

Voluntary Action Barnsley (VAB) BCVN Bulletin January 2009

Sad news from VAB

Earlier this month Frank Phillips from our Young Volunteers team passed away unexpectedly.

Frank was a lovely man who really cared about the young people he worked with. We remember Frank as someone who could tell a great story, who liked a joke and who had a very loud and infectious laugh. The evidence of this can still be seen on the closing credits of the Young Volunteers Agency DVD, "Volunteer and The Monkey".



Frank worked with Voluntary Action Barnsley since February 2000, helping Dave Pankhurst with the Young Volunteers Agency, which started in April 1998.

Frank started as a support worker helping with disadvantaged and disaffected young people to improve their skills, learning opportunities and provide a support structure from their transition from school into full time education or employment.

Frank filmed the "Barnsley Through Your Eyes" video in 2003, which interviewed and examined many young people's attitudes towards life in Barnsley.

In 2004 Frank started working with the Elsecar Railway Heritage Group, which became the main host and venue for his project, which became known as the Extended Work Experience Programme.

In 2007 Frank also started to develop a piece of work with the Heritage Fire Service Elsecar, getting onto their committee and taking an active interest in their activities, so much so that the Elsecar volunteers had started to call him 'Tattoo' because he would always be seen wearing the fire service shirts and we at Young Volunteers were calling him 'Fireman Frank' as for us he never seemed to want to talk about anything else. The Heritage Fire Service at Elsecar and the Elsecar Heritage Railway Group became Frank's passion.

We will all miss big Frank and send our love out to his family and to the young people that he worked with over the years. Gone but not forgotten.

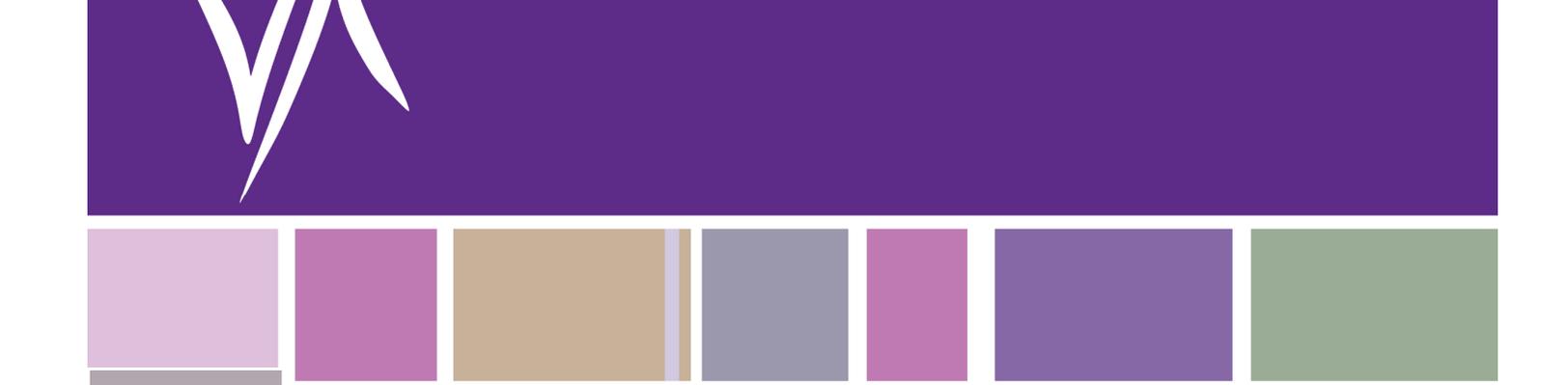


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Welcome to our new members of staff

VAB would like to introduce our new members of staff;

- Nigel Middlehurst has taken up the new post of External Services Manager
- Shokat Hayat has replaced Jane Jefferson in the post of Business Advisor
- Sarah Dodd has joined the Breastfeeding Link Project

Next BCVN meeting

March 17th 2009. Details to be confirmed nearer the time.

Update from our Advice Team

Pay & pensions:

HM Revenue & Customs has warned taxpayers not to respond to emails or telephone calls saying they are eligible for a tax refund and asking for personal, bank and/or credit card details. HMRC **only** communicates by post with people who are due a tax refund; it **never** uses emails, telephone calls or external companies in these circumstances. Anyone who receives a phishing email should forward it unopened to phishing@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk. Details: www.hmrc.gov.uk/security/fraud-attempts.htm.

Safeguarding Information Sessions

Providers of services for Children & Young People: Are you fully aware of your obligations to safeguard Children & Young People you have contact with?

The VAB Participation Team and Barnsley Safeguarding Children Board are planning to hold information sessions for Third Sector (Voluntary & Community) providers of services for Children and Young People, in order to raise awareness of the types of Safeguarding training available in the borough.

The sessions will include information around "Every Child Matters", Multi Agency Training and details of Introductory, Intermediate and Advanced Level training which may be appropriate for you or your colleagues.

We will be holding these sessions at community venues around the borough; please see the table below for details of the sessions available so far. We aim to arrange more of these sessions, which we will advertise in due course.

