

Voluntary Action Barnsley (VAB) BCVN Bulletin October 2009

VAB News

Annual General Meeting of Voluntary Action Barnsley

You are invited to attend the annual general meeting of the members of Voluntary Action Barnsley at **Royston Civic Hall, Station Road, Royston, Barnsley S71 4EQ on Wednesday 4 November 2009 from 11:30 until approx 15:00.**

There will be opportunity to find out more about VAB services from 11.30am and lunch will be served at 12 noon. **The AGM itself will commence promptly at 12.45 pm** (please allow 10 minutes for registration).

This year's guest speaker will be **Don Booker MBE**, local journalist and motoring writer. Over the years Don has undertaken a great deal of voluntary work for his local church and charities such as the Barnsley Hospice; as well as being a supporter and advocate of his local scout group.

You will also have the opportunity to find out VAB's plans for the future development of our services for Third Sector organisations and there will be an opportunity for you to meet our staff to find out more about our services.

The business of the meeting will be:

1. To receive the annual audited accounts and reports for the financial year ended 31st March 2009
2. To re-appoint the auditors
3. To elect/re-elect trustees in place of those retiring by rotation and to fill vacant positions
4. To elect chair
5. To award Honorary Memberships
6. To consider and, if thought fit, to pass resolutions which will be proposed as Special Resolutions.

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Important Info for all groups and volunteers:

Vetting and Barring Scheme established by the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Act 2006

Update – October 2009

As many of our groups in Barnsley will know Voluntary Action Barnsley teams have issued legal updates and facilitated various training events so that the Third Sector in Barnsley is made aware of the new Independent Safeguarding Authority Vetting and Barring Scheme and the forthcoming regulations which will be a legal requirement that will affect all people working and volunteering with children and vulnerable adults.

This update is intended to give some background to the regulations and the current timescales for implementation.

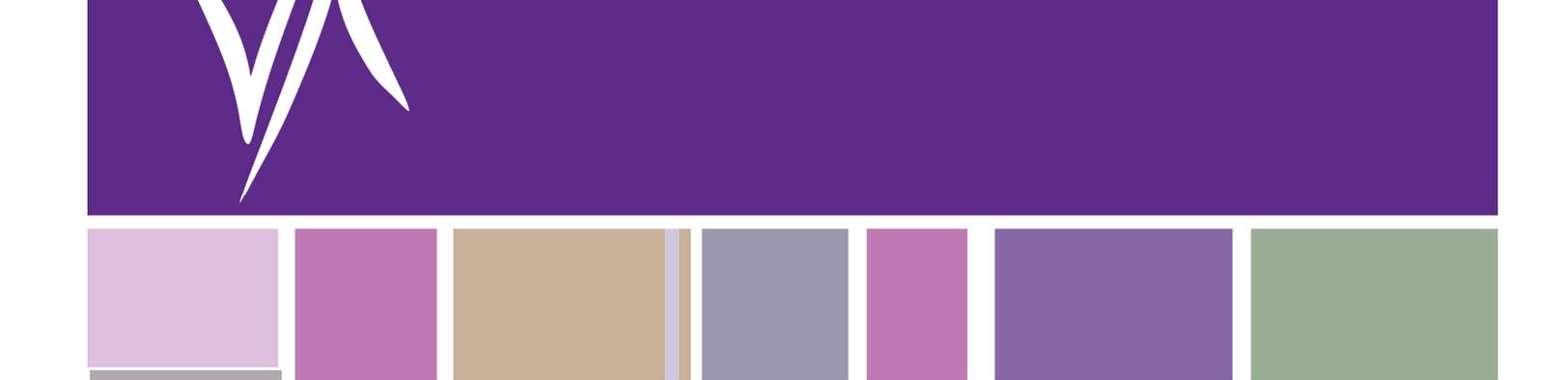
Background: The ISA Vetting and Barring Scheme was created in response to the recommendations made in the Bichard Inquiry arising from the Soham murders in 2002. The inquiry highlighted the need for a single agency to vet all individuals who want to work or volunteer with children and vulnerable adults, and to bar unsuitable people from doing so.

How will it work? Under the new scheme the ISA, chaired by Sir Roger Singleton, will administer two new barring lists (the Children's Barred list and the Adult's Barred list), which will replace the current three lists under the Protection of Children Act (POCA), the Protection of Vulnerable Adults Act (POVA), and section 142 of the Education Act (List 99).

