

Voluntary Action Barnsley (VAB) BCVN Bulletin May 2009

VAB News

Voluntary Action Barnsley FREE Legal Surgery Need to speak to a solicitor?

If you work in the third sector and need a helping hand with a legal problem or just need expert advice we now have limited places available on our next legal surgery.

Surgery date

Tuesday 9th June – morning appointments only

Call the Business Support Team at The Core on 01226 320100 to book a FREE one hour slot.

Breastfeeding Link Workers host event at the Metrodome to celebrate Breastfeeding for National Breastfeeding Awareness Week.

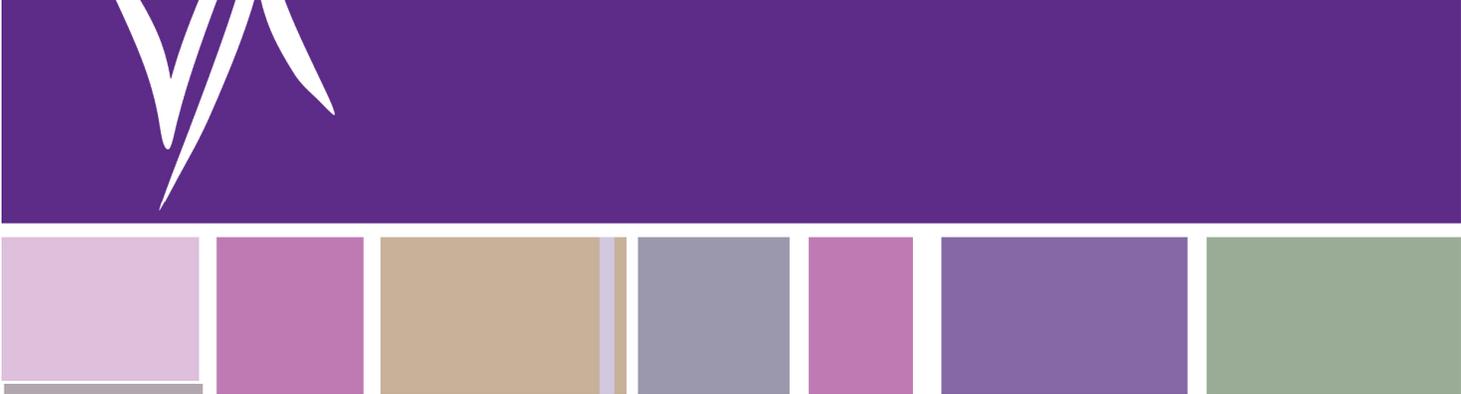
The celebration takes place at the Metrodome on Wednesday 13th May. Breastfeeding Peer Supporters and breastfeeding families are invited to celebrate. The day kick starts with the Graduation of the newly trained peer supporters from Buttercups Children's Centre, Milefield Children's Centre, Darfield All Saints & Rising Stars Children's Centre. They will be presented with their certificates by Kay Bennett (Community Breastfeeding Coordinator, NHS Barnsley) and Linda Robinson (Infant feeding Coordinator, BHNFT)

Mums from across the borough will be joining together to celebrate their achievements, attend breastfeeding workshops themed around returning to work and enjoy a well deserved lunch. Toddlers will be celebrating in style too with Story & Rhyme provided by Bookstart.



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Special offers at The Core
Spring break discount from 25th-29th May 2009
Get 20% off!

20% discount on all meetings booked for this week. Book now!

When booking please quote: CMR002

Summer Sale in July and August 2009
Buy one and get one half price!

Book a meeting for this period and you can book another half price!*

***The 2nd booking must also be within July/August 2009 and the cheapest room will be half price**

*** Bookings for this offer will be taken from June 1st 2009**

When booking please quote: CMR003

You can take advantage of these offers as many times as you like!

Volunteering

The Volunteer Centre at Voluntary Action Barnsley offers one-to-one confidential interviews to help you find out what you can do as a volunteer, based on your experience, interests and future plans. Organisations wishing to recruit volunteers may register their details with the Volunteer Centre. These will be made available to prospective volunteers and be posted on the Do-it website, www.do-it.org.uk

Open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, The Volunteer Centre can also help and advise on volunteering issues, policy and procedures. Contact The Volunteer Centre, Voluntary Action Barnsley, The Core, County Way, Barnsley, S70 2JW. Phone (01226) 320 105, email: volunteer@vabarnsley.org.uk.

