

Voluntary Action Barnsley (VAB) BCVN Bulletin February 2009

Are you over 19? Are you unemployed but want to work?

Voluntary Action Barnsley is now running a project to support people who **want** to return to work if their barriers to work can be overcome. Volunteering has been identified as a way into employment, providing opportunities to gain experience and develop new skills and qualifications. So, if you or someone you know or work with is struggling to find a way into work and would like;

- help to build confidence
- to develop new skills
- 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.

- we have a peer support group for those on the programme, reducing isolation and providing a sense of belonging
- we have mentors that can support throughout this process
- we can provide opportunities to gain experience via volunteering (volunteering is not compulsory in order to join the programme)

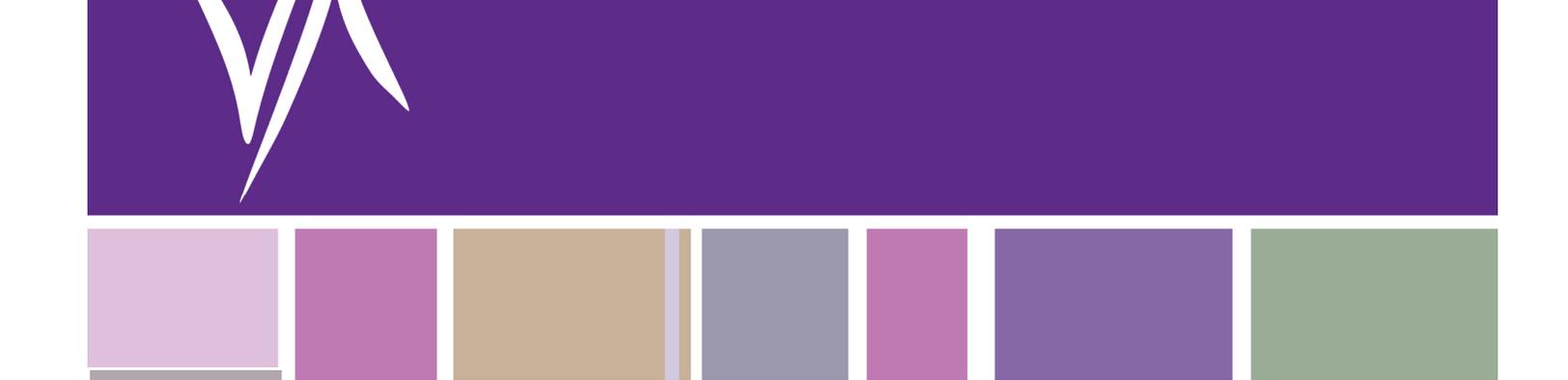
The whole programme is person centred working with the individual at their pace. They choose what they want to access.

If you have even just a few hours spare a week and you 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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Fire Warden Training

If you are an employer, business owner or in control of premises the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 states that you "must ensure that your employees are provided with adequate safety training"

Training is taking place on March 9th at The Core, County Way, Barnsley from 09:00 to 12:30

Contact Angela Jones on 01226 320102 for more info.
The course costs £45

Participation Team News

Barnsley LINK (Local Involvement Network) Update by Caroline Makinson

We would like to hear from any community groups/organisations/ third sector providers of health and social care and members of the public that are interested in getting involved in supporting the LINK and the 6 sub groups that have been established.

In order to reach all communities I'm planning outreach work to promote the work of the LINK, so if you are planning, or know of any community events in your areas, could you please let me know. Alternatively I can come along to meetings to talk to your members about the LINK.

The Children and Young People's Sub Group launch will take place on Tues 24th Feb, 4.30 – 7pm, at Greenacre School.

