

These charges would be made to you on invoice at the end of every quarter year.

Your contact for payroll queries is Deborah Hollingsworth on 01226 242726

Every Older Person Matters – Consultation on the Future of Older People's Services

The above consultation process is being held by the older peoples board, this consultation will include current service users, carers, staff and members of the public. Public meetings will be held during July, August and Early September giving everyone an opportunity to voice their views. If you would like to receive a copy of the consultation then please contact VAB's Participation Team on 01226 299590 or email gail.barlow@vabarnsley.org.uk

Local News

Employment lawyer Leisel Whitfield offers employment advice for flooded businesses

Go to this link for more info; *(right click and open hyperlink)*

<http://www.irwinmitchell.com/PressOffice/PressReleases/FloodHitLawyersOfferAdviceForOtherBusinesses.htm>

Health and safety in flooded areas

The TUC has published advice to safety representatives on health and safety in flooded areas, which will be of interest to other workers too. Has links to further online advice.

http://www.tuc.org.uk/h_and_s/tuc-13550-f0.cfm

Help shape the future of third sector strategic support

The South Yorkshire Open Forum (SYOF) trustee board has new vacancies this year and is keen to

Invite partners from the Voluntary & Community Sector to become part of the board.

SYOF's main work programmes are:

- Marketing and profile raising of the third sector
- Policy briefings and engagement in consultations
- Supporting research and intelligence
- Advocate programme
- Lead for South Yorkshire ChangeUp Consortium

Applicants will be voted on by members and will have a real chance to shape and influence the work of South Yorkshire Open Forum and the future of strategic support for the third sector. This is a voluntary position, however travel expenses and free training and development are available.

For further details or an application pack, please call

Trisha Fairhurst on 01709 519 100

or email trisha@syopenforum.org.uk or visit www.syopenforum.org.uk

Closing date for applications is 5pm Friday 10th August 2007.

Advocate position on the South Yorkshire Rural Partnership Board
Please see attached an advert for an Advocate position on the South Yorkshire Rural Partnership Board. This is an exciting time to join the newly formed board, which will help to influence issues which affect rural communities. The lead body for the board is Yorkshire Rural Community Council. Our Advocate packs will provide further information.

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As part of the SYOF Advocate Programme, all advocates receive support, access to training and development and opportunity to network and build links with new partners. The rural agenda is increasingly important and it is vital we have third sector representation. There are also potential pots of funds to influence e.g. Leader and RDPE.

We also have a pre-advocate development programme which looks at building skills and preparing people to take up future positions on decision making boards. If you are interested in taking part in any part of the programme, please get in touch.

Please circulate this to your networks and partners as we want to actively encourage applications from all sectors of the community, including currently under represented groups

Casting Call - Your sector needs you!

Ever wanted to be on the big screen? Keen to let people know the difference you make? Then read on.....

South Yorkshire Open Forum are commissioning a short film to promote the vibrancy, strength and diversity of the third sector - Celebrating South Yorkshire. We are looking for a limited number of groups who would be willing to be filmed in action, and/or interviewed. This is an opportunity to show case your good work in action! Filming is likely to be at the end August. For details contact sarah@syopenforum.org.uk or tel 01709 519100. The film will be launched at our Conference 19th September at the Millennium Galleries, Sheffield.

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Director

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See attached flyer for more info or call **Contact Dave or Doreen**

Tel: 01226 213320

www.stringsattachedmusic.org

E-mail; dave@stringsattachedmusic.org

Meet the Funder Sessions

Interested in finding out more about local sources of money for your projects? A wide range of activities are eligible for funding, including sport, so do feel free to come along and talk to a funder.

4 Funders available to update you on their funding criteria:

- **The Coalfields Regeneration Trust**
- **South Yorkshire Community Foundation**
- **WREN**
- **Big Lottery Fund**

- **Plus South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau:** Ian Paisley will also be present to try and help groups identify alternative sources of funding for projects.
15th August at Burton Grange Community Centre, Lundwood, 6.00-7.30pm- Refreshments available from 5.45pm
For further information please ring Caroline Makinson at Voluntary Action Barnsley on 01226 785564

Job vacancies

Barnsley Arena is a Service User and Carer led organisation that works with others to improve Health & Social Care services in Barnsley. We are based in the town centre.

Mental Health Service User Involvement Officer

£19,614 per annum for 37 hours per week

We are looking for an enthusiastic and highly motivated person to enable and empower Service Users to take part in the planning, design and monitoring of Mental Health Services and Social Care in Barnsley.

Closing date 12 noon Monday 13th August

Participation Officer

£23,952 for 37 hours per week

We are looking for a dedicated and creative person to work with Service Users and Carers and help us develop innovative ways of enabling them to take part in improving Health and Social Care Services for all Client Groups across Barnsley.

Closing date 12 noon Tuesday 28th August

For further information please contact Lynne on 01226 770023. To request an information pack contact Jill 01226 770023 or by email jill@barnsleyarena.com

These posts are open to job share.

Third Sector News

Major sector review announcements See page 33 of the review to see VAB case's study!!

To view the report go to: *(right click and open hyperlink)*

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/documents/review/ots_review.pdf

As trailed, the government has this week published its final report from the Third Sector Review, a joint initiative of the Office of the Third Sector and HM Treasury particularly on the role of the sector in social and economic regeneration over the next 10 years, which will feed into the Comprehensive Spending Review. This and the accompanying announcements contain a raft of measures and policies, although in some cases it is bringing together previously published items. The Conservative shadow charities minister is reported as saying "This is an underwhelming report that conceals more than it reveals. We need a proper debate in the House of Commons to give it the scrutiny it deserves." - Third Sector news item at

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/News/672980/>.