Local News



The Barnsley Fit for the Future Walking Festival 2009 - **Walk4Life** will take place between 25th May and 30th June 2009.

Now in its sixth year the Barnsley walking festival is set to host yet more fun, free and easy walks across the borough.

This year we have chosen to join the change4life movement and adopt the **walk4life** logo as part of the festival. The change4life movement encourages us to eat well, move more and live longer.

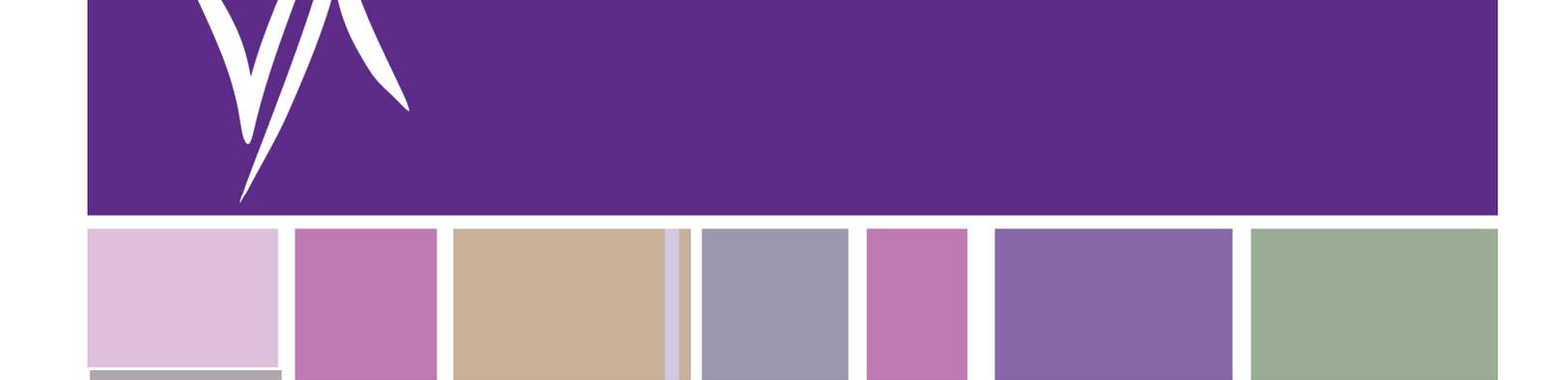
We hope our 2009 guided walks program with events including earth walks with orienteering, tea time walks, buggycactiv and family walks with extreme Frisbee will encourage families in the borough to 'move more'.

Events will be relaxed and informal occasions where you can have an enjoyable time in the outdoors at the same time as improving your health and wellbeing by taking more gentle exercise.

We have also extended the festival by promoting the **bike4Life** festival, which will run from 20th June – 4th July 2009. There will be some great family friendly bike rides, a small number of bikes to hire and a real opportunity to have more fun as a family.

Many of the walks are led by fully trained volunteer walk leaders and without their contribution the walking festival wouldn't be possible. If you as an individual, group or organisation could help to support the festival in any way please get in touch.

For more information visit www.barnsleyfit4thefuture.co.uk or email your details to walking@barnsleyfitforthefuture.co.uk



Barnsley MBC launch their new 'Funding Opportunities' website.

The website has been designed to provide local organisations, **particularly those in the voluntary and community sector**, with a resource that can be used to help them quickly and easily identify which Domestic and European funding opportunities are out there and how they can make the most of them.

From the website users can expect to find:

[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.

[Links to related websites, along with useful contacts](#) - including for example Voluntary Action Barnsley, South Yorkshire Advice Bureau and Yorkshire Forward.

You can access the site by clicking on the link below

[BMBBC Funding Opportunities Website](#) or by going to the [Barnsley.gov.uk](#) clicking on the 'Economic and Finance' in the navigation tab at the top right hand of the screen, clicking on the 'Technical & Research Team' link and then on 'Funding Opportunities'.

