

Voluntary Action Barnsley (VAB) BCVN Bulletin November 2009

VAB News

Barnsley Community and Voluntary Network Meeting
Thursday Dec 17th
9am – 1pm at The Core
County Way, Barnsley, S70 2JW

**Everything you probably wanted to know about European
Funding Programmes**

9:00 – 9:30

Registration and Refreshments

9:30 – 10:30

European Structural Funds (ESF & ERDF)
by Eleanor Dearle, BMBC

10:30 – 10:50

Refreshments

10:50 – 11:30

Community Grants by Niall O'Reilly, Humber Learning Consortium

**Grants of up to £12,000 are now available for voluntary and
community organisations in Yorkshire and the Humber who
provide learning opportunities that help unemployed people
aged 18+ move closer towards a job or training**

11:30 – 12:30

Other European Programmes

12:30 – 13:00

Lunch and quiz the experts!

Contact James Wadsworth james.wadsworth@vabarnsley.org.uk or
Naomi Douglas naomi.douglas@vabarnsley.org.uk or telephone 01226
320107 if you wish to attend.

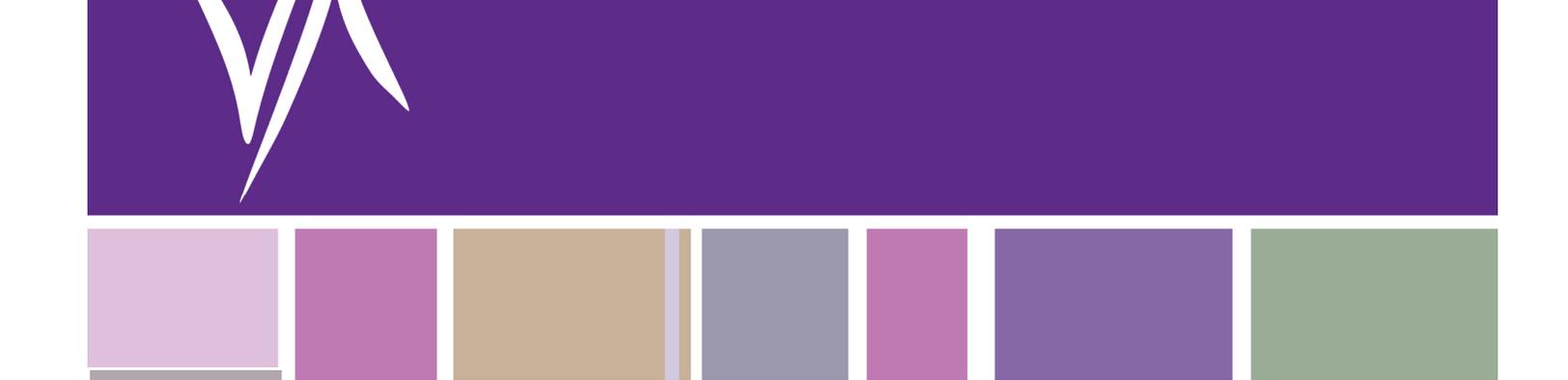


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Annual Report

Download a copy of our latest annual report here or alternatively contact Naomi Douglas on 01226 320107 if you wish to receive one by post.
<http://www.vabarnsley.org.uk/pdf/10Annual+Report+2009.pdf>

Training

UPCOMING COURSES FROM OUR TRAINING CALENDAR

Asset Management

Monday 23rd November 1.00pm-4.00pm

Producing Effective Promotional Material for your group

Tuesday 24th November 9.30am-4.30pm

Volunteers & The Law

Wednesday 25th November 1.30pm-4.30pm

Payroll Online Filing

Monday 7th 1.00pm-4.00pm

HR Part 1 (Redundancy Handling, Maternity and Paternity Rights)

