

Voluntary Action Barnsley (VAB) BCVN Bulletin October 2008

VAB news

Please note that Voluntary Action Barnsley will be moving at the end of this month. From November 3rd our new address will be

**The Core
County Way
Barnsley
S70 2JW**

Our telephone number 01226 242726 will remain the same.

VAB Customer Survey 2008

Fill in our online customer satisfaction survey for your chance to win £50!

Go to www.vabarnsley.org.uk and click on the **quick link "Customer Survey"** on the home page.

Free Allegations Management and Safer Recruitment Practices Training

It is now a requirement that all organisations providing services for staff and volunteers who work with or care for children should operate procedures for dealing with allegations which are consistent with Working Together (Appendix 5).

These requirements are applicable to everyone with the responsibility for supervising staff or volunteers.

We have therefore put together a FREE Training Package for **Managers** and **Supervisors** to deal with "Allegations of abuse made against a person who works with children" and Safer Recruitment procedures.

The sessions are to be held over two half days at The Core:

Wednesday 12th November: 09:30 – 12:30 or 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Wednesday 26th November: 09:30 – 12:30 or 1:00 – 4:00 pm

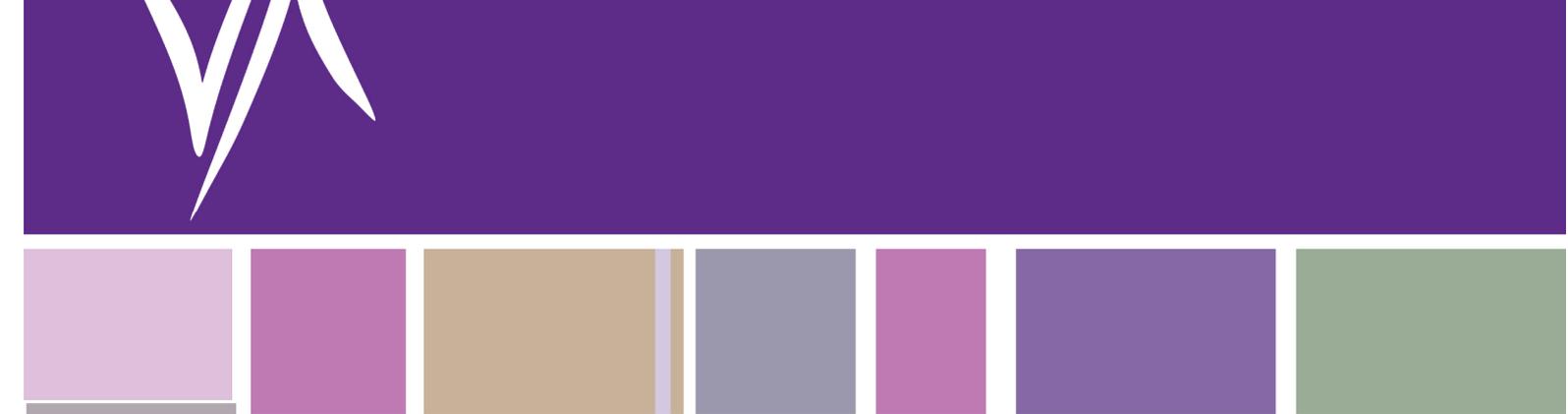
Candidates can opt for the morning or afternoon sessions but places are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Candidates interested in attending should in the first instance contact the Participation Team direct on 01226 242726 or email tracey.oleisky@vabarnsley.org.uk



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Equipment and Furniture Available

Due to VAB's relocation to The Core we will have a number of items available for other voluntary and community organisations such as desks, chairs etc. If you are interested then please contact Sue Brown on 01226 242726 or e mail sue.brown@vabarnsley.org.uk

VAB Participation Team Provider Forum

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! The next Provider Forum is to be held on Monday 24 November 2008

This is an event for Third and Independent Sector Providers of Health & Social Care Services for Vulnerable Adults to meet representatives, share information and network with others in the sector. In addition to this, we regularly have guest speakers at the forum who provide information on topics of interest to people in the sector. For more information or to reserve your place, please 'phone 01226 242726 and ask for the VAB Participation Team.