If you would like to book a FREE place, please call 01226 320106 and ask for James or reply to this email with your name, organisation details and contact

number - **Please clearly state which session you would like to attend (each session is identical, so you only need to attend one of the sessions listed below)**

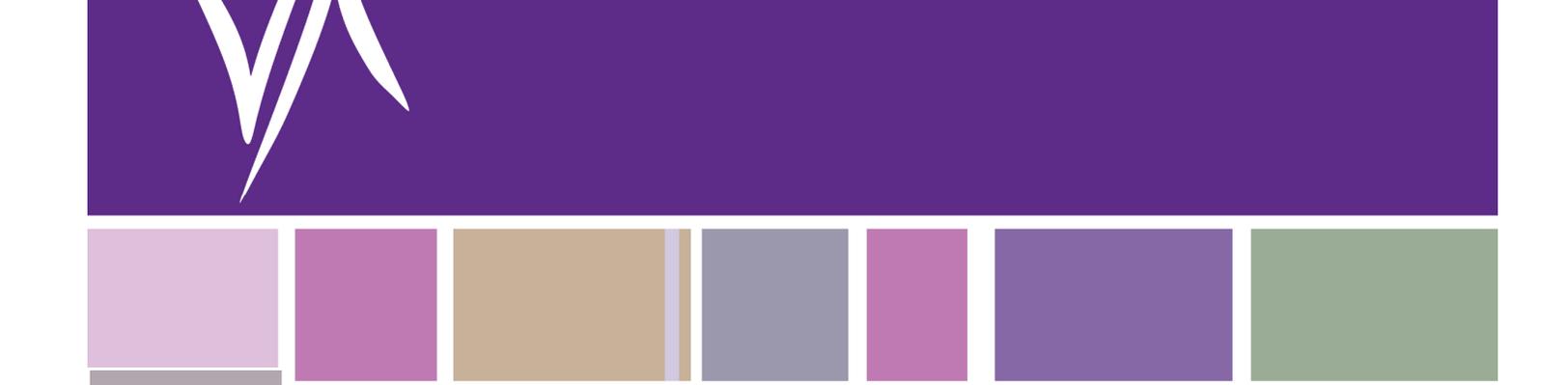
Name of venue/address	Available sessions - Each session is identical, so you only need to attend one of the following:
Thurnscoe Business Centre, Princess Drive, Thurnscoe, ROTHERHAM S63 0BL	4 February 09 Choose either: First session - 1pm to 2.15pm Second session - 2.30pm to 3.45pm
Athersley Roundhouse Lifelong Learning Centre, Laithes Crescent, Athersley North, BARNLEY S71 3AE	5 February 09 Choose either: First session - 9.30am to 10.45am Second session - 11am to 12.30pm
Cudworth Centre of Excellence & Library, Roberts Street, Cudworth BARNLEY S72 8UQ	6 February 09 Choose either: First session - 9am to 10.15am Second session - 10.30am to 11.45am
Kendray Resource Centre, Thornton Road, Kendray BARNLEY S70 3NG	11 February 09 Choose either: First session - 1pm to 2.15pm Second session - 2.30pm to 3.45pm
Darfield Road Community Centre, Darfield Road, Cudworth, BARNLEY S72 8RW	25 February 09 - Only one session available at this venue - 6.30pm to 8pm

Update on the Barnsley LINK

The Barnsley LINK is now gathering momentum since being established in September 2008. The Barnsley LINK (Local Involvement Network) is being established to give people a stronger voice and influence in how health and social care services are planned and delivered in Barnsley.

We have regular full general LINK meetings every couple of months for members, and have established six sub groups, which meet monthly for an hour or two – details are in the LINK Newsletter of the work they are concentrating on in order to support the LINK.

We would like to hear from any community groups/organisations that are interested in getting involved in supporting these groups and the setting up of the LINK.



Please contact Caroline Makinson (details below) if you require any other information about the sub groups or the Barnsley Local Involvement Network (LINK). To view the 1st newsletter click here http://www.vabarnsley.org.uk/pdf/link_jan_09.pdf

How Your Town Works" learning programme

The pilot for this programme has just been completed in December. It was the 1st learning programme for Barnsley's Third Sector of its type, running for ½ day a week over a 6 week period.

Twelve learners completed the programme that has been developed in partnership with One Barnsley Community Planning. The aim of the programme is " *to encourage citizens interested in taking a more active role in their community to become more active volunteers and more informed VCS representatives, who feel empowered to take part in local and/or borough wide partnerships and decision making bodies*"

Participants had the opportunity to find out:

- How the council works together with the Third Sector and other partners to improve Barnsley
- Who makes decisions and how do you influence them?
- How you can get more involved in changing things and strengthen the voice of your community

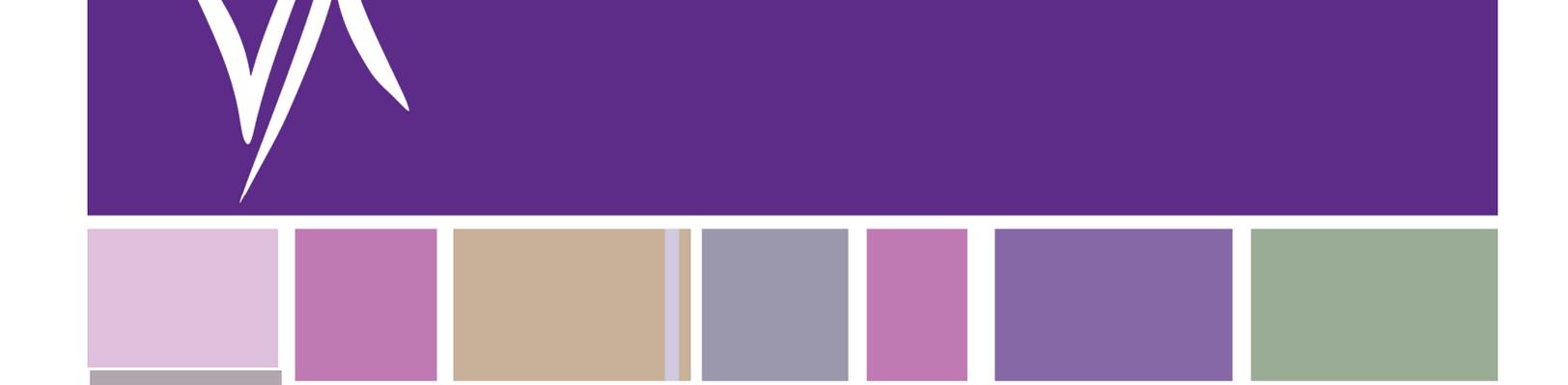
The course benefits people who are:

- Active in their communities and want to make more of an impact
- People who are involved in borough wide Third Sector organisations
- Paid workers who want to help their organisations become more involved.