The new scheme will require all those engaged in or seeking to work/volunteer closely with children or vulnerable adults (regulated activities) or (controlled activities) 'frequent and intense' support work in general health settings (NHS, education, adult social care, specific organisations with access to sensitive records) to be vetted firstly by the Criminal Records Bureau and registered with the ISA.

The cost of registration will be £64 in total per person (except for volunteers for whom it will be free of charge under current legislation).

These are the fees paid to the CRB by the organisation that submits the application, which if it is your employer must be a Registered Body, but they may pass the fee onto the applicant. However, where a Registered Body or an Umbrella Body is used, i.e. where an organisation other than a Registered Body employer is processing the application, there will be an additional charge for their administrative fee.



Definitions:

'Intensive' means three or more days in a thirty day period.

'Frequent' means once a month or more.

Regulated Activities is defined as meaning:

- Activities involving contact with children and vulnerable adults and is of a specified nature (e.g. teaching, training, care, supervision advice, medical treatment or in certain circumstances transport) on a frequent intensive and/or overnight basis:
- Activity involving contact with children and vulnerable adults in a specified place (care homes, schools) frequently or intensively:
- Fostering and childcare;
- Certain specified positions of responsibility (e.g. school governors, director of children's services, director of adult social services, trustees of certain charities)
- These positions are set out in the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006

Controlled Activities is defined as meaning:

A 'controlled activity' is much more limited in scope and will affect around 500,000 people. It is defined as covering the work of:

- Ancillary support workers in further education, the National Health service and adult social care (e.g. cleaners, caretakers, catering staff, receptionists) which is done frequently and gives the opportunity for contact with children or vulnerable adults:
- People working frequently for specified organisations (e.g. the Local Authority in exercising its education or social services functions) in roles which give them the opportunity to access sensitive records about children or vulnerable adults.
- Barred people can sometimes be employed in a 'controlled activities' providing tough safeguards and stringent supervision is in place.
- A person barred as a result of a relevant auto-bar caution will not be able to work or volunteer in a controlled activity in Wales.

Criminal Offence: Anyone providing a regulated activity must first be registered with the ISA. It will be a criminal offence for a barred or unregistered individual to undertake a regulated activity. For an employer, it will be a criminal offence to take on an individual for a regulated activity' or a 'controlled activity' without checking their ISA-status and/or to allow a



barred or unregistered individual to work in such an activity (the maximum penalty is a six month prison sentence and/or a fine).

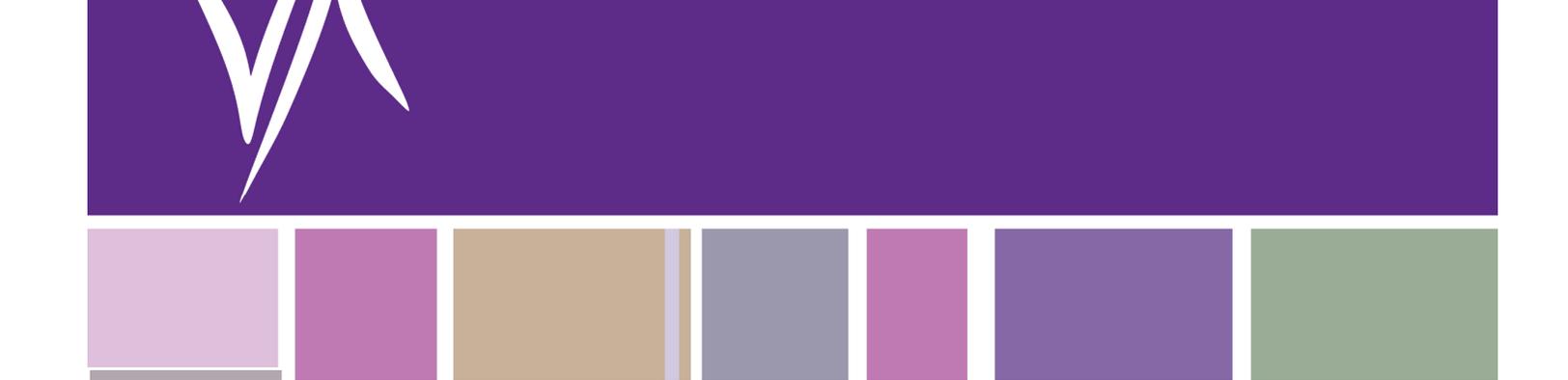
When will the scheme be implemented?