NCVO's helpful summary is at <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/policy/index.asp?id=5776>

Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

If you know a group of volunteers who devote their time to helping others in the community and improve the quality of life and opportunity for others, nominate them for The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service now!

The Queen's Award is a UK National Honour (equivalent to an MBE) launched to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002 and will be awarded to outstanding voluntary organisations nominated by their local community.

The nomination period for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service has begun and we urge you to nominate your chosen voluntary organisation for this year's Awards round. The deadline for nomination is 30th September 2007 and it is easy to nominate.

Last year Dearne Kids Activity Group won an award!

The groups aim is to provide educational recreational activities for those youngsters of low income or state benefit families, activities not normally within the reach of such households.

Just go to <<http://www.queensawardvoluntary.gov.uk>> for more details on the Awards and to download a nomination form electronically. Alternatively you can email <<mailto:queensaward@volunteeringengland.org>> or call our Award hotline on 0845 000 2002 for further information.

Volunteering to end child poverty

A new campaign run by CSV (Community Service Volunteers) and the Campaign to End Child Poverty aims to recruit 35,000 volunteers to help tackle child poverty. 'Dare to Care' will offer guidance documents, factsheets, training and small grants to help charities, community groups, schools and businesses to provide activities for volunteers between October 2007 and February 2008. See <http://www.csv.org.uk/daretocare.htm>.

Training News

Sustainable Communities Foundation Degree Programme

Sheffield Hallam are launching the programme in Sept 2007. Students will cover the core skills needed to have a positive impact on communities. Throughout the 3 year part-time programme, students will have the opportunity to study the core disciplines of housing, planning, design and environmental management as well as management/organisational skills, research skills and the overall context from which we are working towards the sustainable communities agenda. We are keen to encourage applicants without 'traditional' qualifications, particularly mature applicants. Suitable applicants may also be eligible for a £500 bursary from the Academy for Sustainable Communities, with whom we are jointly running this programme.

We do hope it is of interest to your colleagues across the voluntary sector. The key contact here at the University is Glen Gidley Tel: 0114 225 4267 and/or email. g.w.gidley@shu.ac.uk.

Tendering training York, 24 October 2007

Success in tendering requires an understanding of the processes which drive tendering procedures, and a clear understanding of exactly what procurement officers are looking for in tender evaluation.

Knowing how to ensure that your tender document scores well at the appraisal stage is paramount to your success.

NAVCA have teamed up with Janet Roberts of Tendering for Care to provide detailed training in exactly how to write a tender document to make sure you have the best possible chance of success.

Janet is also training many local authority procurement officers in how to evaluate voluntary sector tenders, and so has a unique insight into what is needed.

This training day will take place in York on the 24 October at the Priory Street Centre. Places have booked quickly in York but there are a few places left.

Booking forms and further details about the day can be found on www.navca.org.uk/events. Please also pass on this invitation to your members and networks.

Michelle Emerson, Events and Business Development Manager
NAVCA (National Association for Voluntary and Community Action)

Direct line: 0114 289 3957 Switchboard: 0114 278 6636

Email: michelle.emerson@navca.org.uk

Kendray and Worsbrough Community Partnership are holding a series of one hour informal workshops to assist your group in both your every day running and future sustainability.

These are planned for each week and groups can attend as many or as few as required – all at Worsbrough Common Community House.

Committee roles & responsibilities - Thursday 9th August 10am

Responsibilities in recruitment Part 1- Monday 13th August 6.30am

Responsibilities in recruitment Part 2 - Monday 3rd September 10am

Fundraising - Monday 10th September 6.30pm

Responsibilities in employment Part 1 - Monday 17th September 10am

Responsibilities in employment Part 2 - Monday 24th September 6.30pm

For further information or to book a place please contact Helen Goldsby-West tel: 01226 240744 email: hgoldsbwest@hotmail.co.uk



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progress through partnership

Your Barnsley, Your Future, Your Say...

'£100 UP FOR GRABS'

Service providers and the Community are working together to improve all areas of Barnsley. ONE BARNSELEY is the borough's Local Strategic Partnership that brings together partners from across all sectors to improve service delivery.

We produce a high level document which sets out what Barnsley should be like in the future and how together we are going to get there. This is called our Community Strategy. We are currently reviewing this and want to now YOUR THOUGHTS about Barnsley, so that we can work towards a Barnsley that you, the community wants.

To do this we'd like you to answer the questions below and return them to the address at the bottom of the page, or complete the questions on-line on the One Barnsley website www.onebarnsley.com

We want you to be as honest as possible, so please write down whatever it is you feel; it could be very specific to the village/ place you live or about the borough as a whole...

One lucky respondent will win £100!

Questions

1. What is the best thing about the borough of Barnsley?
2. What would you change to improve the borough of Barnsley?
3. If you were asked to describe the borough of Barnsley to someone who had never visited, what would you say?
4. What do you think the borough of Barnsley should look like be like in 20 years time?

Details for the prize draw;

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel No*: (*optional)

Would you like to be involved in future consultation: Yes No

(Please tick the appropriate box)

Thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire.

Please return to One Barnsley, Room 162, Town Hall, Barnsley, S70 2TA or complete the form at www.onebarnsley.com



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