The LINK newsletter can be viewed here
http://www.vabarnsley.org.uk/pdf/link_jan_09.pdf

If you require any more information please call Caroline on 01226 320106 or caroline.makinson@vabarnsley.org.uk

Intermediate Care Mapping Day

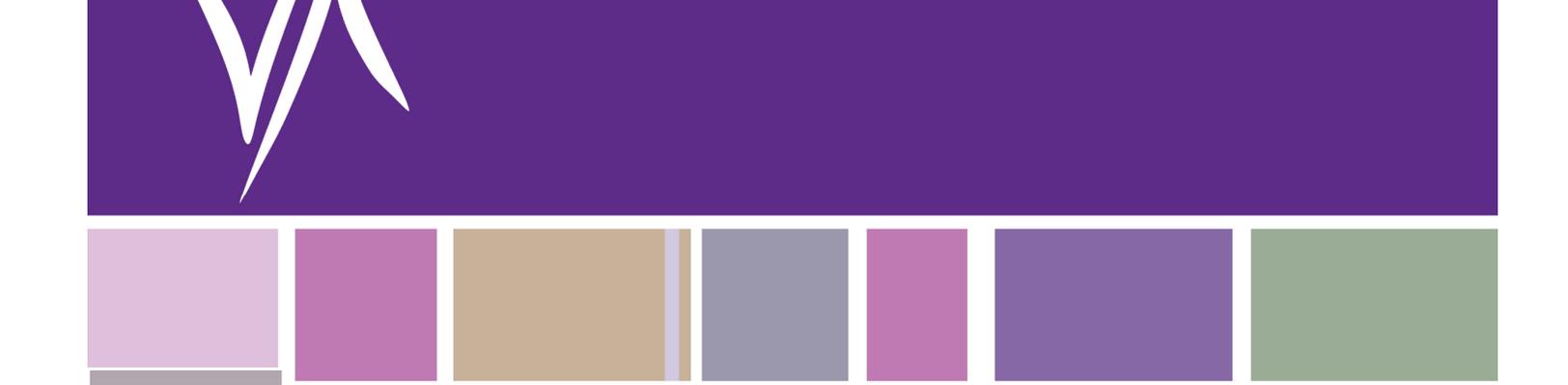
Tuesday 24th February

9:30am to 4:30pm

Bramah Board Room, Digital Media Centre

(lunch will be provided)

At the last meeting of the Intermediate Care Strategy it was agreed that services exist which contribute to the aims and outcomes of intermediate care /rehabilitation /reablement which are not currently recognised as part of intermediate care services. It was decided that a full day's meeting was needed in order to map all relevant services. This will help to inform the review of intermediate care services which is currently taking place.



Intermediate care is a short period (normally no longer than six weeks) of intensive rehabilitation and treatment or intensive care. The aim is to make sure that people who would otherwise be admitted to hospital, or who would need to be in hospital for a long period, are as independent as possible. Intermediate care may also reduce or delay the need for long-term residential or nursing care.

On the day the Adult Services Planning and Commissioning Team will map services across the health and social care community in Barnsley which contribute to the intermediate care agenda taking into account all adult client groups and a whole systems perspective.

We are looking for attendees from across adult health and social care services who can clarify in what ways their services link with, or contribute towards, the intermediate care/reablement agenda.

If you are unable to attend this event but would like to contribute to the mapping exercise, please forward any relevant information to Gail Barlow, Voluntary Action Barnsley, The Core, County Way, Barnsley, S70 2JW or e-mail: gail.barlow@vabarnsley.org.uk

Could you please confirm your attendance to Helen Norton, Planner/Commissioner on 01226 775838 or by email at helennorton@barnsley.gov.uk

Update from our Advice Team

By Shokat Hayat, Business Advisor, VAB

April 2009 will bring a number of changes to employment law.

For example,

- From 6th April 2009 the law for handling discipline, grievance and dismissal will change. The existing procedure will be repealed and will be replaced by a new Code of Practice which will make dealing with disputes in the workplace easier for employers.
- From 1 April 2009 the statutory annual leave entitlement is increased from 24 to 28 day (inclusive of bank holidays).
- There are also extensions to the right to request flexible working.

A comprehensive update on all the forthcoming changes will be provided in the next VAB Legal up Date, which will be available from 1st March 2009.

For more info contact Shokat on 01226 320 113



Local news

Taking Digital Photography to the Community

Would you like to find out more about Digital Photography?

Dearne Valley Camera Club are pleased to announce that they will, this year, be undertaking a number of evenings whereby they will go along, at no cost to yourselves, to demonstrate the new age of digital photography.