For more info about Barnsley LINK or "How your Town Works" contact;

Caroline Makinson
LINK Development Officer

Voluntary Action Barnsley
Tel: 01226 320100



Local news

Notice of the Imminent Launch of Barnsley Council's 'Funding Opportunities' Website

In February Barnsley MBC will launch their new 'Funding Opportunities' website. This site will provide up to date, comprehensive and easily accessible news and advice on domestic and European funding opportunities in order to help support of Barnsley's voluntary and community groups, partners and local businesses in their pursuit of external funding. The ultimate aim of the website is to provide local organisations with a resource that will help them to help themselves secure a sustainable future by providing resources that can help them to quickly and easily identify which funding opportunities are out there and how to make the most of them.

From the website you can expect:

Funding search facilities using Grantnet: Grantnet is a powerful but very easy to use funding database that will allow organisations to carry out personalised searches for funding. It is particularly useful for voluntary, community and third sector organisations.

Funding News – this will provide up to date articles and alerts on all things funding related.

Funding Tips and Guidance - demystifying the often complex work of external funding by providing access to articles, guidance notes, case studies etc. to help you access the funds you need to succeed.

Spotlight on European Funding – providing information on current European funding regimes.

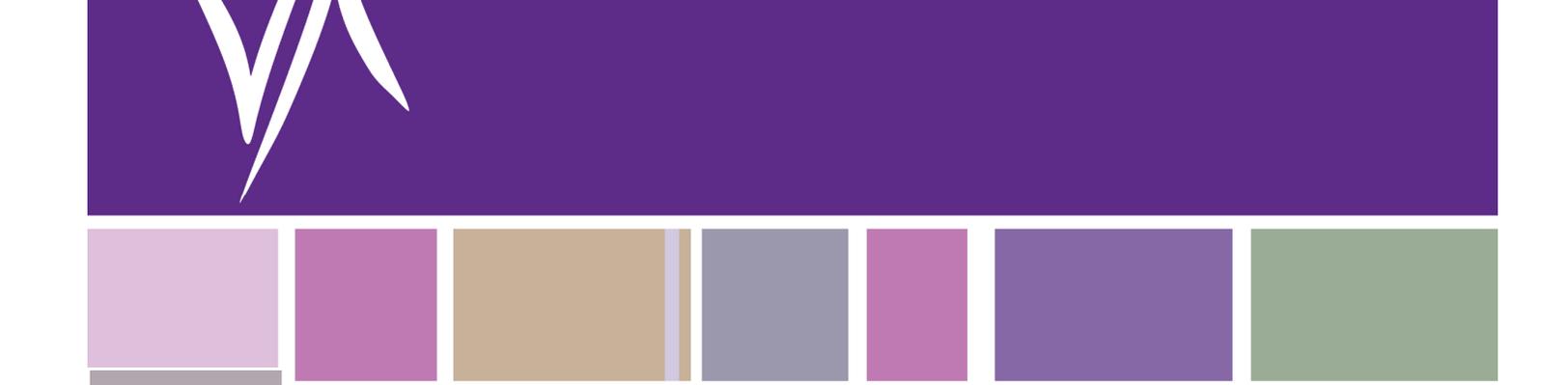
Glossary of Related terms- provides a glossary of Voluntary, Community and Charitable Organisation funding related terms.

Links to related websites, along with useful contacts - including for example Voluntary Action Barnsley, South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau and Yorkshire Forward.

VAB will provide you with a link to the Council's 'Funding Opportunities' website when its goes live in February.

HOST homes are needed this summer for young people from the UK and Mozambique as part of an international exchange programme.

The team of eighteen young people, nine from across the UK and nine from the southern African country, will volunteer with community organisations while staying with local residents.



The team will bring over 6,000 hours of volunteer service to Barnsley during their three month stay which starts in June.

The 18 to 25-year-olds will take part in Global Xchange - a fully funded initiative by the British Council and Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) - which is working in Barnsley for the first time.

Programme Supervisor, Phil Hanks is looking for local people who have a spare room and would like to host a pair of volunteers for between four and 10 weeks. ***"It's a great way for local people to find out about a different culture from the comfort of their own homes."***

Barnsley resident, Helen Lock took part on a Global Xchange in 2008 between Luton and Egypt. ***"Global Xchange is a fantastic programme and so I'm really excited that it is coming to Barnsley. My host home was fantastic and I am still in touch with them now."***

Hosts receive a contribution of £85 a week for a pair of volunteers – one from the UK and one from Mozambique. Volunteers are willing to share one room.

Hosts also receive an orientation about Global Xchange, two programme supervisors for support and a network of other hosts.

The 18 volunteers will fly to Barnsley in mid-June having just completed three months working on community projects in Mozambique.

Anyone interested in hosting can contact Phil on phil.hanks@vso.org.uk or ring him on 07879 880571.