From October 2009

- The creation of two new ISA barred lists (administered by the ISA) which will replace the existing List 99, POCA and POVA Lists at present administered by several government departments.
- Checks on the new lists can be made as part of the Enhanced CRB check.
- Standard CRB checks will no longer be available for people working with children or vulnerable adults in a controlled activity; these will be replaced by the Enhanced CRB check.
- There is no change to the current application form or application process
- Employers will have a duty to refer relevant information to the ISA; the ISA will then investigate and determine the outcome of the referral.

From July 2010

- New employees or those changing roles to take 'regulated activities' and those changing jobs whilst working in a regulated activity may apply for ISA-registration for which the cost will be £64 (£28 ISA/£36 Enhanced CRB again plus administration costs where applicable) and the online ISA-registration service will be introduced at the same time (more information about this service will be issued as the scheme is developed).
- Those who are currently working with vulnerable groups but who are staying in their current role will not have to register until later in the five-year phasing in period. The ISA will provide further information on this process at a later date for employees who have been in a regulated activity for a while.
- Once an individual has been registered they will be 'subject to monitoring' and their registration status re-assessed if any new information about them come to light.
- Employers can subscribe or register an interest in an individual's ISA-registration status to be continuously informed of changes in an employee's registration status.
- Employers will be able to carry out free on-line checks of an individual's ISA-registration status (with the individual's consent) and be informed of any changes to that individual's status.

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- Individuals will be able to apply for ISA-registration and a CRB check (including an ISA check) on one new application form.

From November 2010

- It will be a legal requirement for individuals to register with the ISA if they intend to work or volunteer with vulnerable groups (and it will be each employee's responsibility to do this).
- Failure to comply with the new law could result in both employers and the new employees or volunteers having legal action taken against them.

From January 2014

- 'Controlled Activities' registration timetable begins.

Further information: The VBS is designed to ensure that anyone who presents a 'known' risk to vulnerable groups is prevented from working with them. However what it cannot do is guarantee that anyone who is not barred is 'safe' or 'suitable' to work with the vulnerable.

ISA checks do not replace CRB checks, all an ISA check will reveal is that the ISA check has found no reason why the individual should not work with children or vulnerable adults but a CRB check will reveal a fuller history of any previous criminal history unrelated to children or vulnerable adults but which may impact on the suitability of an individual to be employed in that position (e.g. a bus driver employed to transport children who may have driving offences)

[Some of the references in this article are extracts from: Jean Tsang, Bates Wells & Braithwaite. Other information from ISA web site]

For the ISA toolkit and further information and posters go to:

<http://www.isa.gov.org/toolkit>

Criminal Records Bureau Guidance: An updated 'Code of Practice' for CRB checks has been issued by the Bureau with effect from 6th April 2009 and older copies of the previous guidance should be disregarded.

For 2009-2010 the fees are for Standard (£26) and Enhanced (£36) but volunteer disclosures remain free of charge.

To download a copy, go to:

<http://www.crb.gov.uk/PDF/Code%20of%20Practice.pdf>

Other useful information: The 'safenetwork' site has lots of useful information (and a free backpack full of resources) about a range of issues relevant to the Third Sector:

To register for the free pack go to: <http://www.safenetwork.org.uk/resources>



New Training Calendar

The new training calendar has now been produced and can be downloaded from our website http://www.vabarnsley.org.uk/pdf/vab_courses09_final.pdf

The 2009-2010 training booklet providing a wide range of quality, good value courses and workshops from Voluntary Action Barnsley, The Northern College and South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau.

Be a Star The fashion Show!

Tuesday 20th October 2009, 12 noon - 2.00pm
Catwalk 1: approx 12 noon & Catwalk 2: approx 13.45pm
The Mall, Barnsley Town Centre

Be a Star has transformed local breastfeeding mums to look like models, celebrities, singers and actresses, making breastfeeding glamorous and appealing. Now the girls are going to hit the catwalk and celebrate breastfeeding with you the people of Barnsley!