Training for groups

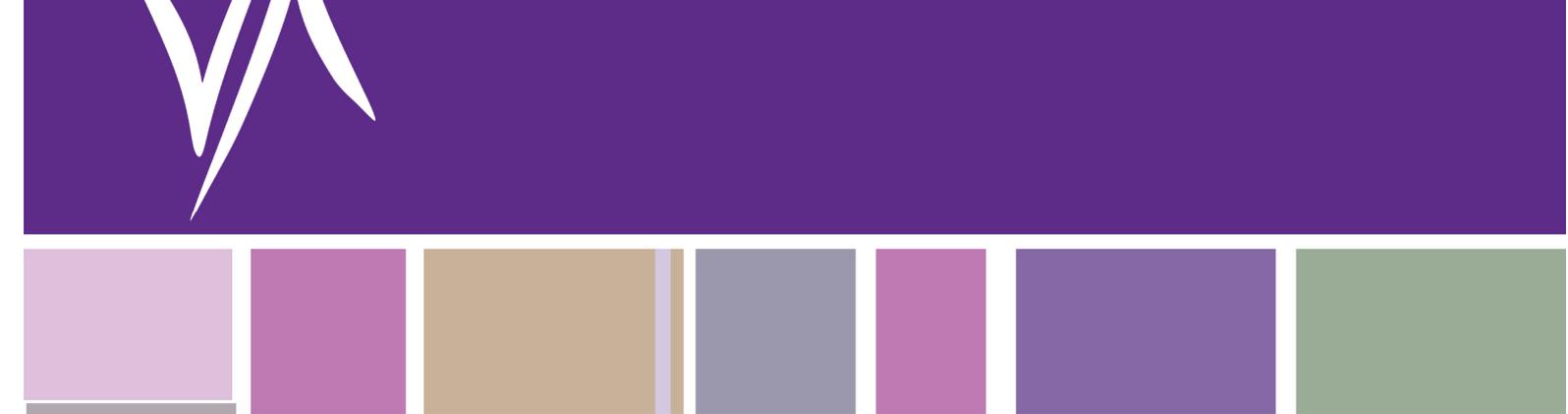
Voluntary Action Barnsley is looking at providing a number of training courses for groups in Barnsley. Is there a training need that your group has identified, or something that you might want to see in the future? If so, please e-mail eddie.street@vabarnsley.org.uk.

Barnsley Sustainable Communities Strategy and Local Area Agreement

The Government believes more gets done if people in an area work together. They could be community and faith groups, the council, police and fire & rescue services, charity groups, businesses, schools, health bodies and more. Pooling experience and expertise, they can understand local people, places and problems. And make sure the right actions are taken and the right services delivered.

In Barnsley this linking up takes place through the Local Strategic Partnership, One Barnsley. One Barnsley is responsible for drafting a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) which sets out the big priorities for Barnsley and these are addressed by the Local Area Agreement (LAA).

LAA set out the priorities for a local area agreed between central government and a local area (the local authority and Local Strategic Partnership) and other key partners at the local level.



Barnsley Sustainable Communities Strategy and Local Area Agreement cont

LAA simplify some central funding, help join up public services more effectively and allow greater flexibility for local solutions to local circumstances.

Through these means, LAA are helping to devolve decision making, move away from a 'Whitehall knows best' philosophy and reduce bureaucracy.

LAA are about what sort of place you want to live in. They set out the local priorities that will make your town, city or community a better place to be; they have been negotiated between all the main public sector organisations in your area, your local authority and central Government.

Barnsley's LAA will be used to determine how Barnsley's Area Based Grant (ABG) will be distributed. The ABG is worth £68.8 million between 2008 and 2011. Of this, £21.5 million is Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF), the replacement fund for Neighbourhood Renewal Fund.

