

**Voluntary Action Barnsley (VAB)
Third Sector News
For Barnsley's Community and Voluntary Network (BCVN)
Bulletin – March 2008**

VAB News

Selamat Datang from Malaysia!

VAB's **Penny Hinchcliffe** and four young volunteers – **Andrew Morton, Andrew Dockerty, Roy Johnson and Ashley Smith**, are currently on the Raleigh International Malaysia Expedition until April. The young volunteers were selected from a motivational programme run in partnership with VAB's Young Volunteers Agency, Millennium Volunteers and Connexions. Raleigh's projects enable young people to experience and help protect Sabah's (North Borneo) pristine and wild conservation areas and life in its varied ethnic communities. Each member of the group will take part in a Community Challenge, an environmental challenge and finally an expedition where they will be expected to trek up to 150 miles with full back packs and climb Mount Kinabalu (the highest mountain in South East Asia).

Penny, an expedition leader arrived early in mid January to set up base camp, undergo essential training and inductions about camp craft, navigation, operating the radios, tools and how to safely use the *parang* (Malaysian machete). The four volunteers arrived at the beginning of February and underwent similar training and inductions.



Penny's first project site was Alpha 1 - a community development project to build a kindergarten at the rural village of Tampasak. Roy and Ashley are at Alpha 2 – a community development project to support the community of Batu Puteh with eco-tourism initiatives by constructing an eco-lodge. They will also help develop trails, plant trees and support the local community in its battle to rid Tungog Lake of invasive weed species *Salvinia molesta*. They are living in a jungle camp by the riverside in the rainforest, surrounded by elephants and orangutans. Andrew D. and Andrew M. are at Alpha 5 and 6. They are currently working on the adventure projects and have been trekking and diving. Andrew D. started off from the village of Long Pa Sia, in the south-west corner of Sabah on the Kalimantan and Sarawak border and has been on a 12-day trek through beautiful and challenging terrain. Andrew M. has undergone PADI scuba training and then scuba diving off the island of Mamutik, taking part in an underwater conservation programme in the Tungku Abdul Rahman Marine Park. VAB hopes that these young people will come back from Malaysia and encourage other people of Barnsley to take up volunteering.

The group will be changing project sites this week, so visit the 'Raleigh International Malaysia trip' blog site (www.malaysia-spring08.blogspot.com) to find out all the latest news.

Barnsley Community and Voluntary Network (BCVN) Meeting

**Thursday 17th April, 10am to 1pm,
(Refreshments and signing in from 9:30am, lunch at 12:30pm)
Board Room, Metrodome Leisure Centre, Queens Road, Barnsley**

Agenda includes:

Protection of Children & Vulnerable Adults

Presentation by Tracey Oleisky/Angela Hayes, Voluntary Action Barnsley

An overview of the requirements of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (important new regulations applicable to all organisations working with Children or Vulnerable Adults), which will come into effect from Autumn 2008, focusing on implications for voluntary and community groups.

Deposit funds designed specifically for charities - Amy Best, CCLA Investment Management Ltd

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Please ring Naomi Douglas on 01226 242726 for more details and to book your place, alternatively email naomi.douglas@vabarnsley.org.uk

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| Room 27 | 164 sq ft | £143.50 per month |
| Room 24 | 240 sq ft | £210.00 per month |
| Room 23 | 252 sq ft | £220.50 per month |

If you are interested in renting any of these rooms then contact Angela Jones at Voluntary Action Barnsley on 01226 242726, or e-mail angela.jones@vabarnsley.org.uk

All tenancies at Queens Road will cease when VAB moves to The Core (exact date to be confirmed – estimated for September/October 2008). If existing VAB Tenants have expressed an interest in renting space in 'The Core', their right to tenancy will continue in the new building where a new tenancy agreement will be drawn up.