Town Centre Communities Partnership

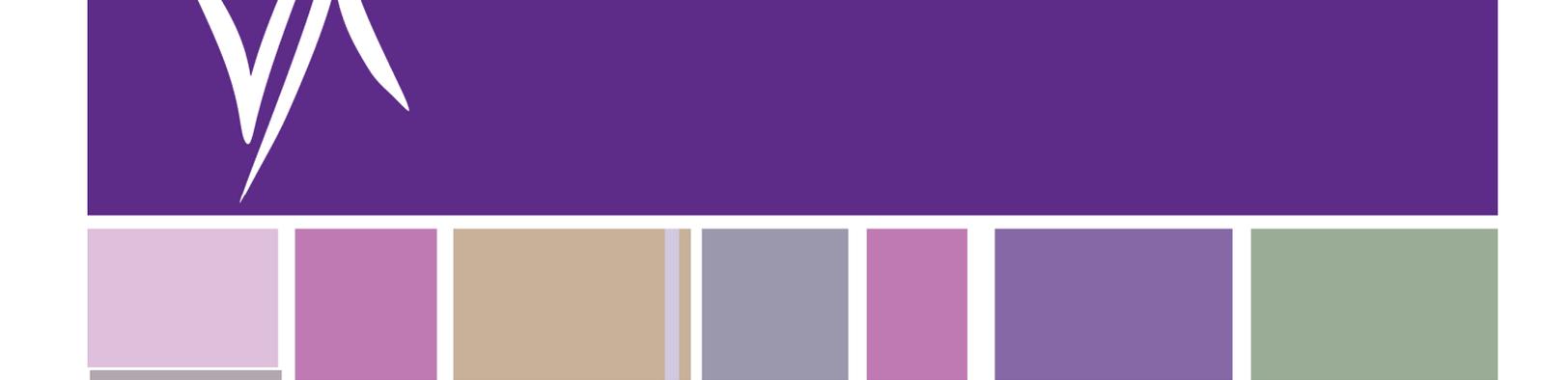
Please note that Town Centre Community Partnership has relocated to The Core, County Way, Barnsley S70 2JW.

They are still very much up and running and can be contacted on 01226 320147.

PROJECT AND FUNDING ADVICE SURGERY FOR BARNSELY GROUPS

**The Core, County Way, Barnsley
Thursday 19th February 2009
Between 10-00 and 4-00pm**

Together for Regeneration (TfR) and South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau (SYFAB) are holding a joint project and funding advice surgery with one-hour slots available for Barnsley based organisations and groups.



Support is offered by both agencies to community/voluntary/faith groups wishing to develop work within their communities who deliver projects that reflect local issues and needs. TfR and SYFAB are able to tailor their services and provide appropriate support to groups, including longer-term support, if possible. These services are free.

Places are limited so you need to book a time slot to attend the advice surgery and meet the two advisers. When you call you will be asked a few details about your organisation and the advice you are looking for.

To book at place, contact:

Gemma Stothard: 01226 320 143 or Gemma.stothard@tfr.org.uk

Ian Paisley: 01226 320 142 or ian@syfab.org.uk

**Information on TfR and SYFAB can be found on their websites:
www.tfr.org.uk and www.syfab.org.uk**

THE BARNSELY INTEGRATED LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICE is planning an active health week for people with learning disabilities, their families and carers.

The active health week is to be held
JUNE 15TH – 19TH 2009
Would you like to be involved?

FIND OUT MORE AT AN OPEN MEETING

On Thursday 26th Feb 2009 16.30 – 18.00
At Compass House, Castlereigh St, Barnsley
Please contact Jo Brown on 01226 775661 / 07786 708349

Progress Together – Launch Event

An introduction to the new ESF integrated worklessness programmes and how they are designed to support people in Barnsley

An important event for the public, private and voluntary sectors working within the worklessness agenda and with deprived communities. The day will provide opportunities to interact with individual delivery partners as well as the programme as a whole. This event is aimed at organisations who are tackling worklessness issues, particularly in deprived areas, so please do not respond unless you are clearly involved in this sort of work. Places are also limited and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. If demand requires, further events may be held.

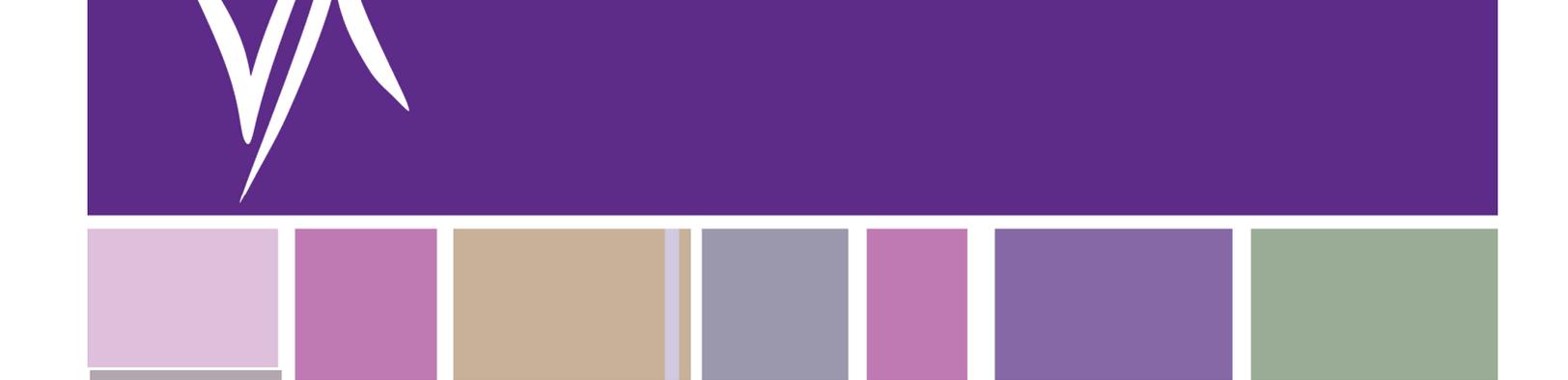
Monday 9th February 2009 9.30am–2.00pm

The Core, County Way, Barnsley, S70 2JW

Contact: Elaine Brown
Jobcentreplus

Telephone: 0114 2590061 or e: Elaine.brown6@dwp.gsi.gov.uk





CHURCH ACTION ON POVERTY – BARNSELEY
You are cordially invited to join in an event during
POVERTY and HOMELESSNESS WEEK 2009
Voices from the Edge

THE HALL OF HOLY ROOD CHURCH
George Street, Barnsley S70 1AX
on Wednesday 4 February 2009 at 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm
In the presence of

The Rt. Revd. John Rawsthorne, Bishop of Hallam
and

The Worshipful the Mayor of Barnsley Cllr Ken Sanderson

For further information contact:

Church Action on Poverty, Roger Shadbolt, Staincross Methodist Church,
Blacker Road, Barnsley S75 6BS or srpm@btinternet.com Tel.01226 292
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Working with Resistant Families

Barnsley Safeguarding Children Board would like to announce that they are, in collaboration with Geese Theatre Company, providing a special training event on 23 February 2009 12.30pm and 4.30pm at Longcar Professional Development Centre

Families, for a range of reasons, can often present as being resistant despite our best efforts to engage with them. This event explores some of the reasons for their resistance and, also, some ways in which practitioners may work with it and seek to overcome the barrier that it presents.