Wednesday 9th 1.30pm-4.30pm

Business Planning

Monday 14th 1.30pm-4.30pm

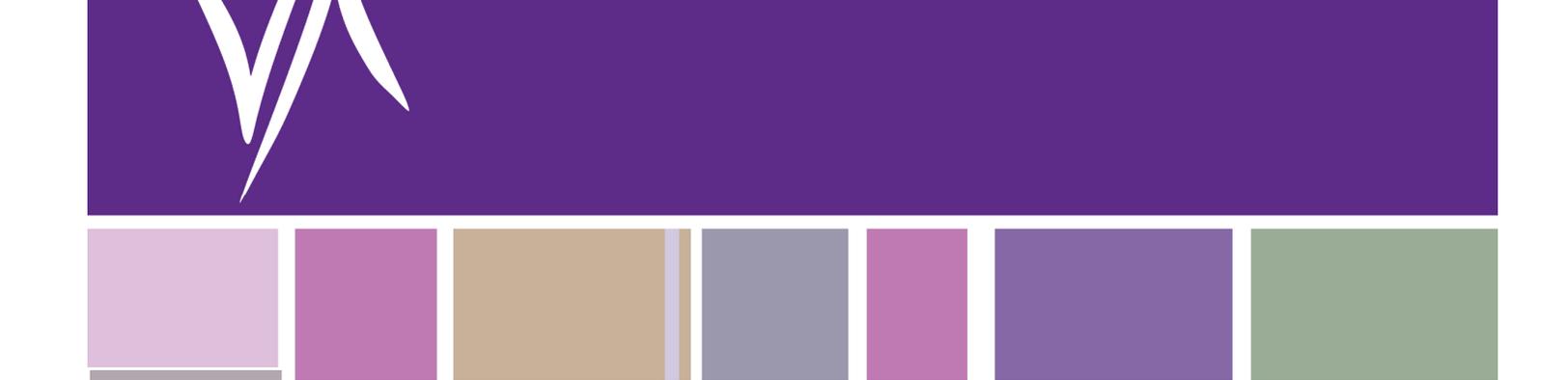
Organisational Health Check

Voluntary Action Barnsley Human Resources and Organisational Development Team are offering a series of free Organisational Health Check for voluntary and community groups.

The purpose of the health check is to identify organisational development needs and ensure that they have up to date policies and procedures in place. For example, when employing staff are you compliant with the requirements of the Charity Commission and Companies House?

The advisors will work with you and develop appropriate action plans for areas of improvements and with your agreement facilitate any policy implementation with your staff and/or trustees.

The latest provisions of Companies Act 2006, which came into force on 1st October 2009, have made comprehensive changes to the governing documents of companies. Similarly, there has been a series of recent



changes in employment and charity law. For example, there is an increase in trustee's duties and responsibilities.

We feel that many groups out there are not aware of these changes and consequently unaware of its impact on their organisation.

If you would like to book an initial meeting with the team to discuss your organisational requirement, please get in touch with Sarah Denton sarah.denton@vabarnsley.org.uk or telephone 01226 320100 ext 150.

Programme no 4 of "How Your Town Works"

This learning programme looks at how the Council works together with the Third Sector and other partners to improve Barnsley; who makes decisions and how you can influence them; how you can be more involved in changing things and strengthening the voice of your community.

Lots of positive response has been received for the continuation of the above programme, so we are pleased to announce the next programme dates and times

Dates & Times

6 Sessions on Mondays

9.45 refreshments
10.00 – 1.00 session
followed by lunch

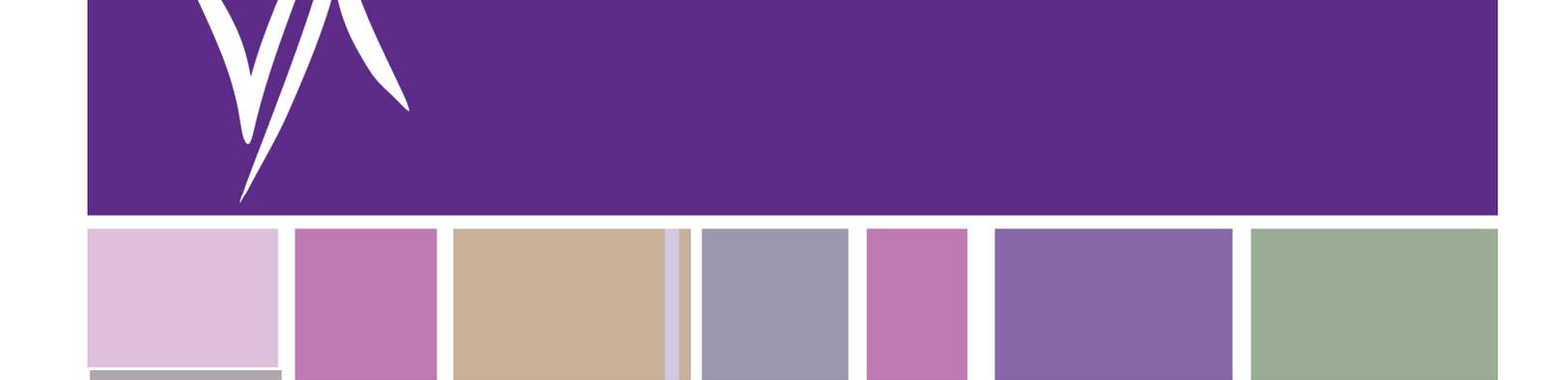
DATES: 22 Feb, 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 March 2010