This promises to be a spectacular event full of glitz and glamour!!

The first 250 women to register their details will receive a free goody bag!
(While stocks last/limited to one per person)

**For more info contact the Breastfeeding Team at VAB on
01226 320 108**

Training

Voluntary Action Barnsley currently holds funding to support 16-19 year old NEETs (not in employment, education or training) in achieving an NVQ. The funding runs out on the 31st of March 2010 and there are still a few places left. Each individual will be placed with an organisation within a voluntary role and enrolled on an NVQ in the subject that fits the role they are doing. If you know of anyone who would be interested in accessing this opportunity please contact Helen on 01226 320109 or email

helen.langley@vabarnsley.org.uk.

Click here http://www.vabarnsley.org.uk/pdf/neets_poster_2009.pdf to view the flyer which provides a little more detail of the benefits to the NEET young people.

Local News

The High Sheriff's Award

Do you know someone working in your community who deserves recognition?

If so why not nominate them for a High Sheriff's Award?

This is the 17th year of the award that recognises the work done by individuals in the community. It can be a nomination for a volunteer or someone who occupies a paid community role but just goes the extra mile.

There is also an Under 18 Award presented to any unsung hero making a difference in his or her community.

The winner will receive a certificate and a substantial donation to the charity of his or her choice.

For further information or to make a nomination contact:

Helena Muller, High Sheriff of South Yorkshire
Slade Hooton Hall, Nr Laughton-en-le-Morthen, South Yorkshire, S25 1YQ
or email to helena@lostchord.fsnet.co.uk

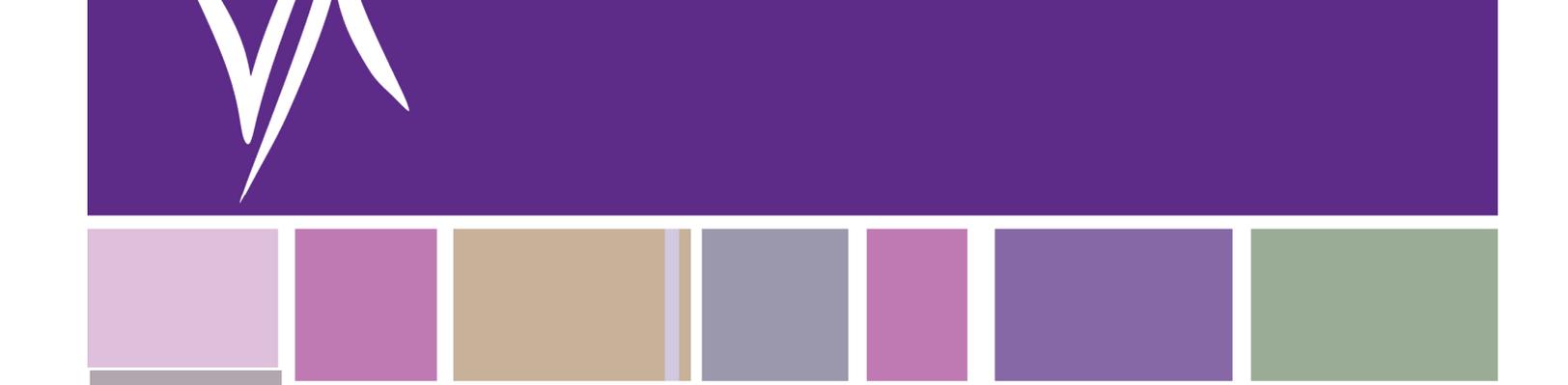
Nominations must be received by January 29th 2010

Kids Earth



A new Volunteering opportunity will become available shortly called Kids Earth.

The project is run and inspired by Jozsef Untisz a young man with a passion for the outdoor life, gardening and the local community.



Assisted by his father and small local team of volunteers, they hope to develop the site and encourage healthy living and the benefits of "Growing your own".

Kids Earth are a new community based activity centre focusing on teaching children and families the benefits of growing your own fruit and vegetables and being part of the community to help each other on the site.

Further details will be available shortly regarding the volunteering that may include Garden Designers, Development Workers, Garden Activity Leaders and some indoor activities during the winter months such as Art and Crafts Leaders.