Using drama presentations and a range of theatrical techniques, the Geese Theatre Company will provoke thought and provide the opportunity for delegates to learn by observation and interaction.

This special training event is suitable for any member of staff for whom part of their responsibility is to work with families.

- No role-playing will be expected of delegates.
- Refreshments will be provided mid-afternoon.

In order to ensure a multi-agency mix of delegates at the event booking will be strictly monitored and limitations may be placed on the number of delegates accepted from each agency.

In order to book please contact: Marion Proudfoot: Multi-agency Safeguarding Children Training Administrator
01226 775655 or e mail: marionproudfoot@barnsley.gov.uk
Standard cancellation arrangements apply.



Mental Health First Aid

High quality training in understanding mental ill health - Helping you to help others

To promote mental health in and out of the workplace, Community Links is delivering Mental Health First Aid training throughout Yorkshire and the Humber. This is achieved via a two day, nationally recognised training course aimed at all sections of the public.

N.B. The course is aimed at those with little or no knowledge of mental health issues. Trainees will not become 'therapists' but will gain the practical knowledge of how to act when confronted by someone in distress.

Rt. Hon. Rosie Winterton MP, Minister for Yorkshire and the Humber has praised the effectiveness of the Mental Health First Aid course.

'This much-needed scheme...helps in identifying someone with mental health problems before professional help is sought' Rt. Hon. Rosie Winterton MP speaking at the Social Inclusion: Mental Health and Employment conference in Leeds, Nov 08. 'Mental ill health costs UK businesses £1000 a year for every person they employ. Instead of running away from it, employers need to embrace the issue and create workplaces that promote wellbeing'

Who should attend the training?

- Team leaders/managers, administrative and human resources staff
- Commercial, voluntary or public sector workers
- People who work with clients or as part of a team
- Employment Support staff

What does the training provide?

- Better understanding of mental ill health
- More confidence about mental health problems and how to offer early help to others
- Reduced stigma about mental ill health
- Better awareness of their own and other people's mental health issues

A nationally approved MHFA instructor delivers each course to a group of 12 trainees. The fee includes full course materials, lunch and refreshments. Courses are subsidised by the Big Lottery Fund and participants will receive a certificate of attendance and a copy of the MHFA manual.

Limited subsidised places are available at £80 for the two day course.

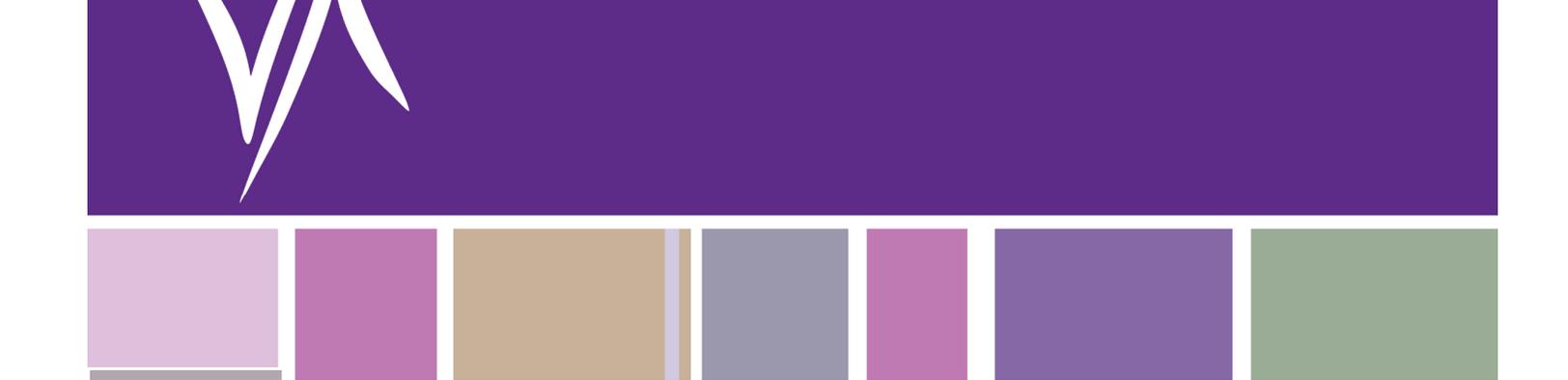
For more information contact: Mental Health First Aid – Yorkshire and the Humber mhfa@commlinks.co.uk or call 0845 838 9928

Funding News

Community Fund

The aim of the Home Office Community Fund is to support smaller voluntary and community organisations who can demonstrate successful approaches to tackling the issues of guns, gangs or knives among young





people and those particularly at risk of involvement in serious violence. The Community Fund is open to voluntary and community organisations with activities located in the Tackling Knives Action Programme (TKAP) police force areas. These are: Metropolitan, Essex, Lancashire, West Yorkshire, Merseyside, West Midlands, Greater Manchester, Thames Valley, Nottinghamshire, South Wales, Northumbria, **South Yorkshire** and Bedfordshire.

European Integration Fund

The European Integration Fund (EIF) aims to assist organisations in setting up projects to support economic, social, cultural and political integration of third-country nationals and encourage the fulfilment of the conditions for permanent residence in the UK. The fund is administered in the UK by the Home Office's UK Border Agency.