Venue: The Core County Way, S70 2JW

2 hr Taster Session: 8 Feb 2010 at The Core

This Programme is free of charge.

**To receive a booking form and register your interest please contact
Caroline Makinson on 01226 320 106 or e mail
caroline.makinson@vabarnsley.org.uk**



Funding News

London Action Trust has now taken over the running of the Access Funds website - www.access-funds.co.uk. Access Funds is an online resource offering Grants information for the British charitable and non-profit sector, and contains directories of funding programmes and guides to funding. Subscribers to the Access Funds website can access the following;

- Information on the latest grant programmes (new information added weekly)
- A monthly Bulletin email, an easy to use monthly round up of funding opportunities sent directly to your computer
- Easy to use search facility, which will help you track down the grant programmes most appropriate for your organisation
- A tailored Email Alert Service, which provides customised grant information sent by email
- My Grants – a section where you can easily store information on Grants, so that you can return to the grant details at any time, without having to search for the information again
- Grants Closing Within 6 Weeks – so you can see at-a-glance which grants have deadlines approaching

If you visit www.access-funds.co.uk you can register for a free 7-day trial. Please note that the 7 day trial does not include email alerts.

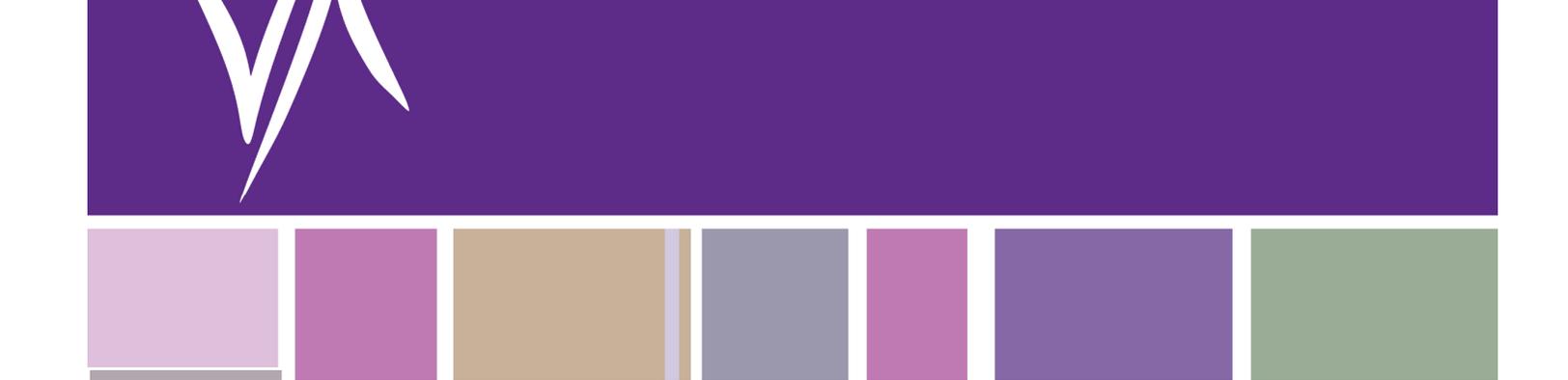
12 month Subscription prices: Voluntary/Community Group - £50 first member from organisation, Business/Statutory Organisation £60.00 first member from organisation. Subsequent members from organisations can subscribe for £25.00.

Allen Lane Foundation

The Allen Lane Foundation awards grant funding to registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations involved in small-scale projects in the UK.