During the evening, groups will be able to see prize-winning photographs, receive basic instructions as to how best to take a picture and get hands on with some of the equipment.

So if your group is looking for an evening with a difference why not contact the club on telephone 0114 2848111

Horizons & Aspirations

Generate South Yorkshire

7th April 2009 at Priory Campus

If you would like to work with like minded professionals to create and shape the future for social enterprises in South Yorkshire, attend the Social Enterprise Network Launch for G.8.S.Y.

If you would like to find out more or to book a place call 01226 770610

Queens Garden Party – Nominations

The Lord Lieutenant for South Yorkshire, David Moody is asking for nominations for invitations to the Queen's Garden Parties for this year on the 7th, 14th and 21 July.

If you can think of anyone you would like to nominate please contact Mike Smith, Lieutenancy Officer, 18 Regent Street, Barnsley, S70 2HG
Tel: 01226 772821 email: sburrows@syjs.gov.uk

You should include the name of the nominee and a short paragraph about why you think they should attend. Places are limited so there is no guarantee that your nominee will be sent an invitation.

Training to raise awareness of Sexual violence and intimate partner relationships

Courses will run on the 23rd February and the 23rd March

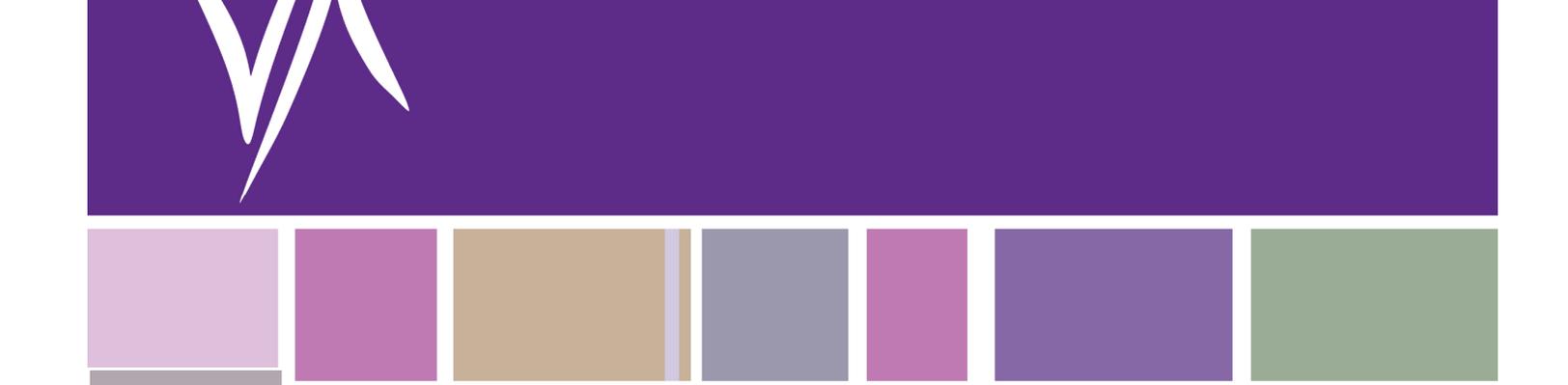
A one day course looking at:

- What is sexual violence?
- Myths and realities of sexual violence
- How common is sexual violence in intimate relationships
- Who are the perpetrators and who are the victims
- The law and sexual violence
- Sexual violence in same sex relationships
- Are some people more vulnerable than others?
- What local and national responses exist to support victims/survivors?
- How to help and support colleagues /service users who disclose sexual violence.



**The training is suitable for anyone who works with people in a professional setting who are vulnerable/accessing services.
The training venue is "The Core, County Way, Barnsley S72
2JW**

**please book your place by phoning 01226 208666 / 01226320140
or e mail info@bsarch.org**



Gypsy Traveller Health Conference

Priory Campus Barnsley

24th March 2009

10am Start

UCLAN South Yorkshire Gypsy Traveller Community Research Project Report
Launch

The conference will include:

- The health status of Gypsies and Travellers.
- Local developments.
- How to better engage with the Gypsy and Traveller communities.
- Advantages and disadvantages of mainstreaming service provision vs. specialist workers.
- An opportunity to listen to the voices of the community.
- Performance by Geese Theatre Company