For more information about these and other schemes visit:
<<http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk>>

Bridging the Gap Events

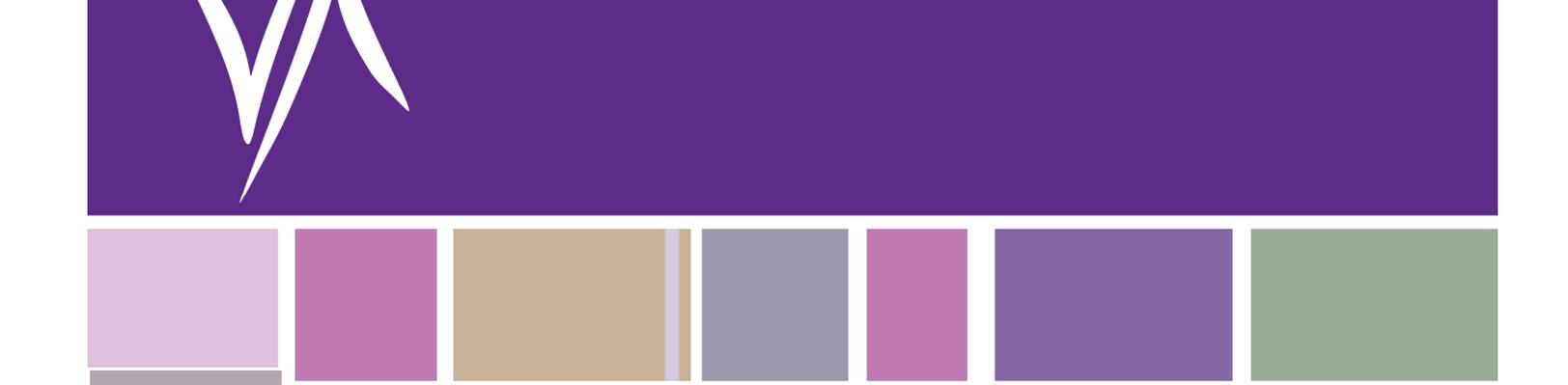
CRT Bridging the Gap offers grants of £500 to £10,000 to voluntary and community groups in Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham, and Selby. Wakefield and parts of Sheffield and Leeds. Applications can be from new or established groups for capital and/or revenue costs for projects that can be completed within 12 months. The application is not too onerous and the Trust aims to get a decision within 12 weeks of receiving a completed application.

In the current financial year CRT has had successful grant applications from projects as diverse as Boxing Clubs to Football Clubs, Breakfast Clubs to Amateur Dramatics, Community Centres to Sea Cadet Clubs, a Dyslexia Centre to Music Workshops, Brass Bands to Child Care Provision.

Your project should be based in an eligible coalfield community or be able to show clear and immediate benefit for an eligible coalfield community. For more information and guidance notes please visit our website www.coalfields-regen.org.uk

The following are just a few examples of successful projects in the latest round of funding.

Conisborough Amateur Boxing Club applied for £3,970 to pay for rent, purchase boxing equipment, stationery and insurance. The grant will be used to promote the boxing club to the wider community and increase the membership.



High Greave School Parent/Carer and Toddler Group received £5,360 to employ 2 qualified, very experienced sessional workers who will work alongside parents and pre-school children, introducing them to a wide variety of activities. The grant will keep their project operational for another 12 months.

Stainforth Community Resource Centre was granted £7,519 to purchase new tables and chairs and materials to promote their centre to the wider community as part of their plan for long-term sustainability.

Thurcroft Amateur Theatre Group was granted £9,043 to develop the junior section of the theatre group. This will enable the main theatre group to thrive and survive long into the future as the juniors grow and develop and progress through the ranks.

Doncaster Centre for Basic Skills and Dyslexia applied for £10,000 for rent and training so they are now able to deliver dyslexia assessment tests to so many more people. The grant has also enabled two new volunteer administrators to support the project.

How to apply

The best way is to get in touch with Neil Topliss at an early stage to check that your project is eligible. Neil will then take some basic information and pass it onto Anne Hammond for further help and advice.

Form Filling Training Sessions

The Yorkshire team have put on a number of very successful training sessions taking groups through the application form step by step. The sessions are very friendly and informal and are followed by the opportunity to have one-to-ones with a member of the team. The sessions are organised in direct response to groups' needs so are ongoing and in a variety of venues.

So, if you are interested in any of the above projects, if you wish to apply to CRT for a Bridging the Gap Grant or attend one of the **Form Filling Training Sessions across South Yorkshire** for completing the Bridging the Gap application form.

Tuesday 3 February 2009

Venue: CRT, Silkstone House, Pioneer Close, Manvers Way, Wath on Dearne, Rotherham S63 7JZ