Year End P.A.Y.E - Free Course
Tuesday 22nd April, 9.30am-12.30pm
VAB meeting room at 23 Queens Road, Barnsley

This free course is for anyone who is responsible for the completion of the P.A.Y.E. year-end tax return forms, whether the payroll is done in-house or externally. Trainers Carol Clegg and Debbie Hollingsworth will cover completion of your annual return to Inland Revenue on form P35 and provide help with any other queries regarding the general running of your payroll. All students are welcome to bring along their Inland Revenue Statutory Return Forms and Payslip (yellow) Booklet for help in their completion. Please bring along a notepad and pen with you.

To request a booking form, contact Pam by email: pam.jamieson@vabarnsley.org.uk or phone: 01226 206294.

Local News

One Barnsley Events

Tuesday 18th March, 12noon-2pm, Cabinet Office, Town Hall

Learning Lunch - New plans for Barnsley College

The College has been developing its Property Strategy 2006/2010 for a number of years and is now entering the final but most significant phase which is the redevelopment of the Old Mill lane site. The focus of the strategy is to rationalise and renew the College's disparate estate and to build new state of the art facilities for students in the 21st century to meet the Colleges vision for excellence through learning.

To date the college has built the SciTech centre on Falcon St for science, maths and computing in 2004 and redeveloped the construction/engineering centre on Old Mill lane which will be completed in spring 2008 with the construction of the new motor vehicle workshop. A new sports facility building is also currently under construction at the colleges Honeywell site for completion in summer 2008.

The new build at Old Mill Lane site is due to commence in September 2008 with completion planned for September 2010. This will comprise over 17500m² of new accommodation for the college to replace the ageing Honeywell and Old Mill Lane sites. The remainder of the Honeywell site once the new build at Old Mill lane is completed will be sold to residential housing developers.

For more information contact: Helen Knox: 01226 773405 / helenknox@barnsley.gov.uk

Wednesday 19th March, 9am-4pm, The Metrodome, Queens Road, Barnsley
BarnsleyWorks - the biggest Business to Business event in Barnsley

This is a great opportunity for Barnsley businesses or anyone thinking of starting a business to come along to meet existing businesses and support agencies. Barnsley Works will have over 75 exhibition stands and delegates can also attend 24 'high impact' business seminars in Finance, Sales, Marketing, Branding, HR, Funding with 4 seminars dedicated to 'Meet the Buyer'; seminars will provide practical solutions to a wide range of issues which businesses face and updates on the latest products and services available. Seminars are just £10 per session. They will each last approximately 45 minutes. To attend the free exhibition it is recommended that you reserve an entry ticket online.

For further details and to book, contact Claire Musson on 01226 321555, visit www.barnsleyworks.co.uk or email barnsleyworks@talent-services.co.uk

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Qualifications for the Voluntary and Community Sector
-New qualification framework for VCS workers-

The Workforce Development Hub, South Yorkshire, has been working to develop a number of units that will combine to provide the first nationally recognised qualifications designed for workers in the Voluntary and Community Sector. The first units being developed are for: workers who support service users and workers who provide a service to customers. Under the new Qualification and Credit Framework (to be introduced September 2008), people can achieve small units of learning and accumulate them until they have enough to get a full qualification. Units for people who support the core administration, finance or monitoring services of VCS organisations will be added to the framework later.

Each qualification will have 6 core (compulsory) units, comprising:

- Embedding equal opportunities in your work
- Understanding the structure and purpose of your organisation
- Understanding your job role
- Maintaining professional relationships with colleagues
- The role of Supervision and Support
- Planning your professional development

Learners will then choose from a range of other units to suit their own job role (A few examples of the 21 optional units: Monitoring and recording your work, Planning and prioritising your work, Staying safe in frontline service, Staying safe when working remotely, Managing conflict when working with service users, Professional conduct, Assessing the needs of service users, Providing support to address the problems of service users, Providing support to service users to address substance use). The Workforce Development Hub expects to provide sufficient choice and variety so that people can build an Award and add further optional units to it to achieve a Certificate. The qualifications will be available at levels 2 and 3, with some optional units at level 3 specifically addressing job roles that support other members of staff.