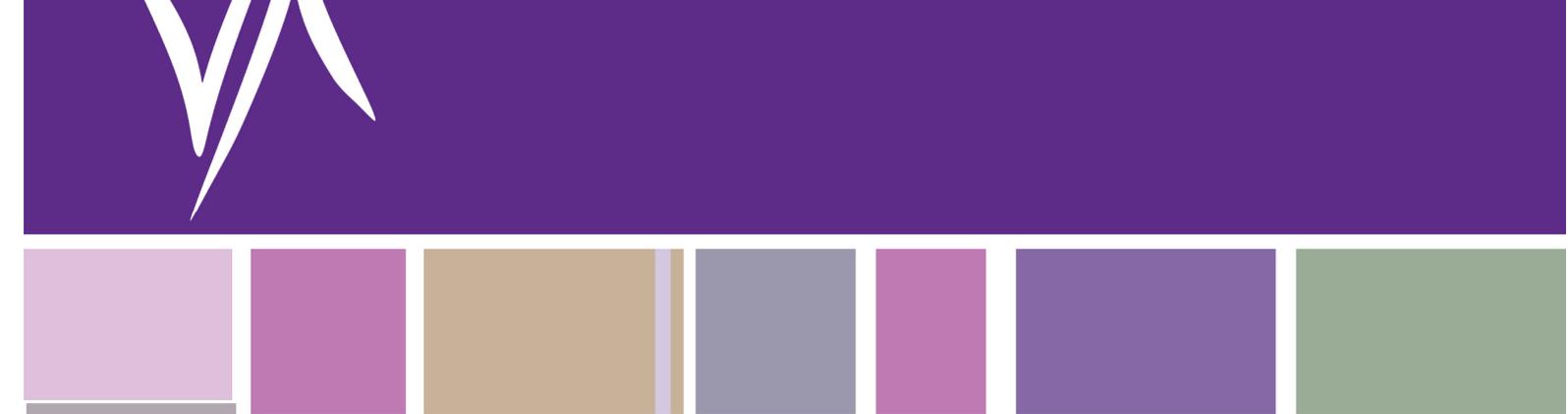
Barnsley's SCS and LAA can be viewed from Oct 8th on the VAB website <http://www.vabarnsley.org.uk/doclibrary.php#onebarnsley>

Sector News

October Changes to Employment Law

Here are the main changes coming to employment law next month (*by Daniel Barnett 2008 update*):

- increase in minimum wage (to £5.73 for adults)
- women on additional maternity leave become entitled to the same terms and conditions of employment as when they were on ordinary maternity leave (for babies expected after 5th October)
- changes to requirements for displaying an employer's liability insurance certificate - basically, it will become okay to make an electronic copy available rather than having a hard copy on display
- Incapacity Benefit and Income Support are replaced by Employment and Support Allowance for new applicants who are claiming on incapacity grounds



Compact Week 2008 1-8 November

Making the Compact a Reality

Compact Week provides opportunities to showcase the Compact and raise awareness of best practice, new developments, and debate across the sector and all levels of government. Compact Week presents valuable opportunities to make the Compact work better for you.

Compact Week is an annual campaign to promote the Compact and engage Government Departments, regional bodies, local authorities and other public sector partners who have Local and Regional Compacts.

This year's Compact Week takes place from Saturday 1 to Saturday 8 November 2008 and this year it coincides with the tenth anniversary of the Compact.

If your doing something for Compact Week 2008, please let us know here info@thecomcompact.org.uk or call 0121 237 5913.

Compact Week is a real focal point for Compact-related activity to take place in all local authority areas across England.

There's lot's of good practice particularly amongst local government and public bodies who have led the way similarly to voluntary and community groups in demonstrating excellence.