Volunteers will be needed to help run the centre and more people to take part. The bulk of the opportunities are around the weekend at the moment but it is hoped this can be extended throughout the week when more people join and the weather improves.

Martin Sugden and Beryl Cooper from VAB went along recently to find out more about the work on site and were very impressed with the site and Jozsef's enthusiasm for the project.

At only 17 he has already achieved a great deal and currently writes his own successful funding bids for the site.

The project is hoping to attract young volunteers aged 16 to 25 but will consider people of all ages relevant to the project and experience. This project is funded by the **Big Lottery Fund**.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

**NO COMMITTEE
NO DAISY CHAINS**

NEXT MEETING @ DAISY CHAINS

MONDAY 7.30 PM

19TH OCTOBER 2009

My Contact details are Sarah Skipper 01226 761852

Daisy Chains Pre-School

c/o Thurlstone Primary School

Royd Moor Road

Thurlstone

S36 6FX



Events

South Yorkshire

Condition Management Programme Taster Day.

19th October 2009

10 am – 3pm

The Core,
County Way, Barnsley, S70 2JW
Tel: 01226 320100

The taster days have been developed by the team in response to requests made by community partners who would like to increase their knowledge of the service and experience aspects of our programme.

The aim of the day is to equip attendees with information so they feel confident when promoting the service, learn how to refer and build relationships.

Lunch and a certificate of attendance are provided. If you wish to attend please confirm your place to Amy Steele, Team leader, at amy.steele@syorkscmp.co.uk.

Please note any special dietary or access requirements.

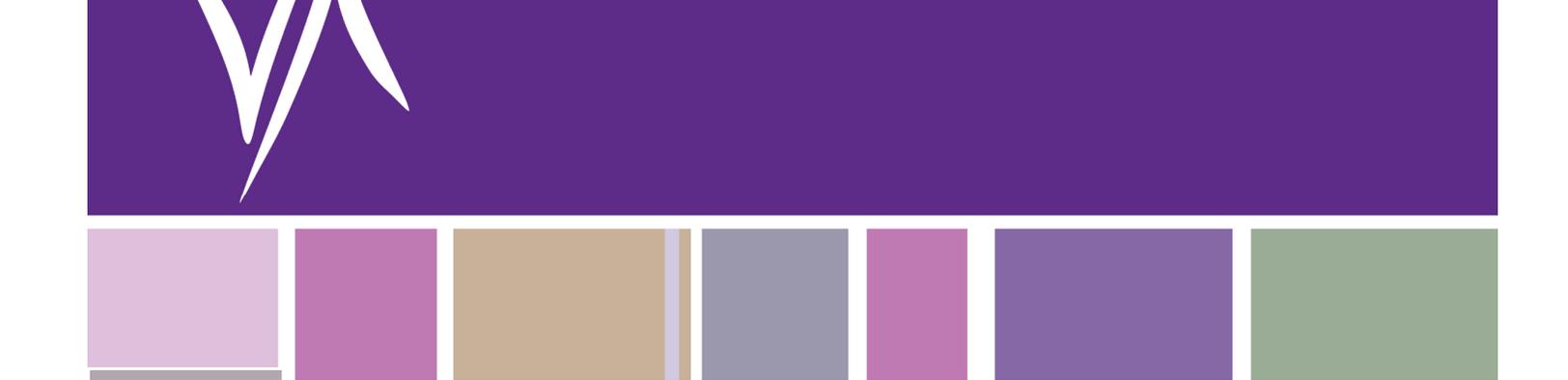
Join the Big Barnsley Care Debate Friday 16th October 10:30am until 2:00pm Priory Campus, Lundwood, Barnsley

The Government has published '*Shaping the Future of Care Together*', a Green Paper on the reform of the adult care and support system in England.

Care and support helps people do everyday things like living in their own homes, working, shopping and caring for their family, which most of us take for granted.

The current system is struggling to meet the needs of our society. Designed back in the 1940s, when life expectancy was shorter and social attitudes and expectations were very different, it urgently needs updating.

Shaping the Future of Care Together spells out a vision to build a National Care Service that is fair, simple and affordable for all adults in England. It sets out the options for service reform, and how the new system could be organised and paid for.



It's publication marked the start of the **Big Care Debate**, a consultation which will continue until 13 November 2009. The Government wants to hear as many views as possible and this is where you come in.