To become a reality, the project must be sponsored to the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority by an Awarding Body or by a Sector Skill Council. The National Workforce Hub has already expressed an interest in supporting it but needs proof that there is support from organisations in the sector.

More information is available on the 'Discussion Document' downloadable from the consultation page of the South Yorkshire Workforce Hub microsite (visit www.ukworkforcehub.org.uk and follow links for resources / regional resources). Please complete the 'Have your say' consultation document to let them know your views.

Single Parents Online Link-up

Single parents living in South and West Yorkshire can now link-up in a new local online group. The online group offers a place where lone parents can get support and friendship; share the highs and lows of life and ideas for fun days out, local events, helpful organisations, childcare and much more! The group is run by UK charity Single Parent Action Network and supported by the ICT Hub. To join or find out more go to: www.singleparents.org.uk

Community Room with kitchen for hire

Hope House Church, Blucher Street (Opposite the YMCA), now has a community room and kitchen for hire. The Community Room is set out for 50 people but can accommodate 100. It has a built in PA system and projector, an A frame flip chart is also available. There is an accompanying kitchen facility with cooker and microwave and constant hot water boiler for drinks. Cost is £8.00 per hour for community groups, £12 for commercial. Parking is available within 200 yards on Lower Castlereagh Street, Mark Street car park by Holy Rood church or the upper storey of the old CO-OP on Peel Street.

For more information, contact Mike Stead, Hope House Church Administration, Hope House, 2 Blucher Street, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S70 1AP or email bcf_349@tiscali.co.uk

Events

foodworks!

Monday 10th & Tuesday 11th March, 10am-4pm
Thurnscoe Business Centre, Princess Drive, Thurnscoe

Do you want to help the people you work with make better food choices?

- Learn new skills and tools to help groups and individuals work together to identify problems, solutions and actions to improve health outcomes
- Learn methods to engage local communities otherwise excluded from the policy making process

'**foodworks!**' is a 2 day participatory skills training course for people involved in food, health and community work; it is a joint venture between Healthy Community Collaborative and Barnsley Food Network.

Participatory Appraisal (PA) is a collection of methods, tools and techniques for interacting with people in a way that enables everyone to share and contribute their skills and experience and knowledge of life on a more equal footing. PA tools are based on visual methods including pictures, diagrams, charts, knowledge lines, these tools and techniques help overcome poor literacy skills, reduces the use of jargon and officialdom, and levels out the playing field.

Places are limited. For more information or to book a place, call Anne Pridgeon, Fit For the Future, on 01226 433721.

Managing Self

Wednesdays: 12th, 19th, 26th March and 2nd, 9th, 16th April,
9.30am-3.30pm

Clifton Park Museum, Clifton Lane, Rotherham

A six week OCN accredited level 2/3 course, free to members of the Voluntary, Community and Faith sectors. The course looks at understanding yourself and managing your assertiveness and personality to get great results in the workplace and everyday situations. Step by step you will explore your personal development in terms of leadership/team working/planning/decision taking and communication, learning how to channel what you learn in an effective way to gain great results over the length of the course and beyond.

To book a place contact Samantha Walker on 01709 722834 or email swalker@rotherham.ac.uk

DHR Commercial Skills Training Courses **Hellaby Hall Hotel, Maltby, Rotherham**

This programme is specifically targeted at Managers and Leaders of voluntary sector organisations and charities who are interested in tendering for Public Sector Contracts. The courses are accredited by the Institute of Leadership and Management and are delivered by highly qualified trainers; they can be undertaken individually or as a full programme.