For Further Information & To Book A Place Please Contact:

BBEMI Office: TELE: 01226 284477

4 Burleigh Court, Barnsley S70 1XY

Pay & Employment Rights Service (Yorkshire) Ltd

Ending the Employment Contract

24th February 2009 10 -1 pm

Chesney Community Centre, Featherstone, Wakefield

Sometimes the worst happens and an organisation must "let staff go". This may be because of redundancy, incapability or misconduct, or because of involuntary retirement. If distress is to be kept to a minimum, it is important that such difficult situations are handled both sensitively and correctly. This course will look at each of these situations and tell you what the law says you should do and suggest how you might apply best practice.

To book your place please email admin@pers.org.uk

Fawzia Mir, T: 01924 439587 F: 01924 437166 E: director@pers.org.uk

W: <http://www.pers.org.uk>

FREEDOM from ABUSE in BARNSELY

A SAFEGUARDING EVENT

Safeguarding Adults in Barnsley including people who direct their own support

Who is this event for: people who use services and carers/families.

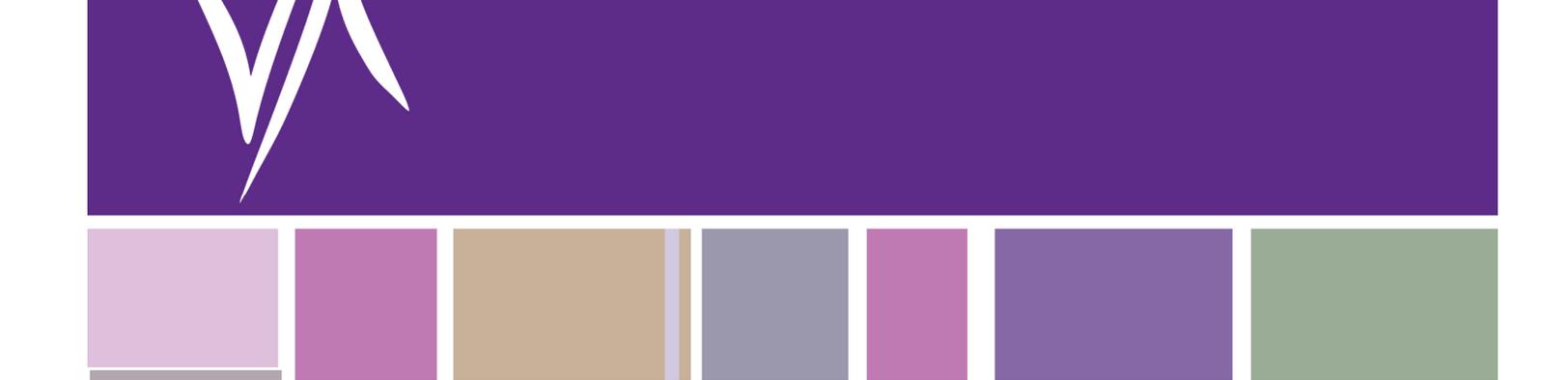
Ardsley House, Doncaster Road, Barnsley S71 5EH

On 17th March 2009

LUNCH 12.00 noon to 1.00pm Event start 1.00pm 4.00pm

To secure a place please contact: Lynne Jeyes on 01226 772379 or

elynnjeyes@barnsley.gov.uk



Make every contact count event

The 2009 NHS Yorkshire and the Humber 'Making Every Contact Count' Conference will be held on:

**Wednesday 25th February (9.15am – 4.30pm)
Doncaster Racecourse, Doncaster**

Healthy Ambitions has set out an ambitious vision for improving health in Yorkshire and the Humber. The 'Staying Healthy' care pathway challenges the region to 'make every contact count' and industrialise behaviour change. This event is an opportunity to share practice, expertise and new developments.

The challenge to 'Making Every Contact Count' is empowering and ensuring our workforce is in the right place at the right time with the right skills and facilitate individuals and communities to make life changing and behaviour changing decisions.

The event is aimed at all organisations whether local authority, NHS, voluntary sector, primary and secondary care, education commissioners and providers.