We will be holding our own Big Barnsley Care Debate on **Friday 16th October from 10:30am until 2:00pm at Priory Campus** to discuss the Government's proposals and formulate our responses to the consultation questions.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Please confirm your attendance by emailing geoffpearmain@barnsley.gov.uk or telephoning 772337.

If you are unable to attend this event you can find out more information about the debate and have your say at www.careandsupport.direct.gov.uk

All of us – whether as service users, carers, relatives, or taxpayers – have an interest in the future of the care and support system. It is vital that we all engage in the Big Care Debate – join us to help shape the future of care together.

Black History Celebration
17th October from 1pm to 6pm at Northern College
A free day out for all the family

Fair Trade stall, hair braiding, I.T. workshops and much more.

Workshops:

- African Jewellery
- African Drumming
- African Dancing
- African Poetry

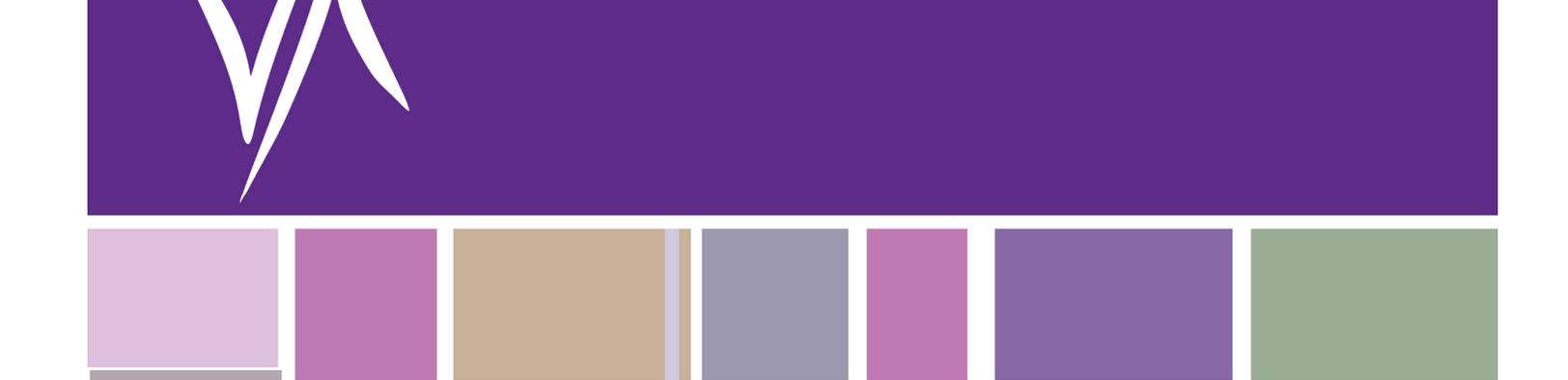
Performances:

- Dancing
- Drumming
- Poetry

Timetable:

- 1:00pm - Event opens
- 1:15pm - Workshops
- 5:00pm - Performances
- 6:00pm - Close

Snacks will be available to purchase on the day. **For further information contact Liz Pickering T: 01226 776000 E: liz@afcl.ac.uk**



Fed up of walking on your own?

Come along and have a chat, get some fresh air and exercise.

- Be more active
- Meet new people
- Suitable for beginners

Meet at Worsborough Mill car park (by the pay and display machine)

There will be a free pedometer for anyone who comes along to join the group (worth £7)

Starting on the 22nd October from 10:00 – 11:00 and then every Thursday (10-11am) thereafter