DHR Interim Ltd provide consultancy services to a number of voluntary sector organisations in South Yorkshire who, due to significant changes in funding arrangements for this sector, are having to become increasingly commercially focused, to ensure their existence and the continued delivery of their services. DHR Interim Ltd have subsequently gained a wealth of experience and have created a training programme designed to give voluntary organisations the skills, knowledge and abilities required to succeed in this increasingly competitive environment.

Thurs 13th March/Wed 19th March/Wed 26th March: Information Governance Training, trainer - Sarah Corbett, Intelligent IG

Fri 14th March: Problem Solving (Module 7), trainer - Lynne Quinney

Thurs 20th March: Communication skills (Module 2), trainer - Nicky Oxley

Thurs 27th March: Presentation skills (Module 9), trainer - Nicky Oxley

Thurs 3rd April: Influencing Skills (Module 4), trainer - Lynne Quinney

Fri 11th April: Strategic Planning (Module 10), trainer - Dawn Rowley

Thurs 17th April: Budgeting and Forecasting (Module 1), trainer - Dawn Rowley

Thurs 24th April: Negotiation Skills (Module 9), trainer - Lynne Quinney

Fri 9th May: Marketing Skills (Module 5), trainer - Dawn Rowley

Course Fee: Voluntary Organisations & Charities £75.00+ VAT per person, per module. Others £99.00+VAT per person, per module. For more information and to book your place, email dawn@dhrinterim.com

Management Training Opportunities **Doncaster CVS, 5/6 Trafford Court, Doncaster**

The Progressive Managers Network (PMN) is for managers who are looking to develop their own management practice and make themselves and their organisations more effective. The Network blends training, on-line forums and informal discussion groups to help managers to learn, experiment and improve their performance as a manager.

- **Tuesday 13th March, 1.30–4.30pm: Brilliant 1-2-1's** –FREE workshop- One to Ones are the single most effective tool that a manager has in the toolkit. Managers who use One to Ones report that they save time and improve performance quickly and permanently.
- **Wednesday 9th April, 1.30–4.30pm: Giving and getting Feedback**
- **Wednesday 14th May, 1.30–4.30pm: Practical Coaching for Progressive Managers**
- **Wednesday 18th June, 1.30–4.30pm: Effective Delegation**
- **Wednesday 16th July, 1.30 –4.30pm: Effective Time Management**

For more details and to book, visit www.progressivemanagersnetwork.co.uk

Rotherham Mind Courses - Young Persons Service

Rotherham Mind is affiliated to Mind, the leading mental health charity in England and Wales. The training service offers a range of one day programmes on a variety of mental health issues and is designed to support initiatives under Every Child Matters. Courses are interactive and use a mixture of presentation, small and large group work; they provide an opportunity to reflect on current practice, network with other professionals and provide excellent professional development for staff delivering the SEAL programme. Customised programmes and INSET days for organisations and schools are also run.

Eating Disorders - Friday 14th March

1.15 million people in Britain suffer with an eating problem. This course provides information on how to identify an eating disorder and essential training on why eating disorders occur. It will also focus on some of the legal implications of supporting young people with eating disorders. You will: i. Explore the causes and symptoms of eating disorders, ii. Look at how we determine whether any of the people we work with may be suffering from an eating disorder and iii. Consider strategies to support young people with problems with eating.

Dealing with Bullying 'Roles, strategies and tactics' - Friday 18th April

Would you like to feel even more confident in preventing bullying in your school or organisation? This programme defines what bullying is so that all staff members have a shared understanding. It explores the different types of bullying that about a third of young people experience and the psychology behind bullying and victim behaviour. Delegates are provided with strategies and tactics that have worked in combating bullying. You will: i. Be able to recognise the different types of bullying, ii. Look at prevalence of bullying and the psychology behind bullying and iii. Identify your role in stopping bullying and tactics for dealing with bullying.