Whether your role is in commissioning, provider, strategy or education, is your role to deliver or contribute to any of the following:

- Health Inequalities
- Health and Wellbeing
- Behaviour Change
- Change 4life
- Public Health
- Smoking Cessation
- Obesity
- Alcohol Consumption
- Workforce planning or development
- Human Resource

To book your place at the conference please email everycontactcount@cragrats.com with your name, job title, contact details and the number of places you require. You will then be sent further information regarding the sessions and joining instructions over the next few weeks.

Or if you require any further information, please email Anna Swallow at the above address or telephone 01484 691337.

RLSS NATIONAL POOL LIFEGUARD COURSE



At WOMBWELL SWIMMING POOL
Which is a RLSS approved training centre
With above 90% pass rate and 10 years experience in delivering NPLQ
Courses

Sundays March 1st 8th 15th 22nd 29th

Price £185

For Further details & an application pack, please contact
Mrs J Loy, Aquatics Development Manager
Tel 01226 744138 or Mobile 07866465050
Dearne Valley College working in conjunction with Barnsley Premier Leisure

Funding News

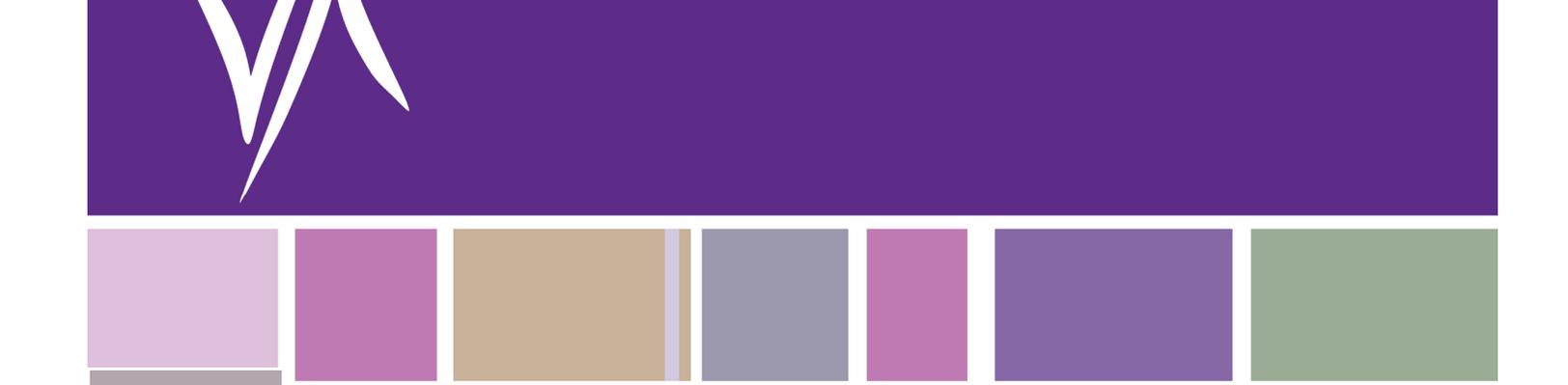
The following funding schemes have been added to
"governmentfunding.org.uk" a website about access to government grants
by the voluntary and community sector.

Parks For People (Yorkshire and the Humber)

Parks for People aims to regenerate public parks of national, regional
or local heritage value for the enjoyment and recreation of local
people. Funding will be available for not-for-profit organisations that
own or manage a public park.

Getting Money from Government - only four dates left!

This hugely popular seminar looks at how the funding relationship
between statutory and voluntary organisations is changing, using



examples and case studies to look at the implications and issues involved. Essentials for trustees, managers and anyone responsible for fundraising and grant applications, the day will cover everything from getting the money - practical techniques for success to negotiating the best deal for your beneficiaries and understanding the changing funding environment.

Go to <http://www.dsc.org.uk/govfunding> for more details and to book.