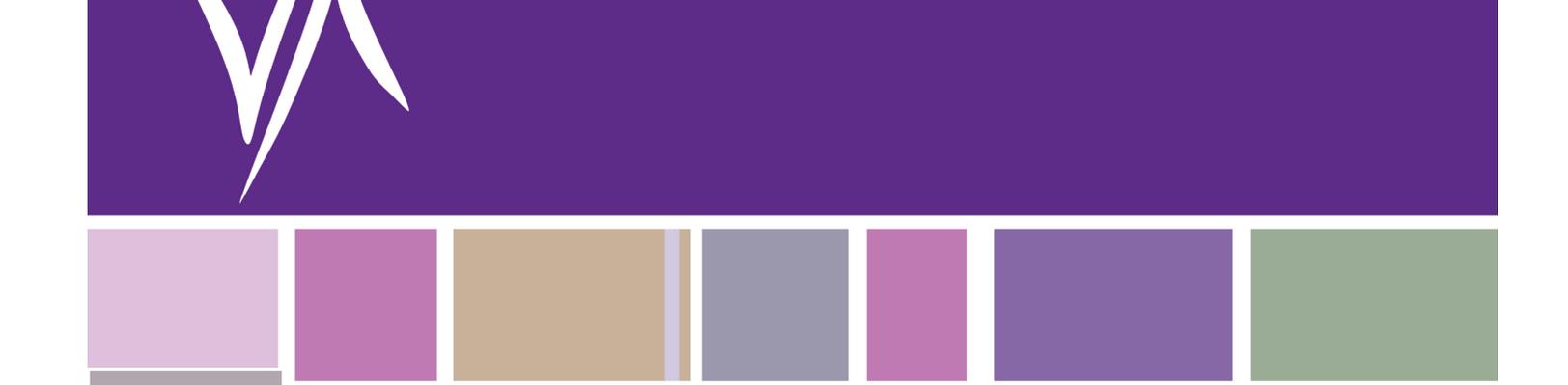
Contact Julia Wright or Kate Lewis on 01226 737035 or 01226 737031

Hate & Hidden Crime Conference Barnsley on Tuesday 3rd November 2009

This is our first conference covering all hate & hidden crime. It promises to be a day full of useful information with guest speakers offering their insight from a national and local perspective into tackling hate and hidden crime. The conference is based on a four strand approach. **Enforcement: Prevention: Support: and Rehabilitation.**

Alexandra Hurst from the Home Office will be speaking about Hate Crime Action Plan which is due to be published soon. The Crown Prosecution Service will be talking about hate crime and the law. Jasvinder Sangara from Karma Nirvana will be delivering an insight into Forced Marriages, Deborah Drury will be giving a presentation on the South Yorkshire Sexual Abuse Referral Centre. Dianne Weston will be discussing 'tackling Inequalities and Disabilities and other specialists will be looking at Racism, Homophobia and Domestic abuse. There will be round table discussions and a chance to 'ask the expert panel'.

Contact: Colin Brotherston & Max Senior
Principal Hate and Hidden Crime Officers
Barnsley Community Safety Service
Direct Line: 01226 774950 Fax: 01226 787453
e-mail: colinbrotherston@barnsley.gov.uk Maxwellsenior@barnsley.gov.uk



Invitation to One Barnsley Learning Lunch
Tuesday 24th November – European Funding made simple
Speakers – Eleanor Dearle - European Officer, BMBC and Steve Avery
- Investment Planning Manager, BMBC
Venue: Cabinet Office, Town Hall
Time: 12.00 - 1.45 pm (Lunch and refreshments will be provided)

European Funding - otherwise called "Structural Funds", "ESF", "ERDF" "RDPE", "EAGGGF", "INTERREG", "URBACT" and lots of other acronyms.
Confused? Don't be!

European funds play an important role in regenerating Barnsley. This lunch will cut through the jargon and give an overview of European funding for regional and local development. We'll describe what is currently funded, what the process is for using these funds and discuss what should be funded in the future.

Who should attend? If your job involves economic development, business support, work with unemployed people or helping adults and young people develop their skills then this lunch will be of interest to you.

Please confirm your attendance at helenknox@barnsley.gov.uk or phone on 01226 77 3405. Places are limited but please forward on to relevant colleagues. Non-confirmation leads to a number of problems, specifically if the event is cancelled I cannot get that message to you.