Feeling Down 'Helping Young People who Feel Depressed' - Friday 25th April

One in ten children in Great Britain aged 5 – 16 has a clinically recognisable mental disorder. This obviously has important implications for educational achievement and a young person's self esteem. Yet why do young people get depressed? This course will provide delegates with a detailed understanding of why young people become depressed, more confidence in identifying depression in young people and provide greater understanding of how to work with depressed young people. You will: i. Consider young people in an historical context and examine the importance of youth culture, ii. Look at what we mean by the term adolescence and iii. Examine family systems and the significance of the position in the family.

Courses run from 9.30am–4.30pm. Cost is £75 per day (payable on confirmation of place), lunch is provided. To book, call 01709 528512 and ask for Lin Cheung or Nikki Ellen alternatively email youngpersons@rotherhammind.co.uk

What Planet Are you On? 'Ideas and Actions Swap Shop' Linking community development & environmental justice

Wednesday 2nd April, 10.30am–4pm (Lunch is provided)

The Carriageworks, Millennium Square, Leeds

-Change of venue-

Why are the largest carbon footprints being paid for by people with the smallest footprints?

We need affordable housing, but not on floodplains?!

How does what's happening to the planet connect with what's happening in my community?

Bring your questions, find some practical answers

Meet people working on social and environmental justice

Take inspiration for future actions in your groups

As part of the Every Action Counts training programme, the Federation for Community Development Learning is working with the Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Community Development Network to facilitate a participative 'Ideas and action swap shop'. The event will explore the link between key issues affecting communities and environmental action, and bring together existing community development and environmental action practitioners with the aim of inspiring future actions and commitments by community groups.

Attendance at this workshop is free although a refundable deposit of £20 is required to secure your place. Please see www.fcdl.org.uk for booking forms and further information or contact Sue Leach, Admin Support Officer, Federation for Community Development Learning, 3rd Floor, The Circle, 33 Rockingham Lane, Sheffield S1 4FW. Tel: 0114 253 6770 alternatively email: info@fcdl.org.uk / equalitystreet@post.com

Managing People through Support and Supervision

Tuesdays: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th April, 9.30am-3.30 pm

Middleton Institute, Barleycroft Lane, Dinnington

or

Thursdays: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th April & 1st May, 9:30am-3:30pm

Montgomery Hall, Church Street, Wath-upon-Dearne

This five week OCN accredited level 2/3 course enables the analysis and development of support and supervision systems. It examines methods to create an environment to develop individuals and teams, systems to aid strategic, operational and individual planning and workload management are introduced and methods to deal with conflict and tensions are evaluated in practical sessions. Practical implementation of equal opportunities policies will be developed.

To book a place, please contact CEDR: phone Samantha Walker on 01709 722834, or email her at swalker@rotherham.ac.uk

Enabling effective performance through 'Essential Conversations' **Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th April,** **Salvation Army, Lakeside Community Church, Lakeside, Doncaster**

This two day experiential and participatory course is for independent consultants and service managers working within the voluntary, community and statutory sectors that have responsibility for ensuring and/or enabling the performance of others – whether as management or professional supervisors, coaches or mentors.

Supervision, coaching and mentoring can be viewed as a series of essential conversations. When effective, they create a shift in perspective, understanding, attitude and action. This course will:

- Explore what constitutes an essential conversation.
- Develop skills of essential conversation across contexts and roles.
- Identify risks and pitfalls in 1-1 work and how to circumnavigate these.
- Clarify the differences in management and professional supervision, coaching and mentoring.
- Use participant's dilemmas to highlight and elaborate key creative tensions in facilitating individual learning and change within an organisational context.

Facilitator: Mary Marken - an experienced public and voluntary sector manager with a track record of innovation in the development of services, who set up as an independent consultant, trainer, coach and psychotherapist in 1997.

The cost of the course is: £230 for voluntary and community sector managers and individuals and £320 for sponsored places from statutory sector organisations. A reduction of £20 per place will be given to organisations booking a 2nd or subsequent places. Refreshments, lunch, and all course materials are included in the cost.