Local news

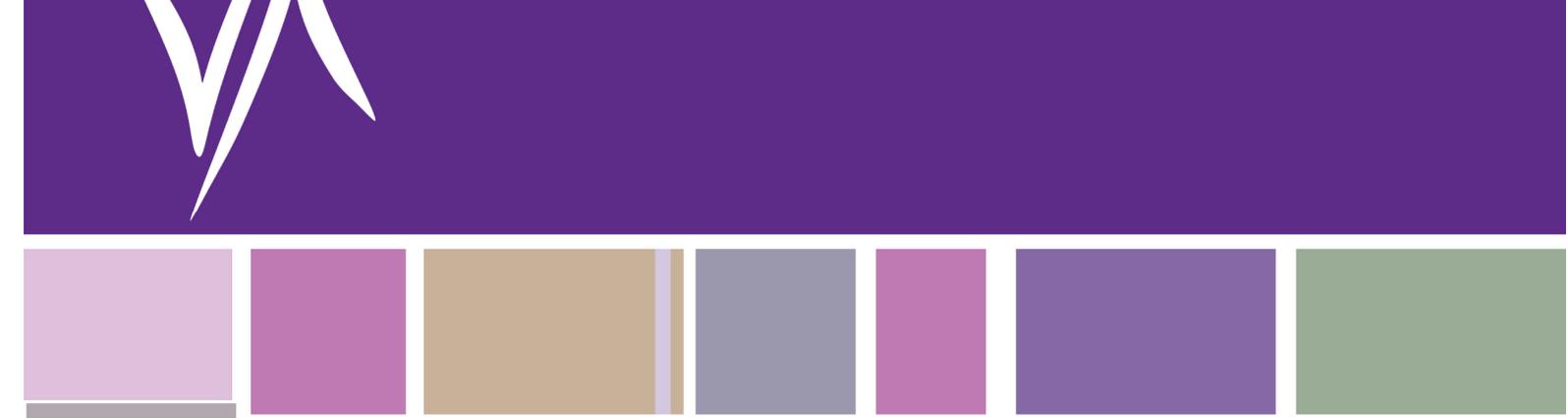
Barnsley Bereavement Support Service

Barnsley Bereavement Support Service require volunteers to train as support workers to provide confidential support to bereaved adults. The training course (ten evenings and two Saturdays) starts on 21 February 2009.

If you would like to join our team, and, after successful completion of training are able to commit yourself to providing time as required, then please telephone **07843754292** or **01226 200565** for further information and application form.

Own transport is desirable (mileage allowance is paid).

There will be an administration charge of £50.00



Barnsley Sport Awards 2008

Once again we want to recognise the fantastic achievements of sportsmen and women throughout Barnsley and to say a huge thank you to coaches, clubs and volunteers who are so essential to all sporting activity.

This year's awards will take place on the evening of **Wednesday 3rd December** at the **Metrodome, Barnsley**.

There are 14 award categories that give the opportunity to recognise the high level of sporting achievement in the borough and to celebrate the value of sport and activity in peoples lives.

We invite you to nominate a sports person, team, club, coach or volunteer, who has achieved in sport in 2008. There is also a category for those who have inspired, encouraged or supported people to increase the amount of exercise they do.

The deadline for nominations is Friday 31st October

Please send your completed form to:

Barnsley Sport Awards
Sport and Active Recreation
BMBC
PO Box 597
Barnsley
S70 9EW

For more information please contact Claire Openshaw:

Tel: 01226 78 79 78 or Email: claireopenshaw@barnsley.gov.uk

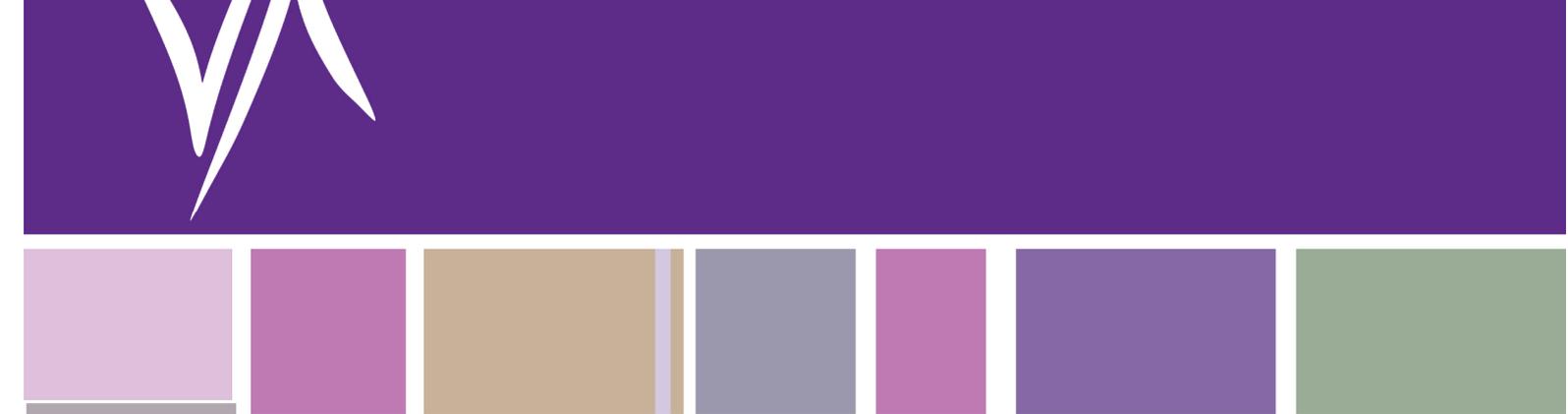
Afraid of Ghosts?

You will be when you take part in the Ghost Hunt. A sense of malice and danger builds in the darkness around you before a pale, translucent figure suddenly appears!

The ideal Halloween night out for the kids – do something different this year!

Far Out Theatre is performing a Ghost Hunt of Wath-Upon-Dearne this Halloween. The evening offers a walking tour of some of Wath's most haunted locations. The tour will last approximately an hour and a quarter.