Events

Station House – Supporting children and their families

Ever wondered what we did?

Been involved and want to help us celebrate?

Why not come along too our 21st birthday celebration

Station House has been serving this community for 21 years and is planning to mark this achievement with a special event.

We are holding an open day event on

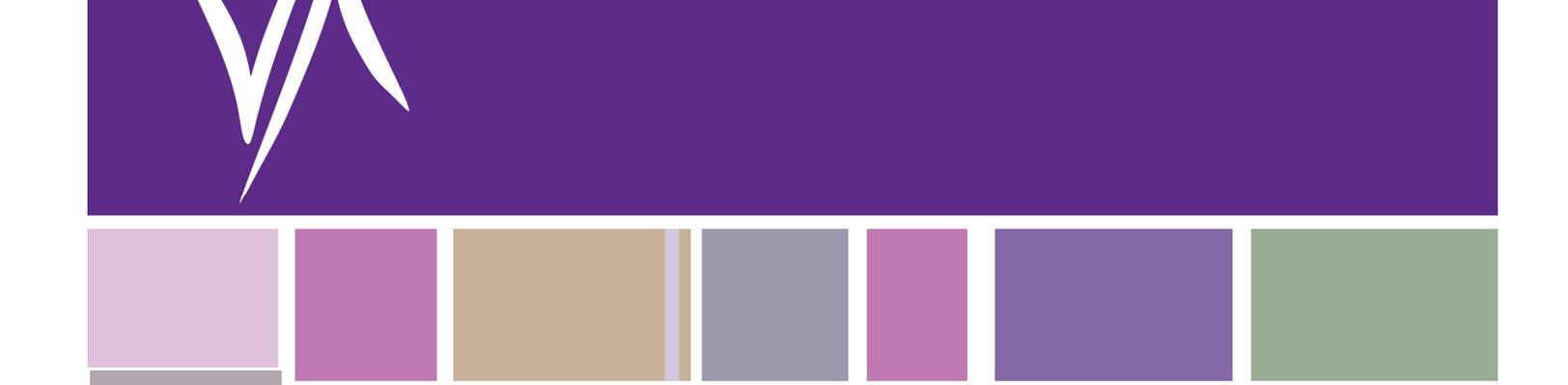
May 20th 2009 10.30 am– 1pm

Photograph display

Tombola

Stalls

Refreshments



Raffle

Free goodie bag for the first 50 visitors
This event is open to the whole community

Tel: 01709 880682 or e mail: charlotte@shouse.org.uk

One Barnsley Forum - Active Citizenship - An opportunity to have your say!

You are invited to attend this event at the new Civic building.

The event will give those attending:

- A better understanding of:
 1. what active citizenship means to people in Barnsley
 2. what barriers may exist to people taking part and
 3. what support people might need to become "active citizens"
- Information about the new Neighbourhoods Framework in Barnsley and how citizens can get involved
- An opportunity to gain information and support from a range of Active Citizenship displays
- An opportunity to network

A buffet will be provided from 4pm, followed by an informative/interactive event from 4.45pm to 7pm (please see the attached for more details).