This training course is delivered by Fair Training - a not-for-profit organisation that provides quality learning opportunities for personal and professional development. For more information and booking forms, contact: Emma Rattenbury: Tel/Fax 0114 255 5817 / email emma.rattenbury@blueyonder.co.uk Completed booking forms and payment must be received by Wednesday 19th March.

Training: Supervision & Appraisal **Monday 14th & 21st April, 9.30am-3.30pm**

Dinnington Resource Centre, 131 Laughton Road, Dinnington, Sheffield

This 2 day course is for members of the Voluntary, Community and Faith sectors such as management committee members and people considering moving into supervisory or management roles. Participants will explore the principles that run through supervision and appraisal and the key components of the supervision and appraisal processes. As part of the course they will be encouraged to identify any steps needed to develop or improve their organisations supervision and appraisal systems.

To book a place, please contact CEDR: phone Samantha Walker on 01709 722834, or email her at swalker@rotherham.ac.uk

Funding

The Academy for Community Leadership Bursary Programme

If you are hoping to develop your community leadership skills or have a specific role in community representation, regeneration or activity, then you may be eligible to apply for funding from the Academy for Community Leadership.

Bursaries are available across South Yorkshire to cover the course fees for higher level qualifications in community leadership related learning e.g. Foundation Degree in Working with Communities, Management and Leadership Training at Level 5, Information, Advice and Guidance, Fundraising etc. Bursaries are available to fund training or elements of training to be completed before the end of **May 2008**. Bursaries may also be available for other learning opportunities such as conferences or seminars in relation to community leadership.

For further information, application forms and guidance notes contact Lisa Lister, Project Officer, Academy for Community Leadership, Northern College, Wentworth Castle, Stainborough, Barnsley, S75 3ET. Phone 01226 776031 or email lisa@afcl.ac.uk

Rural Target Funding

The Rural Target Fund is managed by Yorkshire Rural Community Council (YRCC) - a registered charity and a voluntary organisation, which aims to promote quality of life in communities across rural Yorkshire. These straightforward grants of up to £5,000 enable groups to deliver a wide range of small-scale projects which benefit the local community and economy in eligible rural areas which includes: Billingley, Brierley, Great Houghton, Little Houghton and Shafton.

Types of eligible projects include:

- **Research, Feasibility Studies, Consultation and Action Plans**
- **Projects derived from Action plans, including improving the quality of the environment, community gardens, community festivals and signage**
- **Capacity Building including training for community groups**
- **Tackling Social exclusion – Provision of services/activities where non exist**
- **Access to services – CAB surgeries, credit unions etc**
- **Projects that boost the local economy including Social Enterprises and childcare**

For more information and to apply for funding, contact Lynda Brunton, South Yorkshire Rural Planning Support Officer, Yorkshire Rural Community Council, William House, Shipton Road, Skelton, York, YO30 1XF / 01904 645271 or 07825 380046 / email: lynda.brunton@yrcc.org.uk

Vacancies

SureStart Children's Centres Outreach Worker (x8 posts)

Salary: £14,197 to 14,882

The role of the Outreach Worker in SureStart Barnsley Children's Centres is fundamental in raising awareness in the community about the wide range of services on offer for children aged under 5 years and their families and in providing important information and access to these services. The purpose of intense outreach and home visiting services is to improve child outcomes through effective support for parents/families.

We are seeking enthusiastic and committed individuals to join our expanding team and help remove inequalities and improve the life chances of children and families within our community through intensive outreach and home visiting activities. You will be required to provide outreach and home visiting to families in the community, alongside this you will be expected to build strong links with community groups and organisations in order to make contact with the most isolated families. You will be required to assist with provisions of new support groups/activities to meet identified needs of the community. Applicants must hold health, social care or child care qualification with experience of working in these areas. You will also be required to undergo a Criminal Records Bureau Check.