Far Out Theatre will be performing whatever the weather and the tour will begin at 7.30pm sharp outside Montgomery Hall. Look out for the sinister Victorian guides and listen for the ringing death bell.



This is the first time Far Out have performed a ghost hunt and they can't wait to show you Wath's darker side.

The Ghost Hunt presents scary local ghost stories in a captivating style with energetic accounts from a plethora of local actors. Whilst remaining chilling and frightening the evening promises to be a bucket load of fun and a great night of entertainment.

The planned route is manageable by wheelchair and pushchair users. The Ghost Hunt tour is suitable for the entire family although it is not for the meek and mild. Wrap up warm and bring an umbrella if it is raining.

To book your tickets please call the Far Out Theatre Box Office on 01709 322138 or 01709 513160 or email enquiries@farouttheatre.com

Friday 31st October 2008 at 7.30pm till 8.30pm starts outside Montgomery Hall, Wath-Upon-Deerne

Admission: Adults £5.00, Boils and Ghouls £3.00

Large groups welcome (extra special discounts available)

General News

The Queen's Award for Enterprise Promotion 2009

The award aims to celebrate and recognise the activities of individuals who have played an outstanding and significant role in promoting enterprise skills and attitudes in others in the UK".

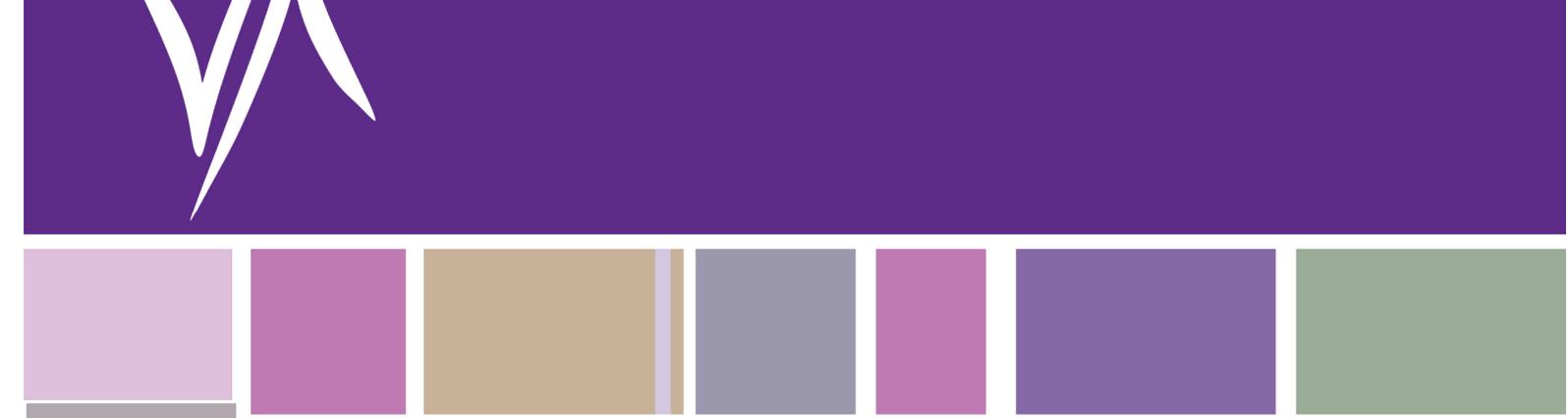
They are looking for:-

- Entrepreneurs, businessmen and women, inventors who give their time and, possibly financial support, to other potential entrepreneurs whether or not they are still in education or at the business start-up/growth stage.
- Those in education, training and youth work who are providing people of all ages, particularly the young, with enterprise skills and attitudes.
- Those involved in social enterprise who achieve business outcomes or equip others with business skills.

Further information and an application form can be found on:-

www.queensawards.org.uk

Please note this award is for individuals and the **deadline for receipt of completed applications is 31 October 2008.**



BURA Awards for Community Inspired Regeneration Final call for entries! Must close 15th October 2008

- **Is your project making a real difference in your local community?**
- **Do you feel it raised community spirit in your area and helped improve the quality of life of local people?**

If you are proud of your achievements, make sure you enter the BURA Awards for Community Inspired Regeneration...

Sponsored by **Communities and Local Government** for a third year running, these awards celebrate best practice in community inspired and led regeneration in urban and rural areas across the United Kingdom. Projects recognised in the past range from community-based arts or planning initiatives to physical regeneration schemes such as multi-use community centres as well as projects addressing poor quality of housing or acute social and health inequality.