Helen Knox Community Planning Officer, Phone - 01226 77 3405 e mail: helenknox@barnsley.gov.uk

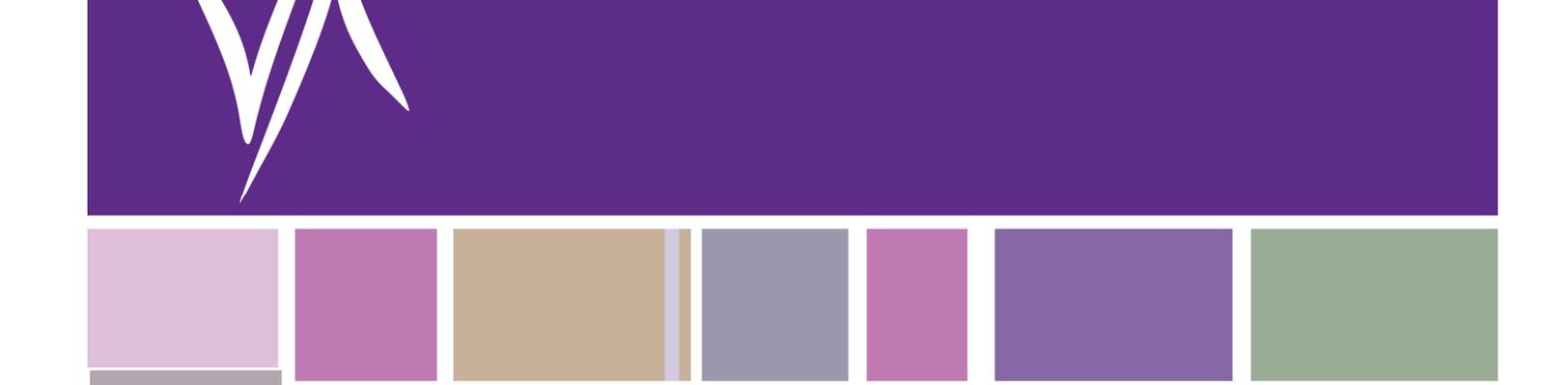
General News

Need Volunteers to help with your IT?

iT4C has been sponsored by Nominet Trust to pilot a mentoring programme.

We have volunteers who have an IT qualification but are not currently employed. They are supported by an experienced IT professional as their mentor to help them complete an IT project for you. Do you or an organization you know have a project that needs them?

We are looking for website work, database work, some strategy or research projects that are going to help your organization do what it does even better with good technology to assist.



Would you be happy to work with a less experienced volunteer in this supported way?

There will be the chance to network with other organizations who are joining in, get access to wider advice and support from all the programme participants and via free advice and guidance seminars.

If you think you have a project that is right for a less experienced but qualified volunteer then please email the following details to email: info@it4communities.org.uk

- A paragraph about your organization, address & contact details
- A short paragraph about the project/s you have in mind
- Confirmation that there would be someone within your organisation who could give 2 hours a week to manage your volunteer project from Nov '09-May 2010

For more information about the project please see:

<http://www.it4communities.org.uk/it4c/home/mentoring.html>

We will not be able to find a suitable match for everyone but we will endeavour to support as many as we can.

Contact: Anne Stafford, Programme Manager iT4Communities
Introducing Volunteer IT Professionals to Charities Needing IT Help

Tel: 020 7796 2144 www.it4communities.org.uk

SILKSTONE COMMON Parish Hall

Available for meetings, training, playgroups & children's parties

Silkstone Parish Council are investigating taking over the Mission Rooms off Ben Bank Road in Silkstone Common from the Silkstone Church.

Are you involved in a local group that would be interested in using this facility (which includes a hall, toilets and kitchen)?

The Hall is suitable for meetings, training, children's playgroups and Children's Birthday parties and includes an outside open space.

The Parish Council would like to see the Mission Rooms become a Parish Hall for the use of the community; but will only take over the running of the Hall if sufficient user groups are found to cover the maintenance and running costs of the building.

If you are a member of a local group or know of a group outside the Parish who may be interested please pass on the Parish Clerk's details:

Mrs Canadine Tel: 01226-391343 or e-mail silkstoneclerk@tiscali.co.uk to discuss.



Opportunity to link your project to London 2012!

Non-commercial organisations now have the opportunity to apply to be part of the Inspire programme, which is part of the London 2012 Olympics campaign.

This isn't a funding programme, but a way to link your project to the Olympics, to use the 2012 brand and to access marketing and communications support.

For eligibility criteria visit
<http://www.london2012.com/get-involved/inspire-programme/index.php>

For information about the way Yorkshire and the Humber is gearing up for 2012 go to <http://www.yorkshire-gold.com/>

If you would like to contribute to this bulletin please contact Naomi Douglas on 01226 320107 or e mail naomi.douglas@vabarnsley.org.uk