Grants of between £500 and £15,000 are available to organisations working in areas that benefit people in the following groups:

- Asylum seekers and refugees.
- Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.
- Gypsies and travellers.
- Offenders and ex-offenders.
- Older people.
- Migrant workers.

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- People experiencing mental health problems.
 - People experiencing violence or abuse.

Applications are welcomed from registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations in the UK seeking funding for charitable projects within the Foundation's areas of interest.

Applications can be made at any time.
<http://www.allenlane.org.uk/>

Local News

Tankersley Environment Group get stuck in

Tankersley and Pilley Environment Group do a lot more than talk about green issues which affect their villages – they like to get their hands dirty and make a difference to lots of greenspaces in their local area.

The main site they are active on is Potter Holes Plantation - a Local Nature Reserve owned by Barnsley Council. The site is an Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland located next to Tankersley and the A61 road. The Council can't be there all the time, so as well as acting as their 'eyes and ears', the Group help clear paths, put up benches, record wildlife, etc.

Another main project of theirs is improving Broad Ings Plantation – another woodland site, but this time in Pilley and owned by Tankersley Parish Council. The Group have carried out several tasks in the past few years.

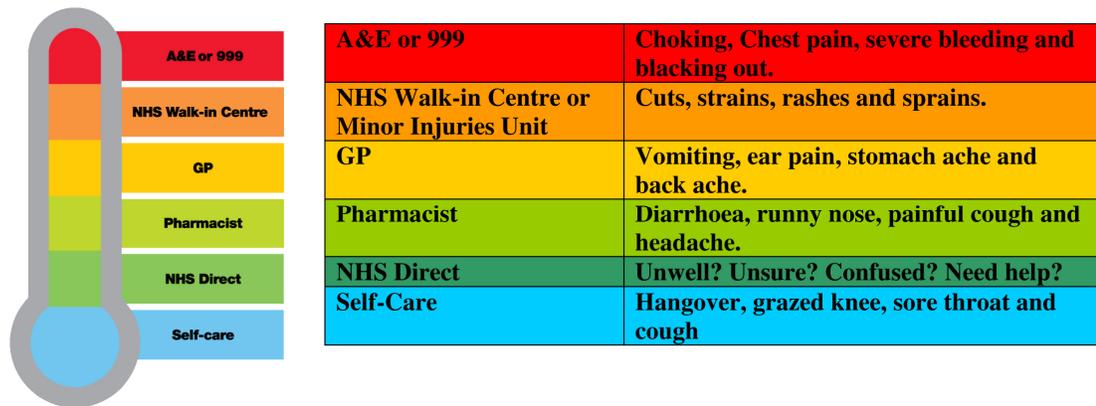
As well as lobbying authorities for improvements in footpaths and parks, the Group plant bulbs in verges, coppice trees, run competitions in conjunction with the primary school about wildlife, and a myriad of other initiatives.

Chairman of the Group, Terry Middleton, said: "We find it thoroughly rewarding to be actively involved in making a difference to our local environment – it's so much better than just whinging about things. If other local people want to join us they can give me a ring on Barnsley 745028 and we would welcome them."