Session One 2:00 - 4:00

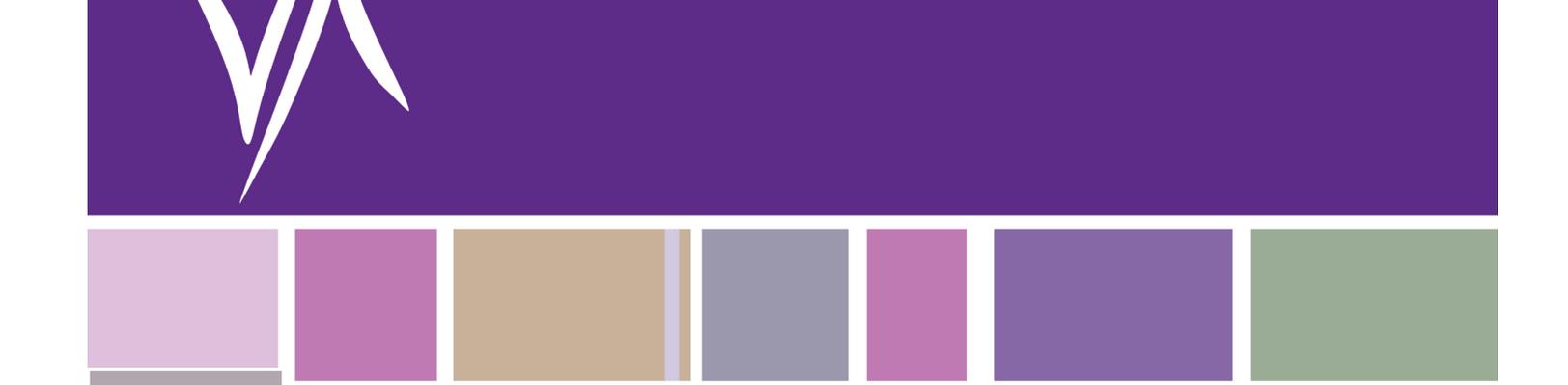
Session Two 5:00 - 7:00

Wednesday 4 February 2009

Venue: The Wesley Centre, Blyth Road, Maltby, Rotherham S66 8JD

Session One 10:00 - 12:00

Session Two 2:00 - 4:00



Thursday 5 February 2009

Venue: CRT, Silkstone House, Pioneer Close, Manvers Way, Wath on Dearne,
Rotherham S63 7JZ

Session One 2:00 - 4:00

Session Two 5:00 - 7:00

Monday 9 February 2009

Venue: Sedum House, Potteric Carr Nature Reserve, Mallard Way, Doncaster
DN4 8DB

Session One 10:00 - 12:00

Session Two 2:00 - 4:00

If you are interested in booking a place(s) on one of the sessions then ring
Neil Topliss at CRT on 01709 765573

**The Britannia Building Society Foundation is a
registered charity and from January 2008, our yearly
contributions to charities are £500,000**

The Foundation offers grants and donations between £1,000 and £25,000 to
registered charities and schools working within education, particularly
numeracy and/or financial literacy.

We believe that community involvement provides us with a significant way of
putting our values into practice and of contributing to the communities in
which we live and work.

I've enclosed a copy of our grants and donations policy for you and if think
you know of an organisation that might fit our criteria please feel free to pass
it on to them. Anyone who thinks they may fit our donation criteria can
contact me on this email address or at the address on the back of the
document.

We welcome applications from:

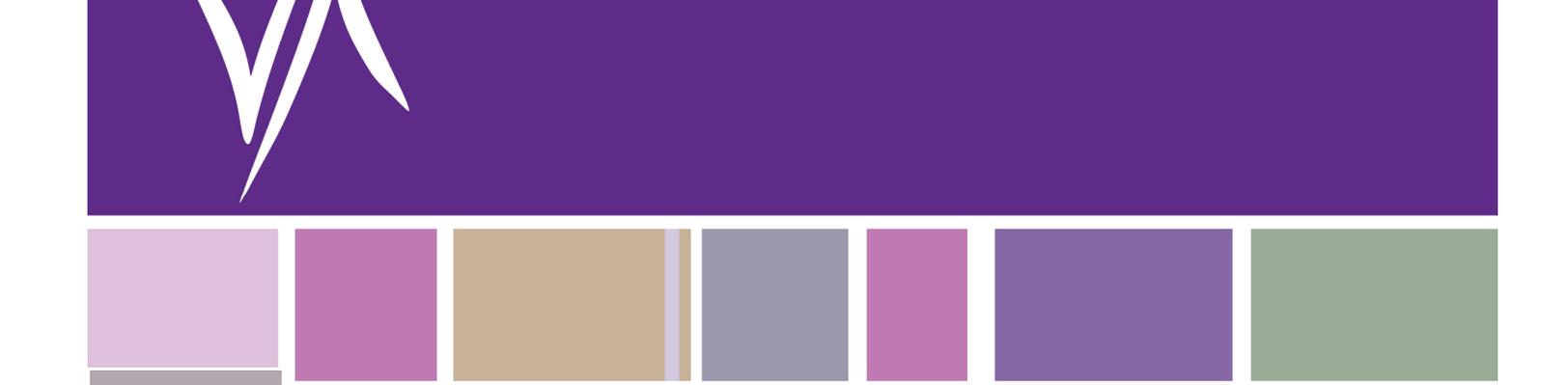
Registered Charities and Schools: Any registered charity or school
working within our key priorities and operating in an area where we have a
high density of members.

National Charities: Any national charity working within our key priorities
that can ring fence their activities to a local community where we have a
high density of members.

Note: The Foundation prefers buying specific items of equipment but in
some circumstances will consider capital expenditure and salary costs.

Contact: Sandy Sykes, Foundation Co-ordinator

Tel: 01538 391734 or Fax: 01538 399261



General News

FREE Seminars

NCB are currently running a series of free seminars for Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and Refugee (BAMER) and faith-based voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations on the theme of collaboration and partnership.

The programme has been developed following feedback from BAMER and faith-based organisations that identified collaboration and partnership as one of the main barriers to successful commissioning. The event will also offer the chance to meet colleagues, exchange experiences and share knowledge with others working in the children's services field.

The seminars will run in Leeds on 4 March.

Free places can be booked online at www.vcsengage.org.uk. For further details email info@vcsengage.org.uk or telephone 0207 843 6085.

Contact: Gill Rudkin. Direct tel: 020 7843 6009 Web: www.ncb.org.uk

Westminster Briefing 'Empowering and Engaging Communities: New Initiatives to Reinforce Democracy and Reshape Public Services' will be hosted by The House Magazine on 21st April 2009 in Westminster.

Since the publication of the Community Empowerment White Paper in July, the Government's plans to build stronger local democracy and accountability has gathered pace, with the announcement in the Queen's Speech of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Bill. Central to this legislation are new rights for citizens to have more information and influence over local decision making and the shaping and provision of local services. Yet these proposals will require a huge shift in local democratic structures and practices and as such will present a considerable challenge to local authorities, officials (both elected and unelected), local services and community organisations.