General News

News from the Office of the Third Sector (OTS)

Recently Liam Byrne, Minister for the Cabinet Office, launched the Third Sector Action Plan 'Real Help for Communities: Volunteers, Charities and Social Enterprises.' The plan has been developed as a strategic response to help the sector emerge stronger from the current economic climate and, crucially, target help towards those that need it most. You can find further details of the plan through the link

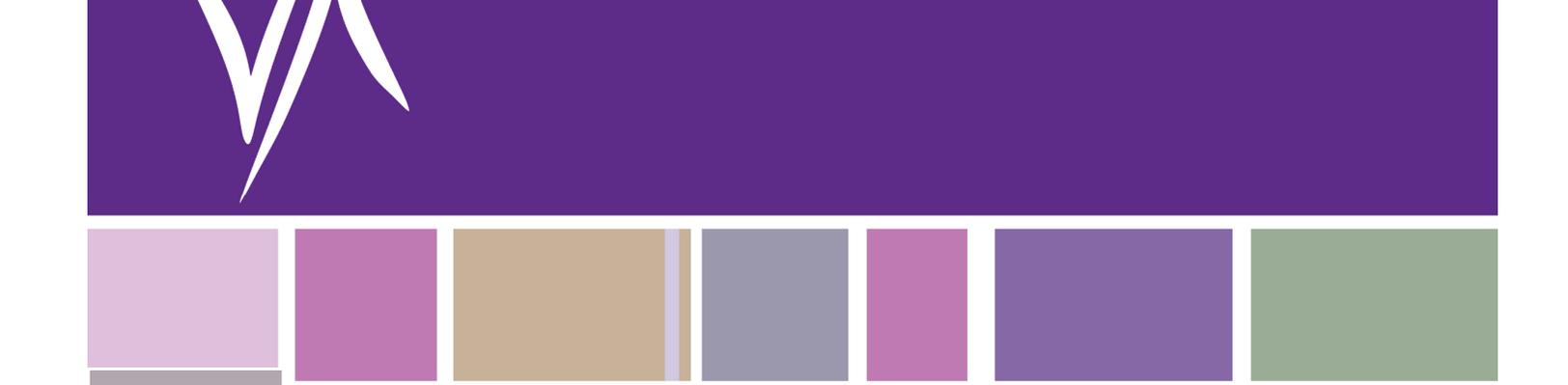
http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/real_help_for_communities.aspx

OTS is pleased to announce a number of measures, including:

- Up to £10 million investment in volunteer brokerage scheme for unemployed people with create over 40,000 opportunities for people to learn new skills and give back to communities through volunteering.
- A £15.5 million Community Resilience Fund will provide grant funding to small and medium providers in our most deprived communities. This is in addition to the £130 million already committed to the Grassroots Grants programme meaning more small grants to more community groups.
- A £16.5 million modernisation fund to help with the cost of mergers, partnerships and moves to more efficient sharing of back office functions for at least 3000 third sector organisations.
- A £0.5 million investment in the School for Social Entrepreneurs to double the number of people it trains to become social entrepreneurs, particularly those working in deprived communities.

A national campaign to raise awareness of the Government's commitment to pay all invoices within 10 days, which will improve cash flow for small organisations

Thanks to all of the organisations that took part in the extensive consultation during the development of this plan. Since November, we have had more than 100 written submissions to our website and many more discussions with the sector itself as to the challenges you were facing and how Government could support the sector. The launch of the plan represents



the first stage of an ongoing discussion with the sector on how Government can support them during these challenging economic times.

Best wishes,

Campbell Robb

Director General

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In a spin about commissioning? Not sure what it is, or if it's for your group?

The Commissioning Carousel

A FREE day of workshops, advice and information for voluntary and community groups in West Yorkshire. Meet commissioners from your local area!

Put the date in your diary now! 27 March 2009 from 9.30am to 3.30pm at Kala Sangam St Peter's House, Bradford

Full programme and booking forms available from 23rd February 2009

For further information contact:

Lynne Burns, Fit4funding 01924 239063

<mailto:lynne.burns@fit4funding.org.uk>

The House of Commons Business and Enterprise Committee is conducting an inquiry into the future of Post Offices

MPs have set up an online forum to listen to the views of individuals and businesses that use Post Offices.

Please visit the forum, register, and share your views at:

<http://forums.parliament.uk/post-office-future/>

**If you wish to contribute an article to this bulletin
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