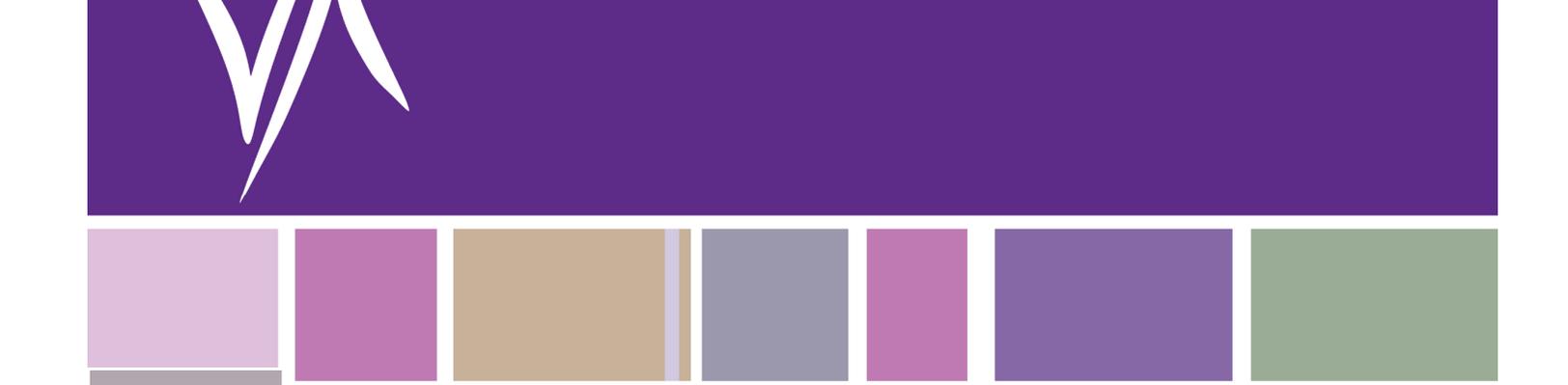
Thanking them on behalf of Barnsley Council, Parks Officer Trevor Mayne commented: "Potter Holes Plantation would not be the same without the Environment Group – they inform us of all sorts of things going on in the wood, both good and bad, and we are extremely grateful for all the hard work they put into conservation tasks."

Choose Well

Like everywhere else in the UK, NHS Barnsley is expecting extraordinary pressures and demands on our health services over winter 2009/10, especially due to the added pressures of Swine Flu. The Choose Well campaign was established to provide the public with information that will tie together all NHS Barnsley services and highlight the importance of selecting the appropriate NHS service if you fall ill during the winter period. Choose Well aims to raise patients' awareness of the range of services available to them, particularly when they need help urgently so that they can judge the best place to go for help and reduce pressures on both acute and primary care services. Using the wrong services not only costs the NHS millions of pounds each year, but also prevents urgent appointments being available to those who need them most. The thermometer below has been developed to help you identify which services you can use for your specific need and indicates the level of urgency and seriousness.



Choosing well ensures you receive the best possible treatment, leaving emergency services to those who need them most. For more information on Choose Well visit www.barnsley.nhs.uk



Crossroads are looking for Trustees – Can you help make a difference?

Crossroads care is a national network of local charities employing over 5,000 trained professionals and helping over 35,000 people. We are Britain's leading provider of support for carers and the people they care for.

Crossroads Care Barnsley provide respite to carers living in the Barnsley Borough. We offer a full range of services for all age groups, disabilities or health conditions at any time of day or night, from 1 hour to offering support for carers to continue to work or to take a short break.

Our staff assist with personal care, preparing meals, shopping, escort to appointments and on social outings, practical support to assist with further education, over-night stays and specialised tasks in some cases.

Our services are always tailored to the needs of the carer and the person they care for with ongoing support from a dedicated team.

Whilst we are a professional organization we are also a charity and need the support of our community. We are looking for Trustees who are willing to dedicate a little of their time to help us to continue supporting the carers of Barnsley.

Yvonne Saunders, Chief Executive Officer

T: 01226 731094 F: 01226 731094 www.crossroads.org.uk/Barnsley

DRAG 4U IS BACK FOR 2009! Christmas Party Fund Raiser for the Terrence Higging Trust 5th of December

Tickets have now been released for the national final of the Drag 4U beauty pageant, which is an annual fundraising event in aid of the Terrence Higgins Trust (THT). The event will be held at the Metrodome Leisure Complex in Barnsley on the 5th December.

In the same week as World Aids Day (1st December), the up and coming Drag 4U contest promises to be even bigger and better than last year's event, which raised a staggering £2,500 for the charity.

Given that HIV strikes one new victim every week in Barnsley, this just goes to show how important events such as Drag 4U are in raising awareness of HIV and generating funds to support this worthwhile cause. Plus Me – a local HIV charity will also benefit from this year's Drag 4U national final at the Metrodome.



Drag 4U is a national competition that is now into its third year and was designed to find the best drag queen in the land. The competition has grown to be a hugely successful event in the drag queen calendar and has thousands of supporters across the country, culminating in the exciting grand final.

The theme for this year's event is Disco Inferno Fancy Dress - Camp as Christmas, with a prize which could potentially be life changing for the Drag prince and princess a week's holiday to Gran Canaria working in the world famous Sparkles Drag While they are there, if the Drag prince and princess show real promise, the bar owners will look at offering them a much longer term contract.