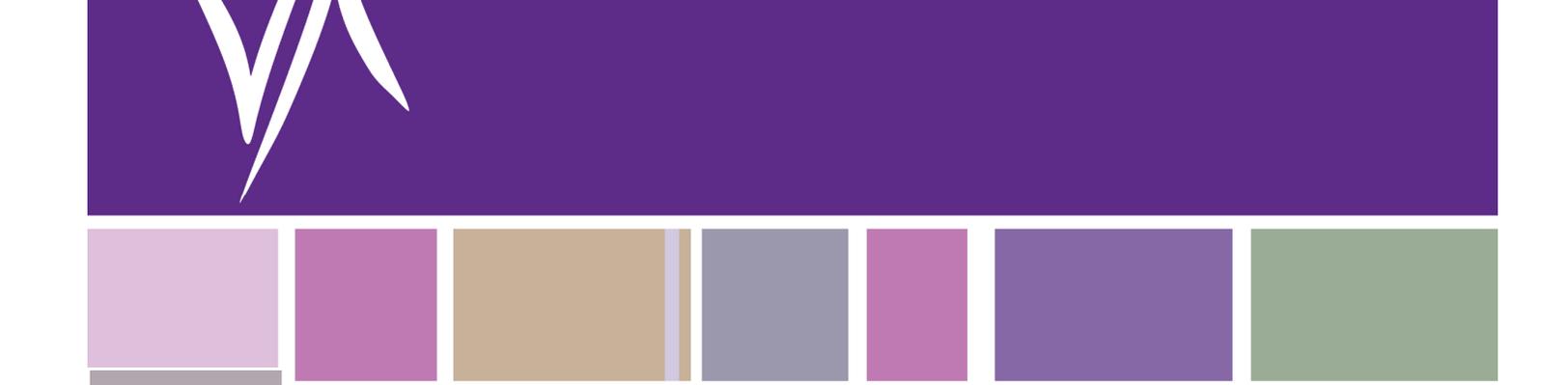
The Gallery within the Civic will be displaying work by Twin Town Schwabish Gmünd artist Walter Giers.

Please contact Pam Lee at pamlee@barnsley.gov.uk or One Barnsley Secretariat, Room 161, Barnsley Town Hall, Barnsley, S70 2TA (01226 77 3416)

Participation Works

Participation Works are holding the following free training courses in the Yorkshire and Humber region.

Our courses are designed to meet the needs of a wide range of staff including managers and trustees as well as young people themselves, and will include accredited training. The training programme is being delivered England-wide by a team of Participation Works approved trainers, including young people who are aged 16-19 years.



Courses are free to voluntary, community and other third sector organisations (1 person per organisation) and £85 for statutory organisations.

To book a place or find out more about the courses visit our Gateway: <http://www.participationworks.org.uk> or call the Enquiry Line: 0845 603 6725

Ready Steady Change is a one-day course that introduces participants to a selection of training methods and tools to enhance their skills and knowledge in increasing children and young people's effective participation in decision-making. The course focuses on values, change and action. Ready Steady Change approaches participation from a children's rights framework and is suitable for all individuals involved in participation work.

York, 21 May

Building a Culture of Participation explores how an organisation's culture can be established and embedded to support children and young people's active and meaningful participation within the organisational infrastructure.

Leeds, 18 June

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Northern College Open Day!