The experience of our previous winners shows that winning awards is one of the **most powerful and cost effective marketing tools**. Free and simple to enter, the time you spend submitting an entry could gain you **recognition as a leader in regeneration and community development, boost staff / volunteer morale and help win future funding or work contracts**.

We must advise you straight away that these awards do not provide direct funding however, whilst this is true, the awards are well-recognised and winning an award could be just what your scheme or project needs to demonstrate the difference it is making and boost its reputation.

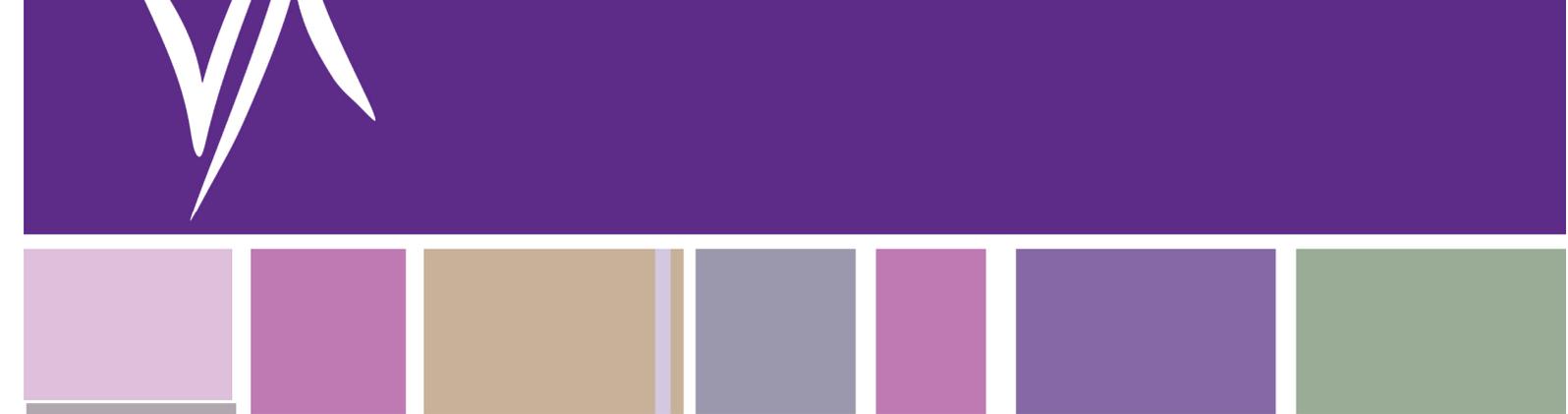
How do I enter?

The Awards are **free to enter** and anyone involved with a grass-roots regeneration scheme can submit an entry. Visit www.bura.org.uk/awards to:

- find out more information about the assessment process, categories and criteria
- read more about projects recognised in previous years
- download the guidance notes for entrants and the entry form
- submit your entry online

Entries must be received by 15th October 2008

Should you require any further information please do get in touch with the BURA Awards Team on 020 7539 4030 or by emailing awards@bura.org.uk / eva@bura.org.uk.



Tennyson Insurance

We are one NAVCA's chosen insurance partners and our intention is to save charities money and / or reduce their risk. We establish if we are able to do either of these by carrying out a free insurance Health Check. This is a short report highlighting any areas that could be under or over insured.

Our work has shown that small charities often do not insure themselves adequately or they hold very poor cover. As a result we have worked with Zurich to develop new packages aimed specifically at these smaller groups:

Public Liability Cover £5m – (£150 including tax)

Many small organisations operate without any insurance at all, they often run events and interact with the public. Without Public Liability insurance they are leaving themselves open for personal liability if there is any damage to third party persons or property. We can now offer Public Liability at this low price point with the following criteria:

- Turnover less than £10,000
- Less than 15 full time volunteers
- No employees
- Events have less than 200 people
- No hazardous activities

Small Charity Package: (£225 including tax)

- £10m Employers Liability
- £5m Public Liability
- Money Cover
- £10,000 All Risks Contents Cover

This is designed for charities that are starting to grow and take on employees. It bridges the gap between an organisation with small risk and one which requires a bespoke solution.

The qualifying criteria is as follows:

- Turnover less than £40,000
- Wages less than £20,000
- Less than 5 employees
- Less than 20 full time volunteers
- Events have less than 200 people

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