This *Westminster Briefing* will give delegates the opportunity to discuss and be informed on the Government's vision for community empowerment and reinforcing democracy, and the implications of their proposals for all stakeholders. Delegates will have the chance to engage with the panel in investigating key issues such as:

- What are the practicalities of the '**duty to promote democracy**' and the '**duty to involve**'?
- How can councils best promote **local understanding** of their roles and responsibilities?
- How can **participatory budgeting** be practically and efficiently rolled out, and how wide ranging can it be?

- How can public officials, both elected and unelected prepare themselves for the likely hood of **greater scrutiny** through initiatives such as **public hearings**?
- As the most logical structures through which to increase community participation and engagement, how can **local third sector groups make the most of the opportunities** which will be afforded to them?

If you require further information, have any questions, or are interested in **sponsorship or exhibition opportunities** contact Jon Fuller, Research and Development Manager, T: 020 7096 2920 F: 020 7096 2946 E: jonathan.fuller@westminster-briefing.com W: www.westminster-briefing.com

Yorkshire Forward: Creating Better Futures Awards 2009

Following on from the success of last year, the Yorkshire Forward Creating Better Futures Awards 2009 continues to celebrate the successful partnerships between the private sector and voluntary, community and faith organisations (VCF). The awards demonstrate the true partnership working between the sectors and recognise the dedication and passion of those involved in the projects.

Why enter?

Awards will be presented to both organisations, along with a £10,000 grant for the VCF organisation involved in the partnership. Receiving an award will ensure your efforts are recognised and increase your profile. It could even generate new opportunities, enhance relationships or lead to new collaborations. Your success will be shared with over 250 regional key players at the awards evening in April, with further media coverage throughout the region following the awards.

Award Categories

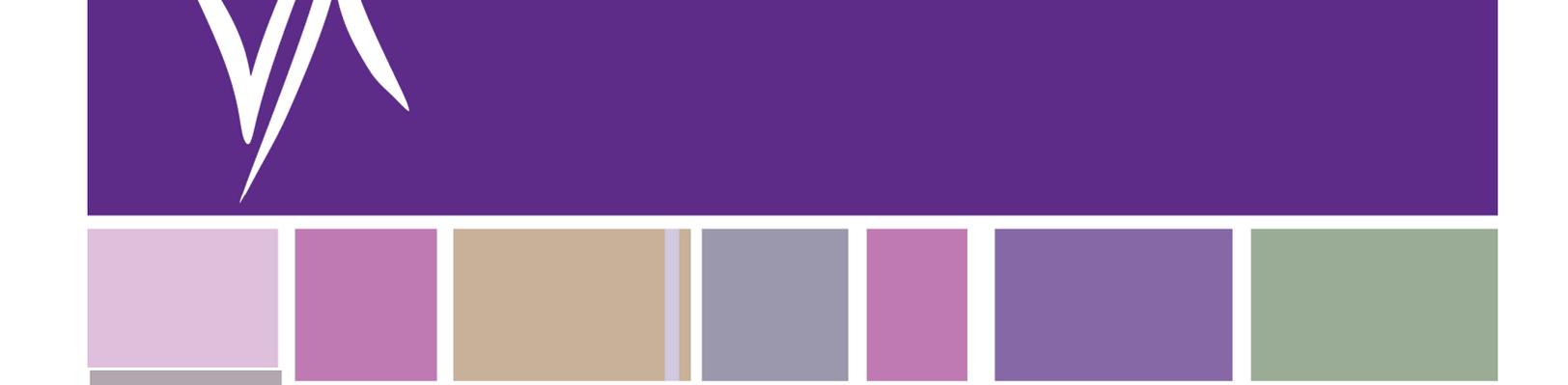
One change from last year's event is that we will not be seeking nominations under specific categories. Instead there will be seven awards made to partnerships which have demonstrated; diversity, innovation, leadership, ambition in short, all those qualities which make for a successful and dynamic partnership.

Another development from last year is that one of the seven awards will be made to a successful partnership between the VCF sector and an organisation in the public sector.

How to Apply?

For full details of the application process including a downloadable application form, please visit www.yorkshire-forward.com/cbfawards.

All applications must be received no later than **12.00pm on Friday 6th March 2009**. An Awards Ceremony will take place on Thursday 16th April at Leeds Town Hall. Guest Speaker on the evening will be Sir Matthew Pinsent.



For more information visit www.yorkshire-forward.com/cbfawards or call the Events Team on 0113 3949712/11.

Increasing adult participation in sport through a thriving third sector

The Sport Partnership Pilot Project

NAVCA is running a national pilot project to develop greater partnership working between sport and local infrastructure organisations. Funded by Sport England, the pilot will explore the relationships between sport and the wider third sector, in particular focusing on local area agreements. We hope to demonstrate the links between National Indicators (NIs) 6 (increase in volunteering), 7 (an environment for a thriving third sector) and 8 (increase in adult participation in sport). The pilots began in September 2008 and will run for six months.

For more information visit the NAVCA website at:

[<http://www.navca.org.uk>](http://www.navca.org.uk)

Innovations in Mental Health Nursing Conference Tuesday 14th May 2009- New deadline!

Have you any research, clinical audits, practice development projects or any other examples of good practice in mental health which you would like to share with mental health students?

You may be a service user group or a voluntary sector organisation or anyone working with people with mental health issues.

If so we would like to invite you to present your work at the above event which will take place on **Thursday 14th May 2009 at Sheffield Hallam University**

You can present your work in one of the following ways; a Seminar (20minutes + question time), a Workshop (1 hour), or a Poster presentation.

The aim of the conference is to expose students to a range of projects whose intention it is to develop good practice within this region.

First time presenters are especially welcome and will be offered the opportunity to attend a training event prior to the conference.

Informal enquiries can be made to any of the organising team detailed below.

Russell Ashmore Tel: 0114 225 5489

e-mail: r.j.ashmore@shu.ac.uk

Neil Carver Tel: 0114 225 5750

e-mail: n.carver@shu.ac.uk

Carol Cooper Tel: 0114 225 2261

e-mail: c.cooper@shu.ac.uk



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