Sunday 10th May 2009

1.00 - 5.00 pm

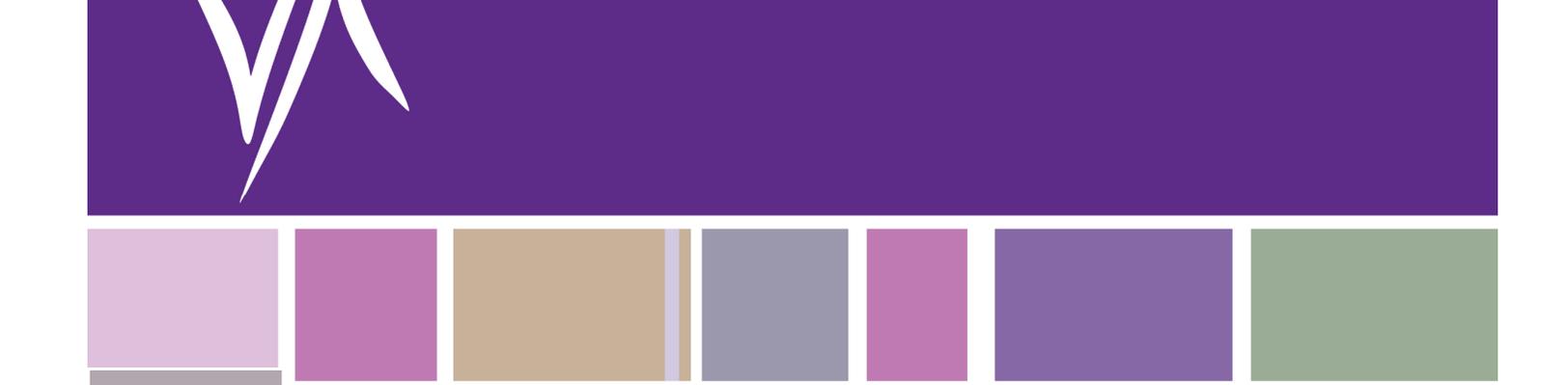
Follow this link for more info

<http://www.northern.ac.uk/fullstory.asp?dataID=home&pageID=newsevent&story=116>

South Yorkshire Financial Inclusion Stakeholders' Event

Barnsley Financial Inclusion Group and the DWP South Yorkshire Financial Inclusion Champions initiative would like to invite you to the first South Yorkshire Financial Inclusion Stakeholders' Event.

Date: Wednesday 17 June 2009



Time: 9am - 12 noon

Venue: The Source, Meadowhall, Sheffield, S9 1EA

We have **invited you to this free event** because you are either already involved in financial inclusion activity in your district in South Yorkshire or because we believe that you are a key stakeholder in the future financial inclusion plans for the sub-region.

We want to make sure that everyone who lives in South Yorkshire has access to the services and support they need to manage their money, including access to banking and savings, affordable credit, face to face money advice, home contents insurance, and financial capability training.

Increasing financial inclusion supports local work tackling poverty and social exclusion, and not only helps financially excluded individuals, but also brings economic benefit to the local community as a whole.

The event is an opportunity to:

- Build on existing local financial inclusion partnerships in South Yorkshire and engage a wider range of stakeholders in the financial inclusion agenda
- Find out more about local and sub-regional financial inclusion activity and the DWP Financial Inclusion Champions Initiative
- Take part in workshop sessions looking at how stakeholders can support, contribute to, and influence, local and sub-regional financial inclusion objectives and plans

We will also:

- Launch the Strategic Financial Inclusion Objectives for South Yorkshire
- Share findings and analysis of South Yorkshire baseline data mapping, Experian Financial Inclusion mapping, and examples of good practice

If you would like any further information about the event, or about Financial Inclusion in South Yorkshire, please contact:

DWP South Yorkshire Financial Inclusion Champions:

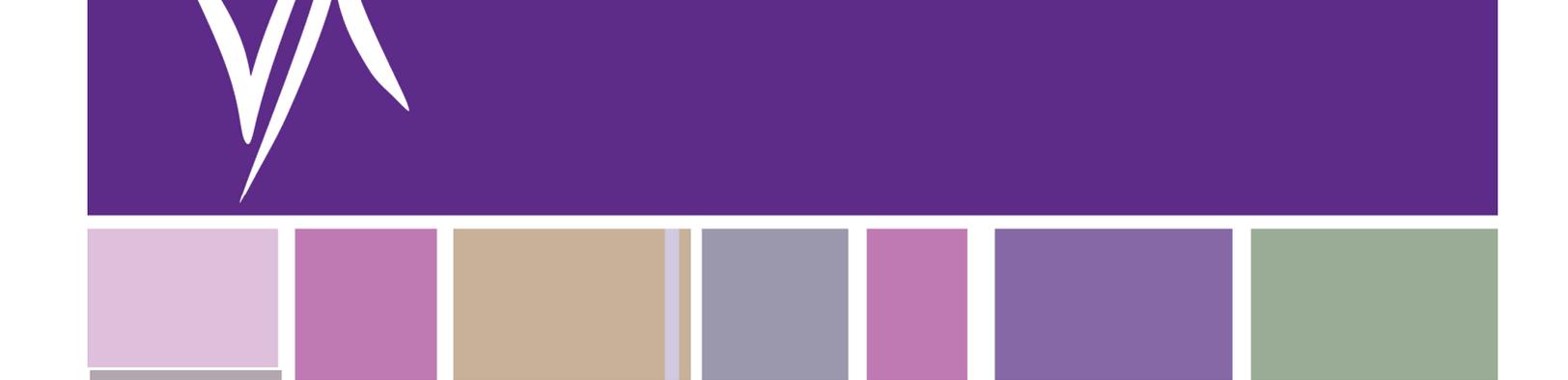
Liz Tooke - 07598 391317 (liztooke@fisy1.co.uk)