There is now greater emphasis on outreach and delivery of services in the home rather than providing one central location for service delivery, therefore we are seeking to recruit to the following areas to deliver SureStart services/activities:

Round 1 Children's Centres (2004-2006)

- Milefield Children's Centre, Grimethorpe
- Buttercup Children's Centre, Cudworth
- Buddies Children's Centre, Monk Bretton
- Hunni-Bee Children's Centre, Stairfoot

Round 2 Children's Centres (2006-2008)

- Darton
- East & West Penistone
- East & West Dodworth & Gilroyd
- Lundwood

For further information about SureStart Children's Centres in Barnsley or the role of the Outreach Worker contact Annette Martin-Meigh on 01226 774562 or 07786525694.

**SureStart Children's Centres
Family Support Worker (x7 posts)**

Salary: £21,412 to £22,845

The role of the Family Support Worker in SureStart Barnsley Children's Centres is paramount in supporting children, young people and their families, which is at the heart of our approach to improving children's outcomes, by providing support where it is wanted and needed.

Therefore we are seeking enthusiastic and committed individuals to join our expanding team in removing inequalities and improving the life chances of people within our communities. You will be required to develop positive, respectful and responsive relationships with parents, carers and children and play a proactive role in working alongside children and their families within the Children's Centre and in an outreach capacity in people's homes and other activities where parents and children meet within the community. You will be responsible for the management of Outreach Worker(s) and the day to day delivery of activities and services within the Centre and on an outreach basis and be committed to working as part of a multi-agency team in partnership with other agencies and professionals to promote integrated services to meet the needs of children and families.

There is now greater emphasis on outreach and delivery of services in the home rather than providing one central location for service delivery, therefore we are seeking to recruit to the following areas to deliver SureStart services/activities:

- Darton East & West (x2 Family Support Workers)
- Penistone East & West (x 2 Family Support Workers)
- Dodworth & Gilroyd (x2 Family Support Workers)
- Lundwood (x1 Family Support Worker)

Applicants must hold a minimum qualification of NVQ Level 3 or equivalent qualification in a related discipline, for example, (youth and community development, health related and nursing, early years, education, social work, counselling, advocacy and guidance) with 3 years post qualification experience of working with communities. SureStart Barnsley Children's Centres ensures the welfare of children and vulnerable adults is safeguarded and promoted within all Children's Centres. You will also be required to undergo a Criminal Records Bureau Check.

For further information about SureStart Children's Centres in Barnsley or the role of the Family Support Worker contact Annette Martin-Meigh on 01226 774562 or 07786525694.

South Yorkshire Open Forum (SYOF)

Administrator/PA

Hours: 35 hours per week (full time)

Salary: £18,907 per annum - temporary contract to December 2008 (possible extension subject to funding). Secondments welcome.

South Yorkshire Open Forum (SYOF) is a sub-regional organisation which supports the South Yorkshire Voluntary and Community Sector. The core areas of work are policy, research, advocacy and marketing for the sector and are also the lead body for the South Yorkshire ChangeUp Consortium.

You are warmly welcomed to apply to join our small team to continue supporting the work we do across South Yorkshire. The post is based in Rotherham at Bradmarsh Business Park. In return, we offer a competitive salary, pension contribution, 28 days leave per annum plus bank holidays and our offices are accessible by public transport and have car parking on site. Our offices are open Monday to Friday and flexible working hours are available.

Full details and application packs are available via email enquiries@syopenforum.org.uk or telephone 01709 519 100. **Closing date for applications is 5pm on 13th March.** Interviews will be held on 18th March (flexible).

SYOF is committed to equality and diversity and positively welcome applications from all sectors of the community.

Deadline for next bulletin is Friday 21st March

If you wish to use the VAB News Bulletin to advertise an event or activity or if you wish to be added or deleted from the mailing list then please contact Naomi Douglas on 01226 785564 or email naomi.douglas@vabarnsley.org.uk