Tickets for the event are now on sale and cost just £10 when booked before the end of November, tickets after that time will cost £13. Businesses in the local area are also being encouraged to sponsor a table for the evening that includes a 3 course meal with waitress service and can seat up to 12 people. Tables cost just £150.

For further information, or to book your tickets please contact 01226 730060 or Tel: 01226 730098

Visit www.bpl.org.uk

Events

**Christmas Fair at Hoyland Common Scout Hall
28th November 10am to 1pm**

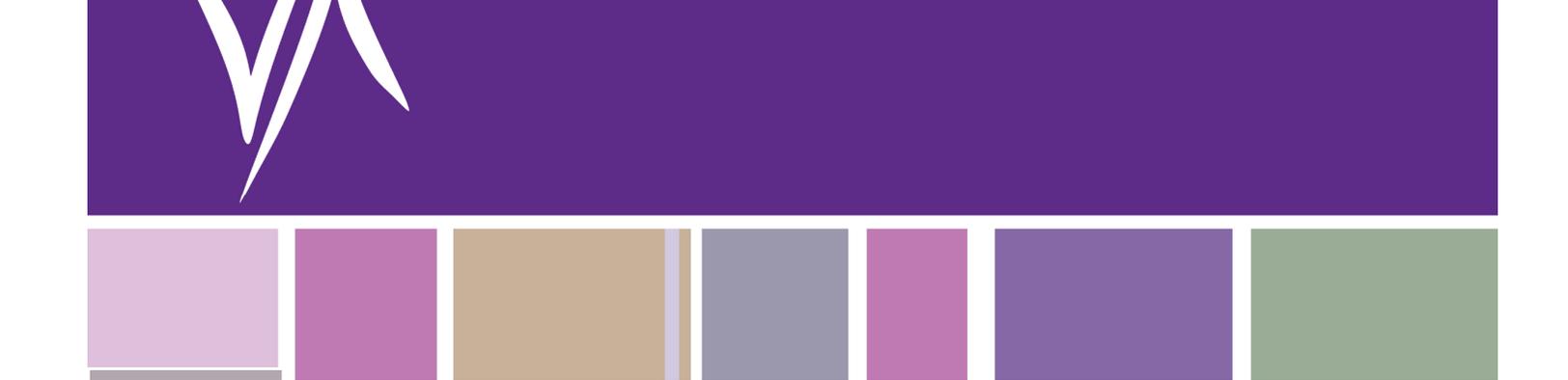
**Craft fairs
Fun and Games
Santa**

20p admission

If any voluntary groups would like to have a stall in order to sell goods to raise money for their group we are offering a stall for **£10.00**.

If anyone is interested they can book a stall as soon as possible by ringing the number below:

Mr Geoff Rayment on 01126 341107



**“How the Region Works”
Venue: Regional Forum, Leeds
Time: 1.30pm - 4.00pm**

Do you understand how governance structures work at the regional level?

**Where does the voluntary and community sector fit in?
What does the Regional Forum do?**

To help de-mystify the region and the new governance arrangements, explain the jargon and clarify how it all works, the Regional Forum has organised an Information Session for 2nd December 2009.

For more information or to book your place:
mailto:ian.gardner@regionalforum.org.uk or phone (0113 394 2300) Ian Gardner.

Other dates: Thursday 9th February 2010 10.00am - 12.30pm
Thursday 22nd April 2010 1.30pm - 4.00pm

General News

The Inspire - Aspire South Yorkshire' programme is a social marketing programme aimed at increasing levels of aspiration and enterprise amongst young people in South Yorkshire. The programme team are currently in the 'scoping phase' of the programme which involves pulling together information on the types of projects and services already available to raise aspirations.

What are we looking for?

Any projects / pilots / services relating to youth aspiration and enterprise. These could be general projects such as:

- health related projects, for example, working with young mums,
- educational projects, for example, working with NEETs
- community / crime projects for example, reducing antisocial behaviour or enterprise projects for example work placements etc.

Would you like to include your projects in the final report?

The intended audiences for the final report are policy makers and commissioners - not the general public.

If you would like to include your project please contact KATE ROBINSON on 0114 2053947 or email to details to kate.robinson@sheffield.gov.uk



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