Eric Thompson – 07749 094689 (erichthompson@fisy1.co.uk)

Barnsley Financial Inclusion Group:

Pat Heath (Barnsley CAB) - 01226 209906

(manager.barnsley@cabnet.org.uk)



General News

Third Sector Awards

If you wish to contribute an Third Sector Awards - showcase your work 'Third Sector' magazine are running their annual Excellence awards. There are a total of 25 awards, in 6 categories. The deadline is June 5th. See <http://www.thirdsectorexcellenceawards.com/> for details.

Legal Update – The Equality Bill

The Government has for some time been consulting on an Equality Bill has now been introduced into the House of Commons to start the legislative process. It covers many aspects of equality law but most significantly will affect;

Recruitment: if enacted, employers would be able to discriminate against otherwise equal candidates in favour of one with particular characteristics (of sex, race, disability etc.) where it is felt these people are currently under-represented in the workforce)

Pay: the Secretary of State will have the power to order private sector employers with more than 250 employees to publish information about differences in pay between men and women

Pay: pay secrecy clauses will be outlawed

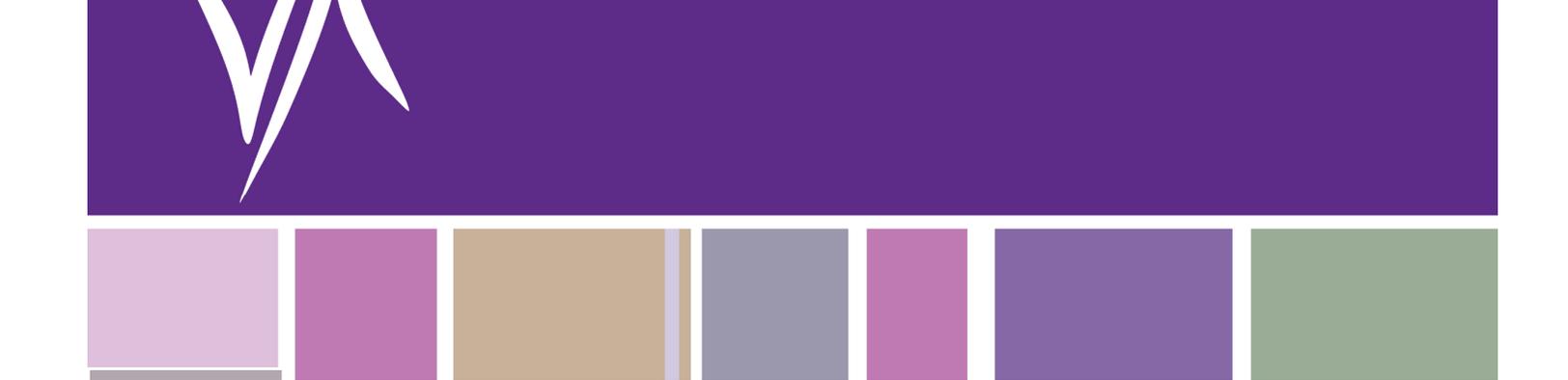
Disability: for the first time the concept of indirect discrimination will apply to disabled people (indirect discrimination occurs when a provision supposedly applies equally to the whole workforce, but in fact has a disproportionate effect on a particular group (in this case, disabled people)

Disability: discrimination by association with a disabled person will be outlawed. This has come about due to the Coleman v Attridge case where the mother of a disabled son (who was not actually disabled herself) was successful in her claim of disability discrimination in the European Court of Justice.

Harassment: employers will be held liable for harassment by a third party (such as a client) if they have failed to act to prevent it. This is also in response to a recent case on this area

Tribunals: tribunals will be given the power to order changes in respect of a whole workforce, and not just in relation to the successful claimant

Contact the VAB Business support team for more info.



Funding News

Environmental Grants

Voluntary or community groups that hold protecting the environment as one of their key aims could be eligible to apply for a cash boost from the South Yorkshire Community Foundation.

Environmentally minded groups could be eligible for a grant of between £250 and £1,500 from the eaga community fund, administered by SYCF.

Through the eaga community fund, SYCF has £9,000 to give away to groups that address green issues at a grassroots level, by raising awareness and educating people on issues related to conserving the environment.

Eaga is one of the UK's leading providers of residential energy efficiency solutions and has a commitment to support green initiatives as well as helping to fund worthwhile local projects.

To find out how to apply for a grant contact Karen Alsop on 0114 2429003

Inspiring Communities offers £10m

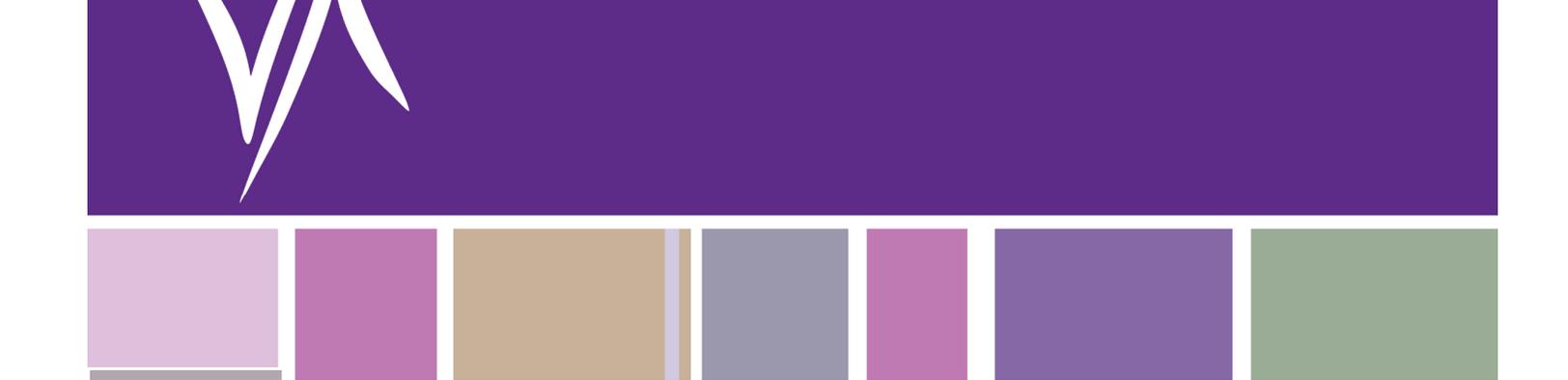
By Kirsty McGregor , Third Sector Online, 9 April 2009

Government cash for projects to help young people 'unlock talent' Community groups have been invited to form partnerships with local authorities and secondary schools to apply for a share of £10m from a new government fund designed to improve the life chances of disadvantaged young people.

Communities secretary Hazel Blears announced that 15 neighbourhood partnerships, which must involve at least one local third sector organisation, will receive grants of up to £450,000 each over the next two years as part of the [Inspiring Communities](#) initiative.

Areas that are given Inspiring Communities status will also be given advice on how to deliver locally conceived projects that encourage young people to "unlock their talent", the [Communities and Local Government](#) department said.

A community leader will be appointed in each neighbourhood to oversee the campaign.



"The communities where young people live should not hold them back; they should be the source of inspiration and practical support that will help them to achieve," said Blears. "This programme is about getting all the people in communities who want the very best for their children and for their area to work together to make the difference."

Inspiring Communities is a joint initiative between CLG, the [Department for Children, Schools and Families](#) and the [Cabinet Office](#).

The deadline for applications is 3 June, and the 15 successful neighbourhoods will be announced within 12 weeks of the closing date.

ABC AWARDS 2009/10

The ABC Awards are designed to help community, voluntary and statutory organisations undertake a project in partnership with South Yorkshire Police which addresses one of the Police Authority's Policing Priorities.

This year all applications must contribute towards **improving confidence and satisfaction with South Yorkshire Police** via **divisionary activities**.

Applicants can apply for **up to £2,000**.

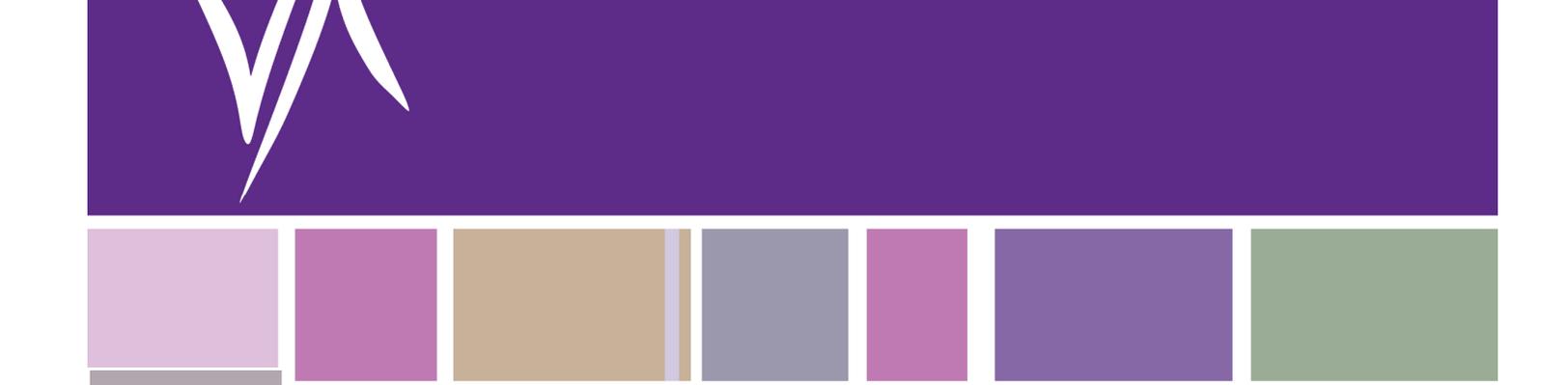
Application forms can be obtained by contacting **Anita Gelder on 01226 772809** or email AGelder@syjs.gov.uk alternatively an electronic version of the application form and Guidance Notes is available on www.southyorks.gov.uk/index.asp?id=313

Application forms available from Friday 1st May 2009 to Friday 29th May 2009

All applications must be received by **4.00pm on Friday 29th May 2009** at the address shown on the application form. Where an application is submitted by email **YOU MUST** also ensure a **signed copy** is received by **4pm on Monday 1st June 2009**. If a signed copy is not received the bid will not be considered.

If you have any queries, please contact me on 01226 772809. Alternatively, my Email address is AGelder@syjs.gov.uk.

A Gelder
Consultation & Grants Officer



The Dearne Area Forum Grants Fund is once again open to local community groups.

Small grants of up to £200 are available for group set up and/or group development, community projects and initiatives that offer practical solutions to local issues.

Wellbeing grants are available for activities that will make the area better and enhance the wellbeing of local people. There are no limits to Wellbeing grants.

For further information about the Dearne Area Grants Fund and an application form please contact:

Neil Wilson, Area Forum Officer, on 01226 773019 or Mick Drewry, Community Engagement Officer, on 01226 773474 or email: mickdrewry@barnsley.gov.uk

Nationwide Foundation offers £3.2m

By Kaye Wiggins, Third Sector Online, 2 April 2009

Financial exclusion, housing and homelessness projects can apply

The [Nationwide Foundation](#) has launched a £3.2m grants programme for charities dealing with financial exclusion, housing issues and homelessness.

The fund will be split between a small grants programme and an investor programme.

The investor programme will offer three-year grants of up to £300,000 to charities with annual incomes of up to £10m. One-off grants of up to £5,000 for charities with incomes below £500,000 will be offered through the small grants programme.

Charities offering financial and housing support to victims of domestic abuse and to elderly people will be the fund's main beneficiaries.

Lisa Parker, chief executive of the foundation, said: "Without financial education, many people will not know how to survive the current harsh economic realities, so we are targeting charities that help the minority groups who are the most vulnerable and in need."

Applications for the investor programme must be made by 31 May, but the small grants programme has no deadline.



**If you would like to contribute to this this bulletin
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