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Voluntary Action Barnsley (VAB) BCVN Bulletin September 2008

VAB NEWS

Are you doing all you can to protect children and young people from harm?

Free information event - Launch of NSPCC Safe Communities Toolkit Tuesday 23 September at Priory Campus

Voluntary Action Barnsley (VAB) would like to invite you to attend the celebration and launch event of the NSPCC Safe Communities Toolkit; the toolkit will help community organisations to get the essentials in place to safeguard children they have contact with.

This event is being coordinated by the VAB Participation Team and will include a production of "Our Daily Bread" followed by a workshop session. Both the production and workshop will be run by Eyewitness Theatre Company. We hope this will be an interesting and informative format for attendees.

You are invited to attend a session time of your choice:

13:00— 16:00 Light Lunch Included

18:00—21:00 Refreshments Included

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

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Should you wish to attend, please supply the following information to **participationteam@vabarnsley.org.uk**

- *Your name and the name of your organisation*
- *Your contact address and 'phone number*
- *Please state which session time you would like to attend and give details of any specific requirements you may have i.e. dietary/access.*

Alternatively, for further information please contact Tracey, Angela, Gail or James on 01226 299590.

Welcome to the Barnsley Local Involvement Network (LINK) ***'Stronger Local Voice, Better Care'***

Thursday 25th September 2008
10:30am - 1pm at The Metrodome
(Lunch Provided)

A free informal meeting aimed at introducing the Barnsley Local Involvement Network and the three host organisations that will be coordinating the project.

Voluntary Action Barnsley has recently appointed Caroline Makinson as LINK Development Officer.

Caroline will be working in partnership with other LINK Development Officers based at Barnsley Arena and Barnardo's Voice & Influence Ambassador Service.

Caroline will ensure that Third Sector organisations have the opportunity to be involved in the LINK in Barnsley.

For more information or to book your place, please contact 01226 299590.



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Report from NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training) Strategy Group & Connexions

ESF/LSC Fund for direct work with NEET young people. This fund has been advertised in press and via the www.fit4funding.org website.

Deadlines were very tight with only a 2 week turn around. You can contact Julie Green at Barnsley Council for information regarding this. A consortia of organisations from the St Helens Corridor have put in a Pre Qualification Questionnaire to deliver services in the St Helens Area.

From a recent cabinet report elements of the Connexions Service will be tendered from September 2008. This will include the Third Sector Connexions Provision that is currently being delivered by VAB.

The Third Sector Connexions Service is still working with organisations across the borough to support young people who are attending Third Sector Provision. We are currently working in partnership with, Athersley Cares, Priory Campus, Wombwell Community Partnership, ITS, and The V team here at VAB. The Connexions Personal Advisors here at VAB offer an impartial, information, advice & guidance service as well as delivering motivational projects and a small targeted grant fund for those who are experiencing financial barriers to moving into Employment, Education or Training.

For any further information about NEETs Strategy Group or the Third Sector Connexions Service please contact Doreen Gwilliam 01226 242726 doreen.gwilliam@vabarnsley.org.uk

NEXT VAB Legal Advice Surgery Tuesday 18th November

For FREE legal advice with a qualified solicitor about any legal issue which is currently affecting your organisation.

If you would like to book an appointment or discuss your advice needs further contact Jane or Ann on 0845 2311313 or e mail advice@vabarnsley.org.uk

Appointments are limited and booked on a first come first served basis.



Local News

Katie Russell leaves BSARCH

"I'm writing to let you know that I will be leaving Barnsley Sexual Abuse & Rape Crisis Helpline (BSARCH) on 31st October. This was a very difficult decision, made for entirely personal reasons, and is in no way a negative reflection on BSARCH, which many of you will know is a wonderful organisation providing high quality, much-needed services despite a chronic lack of financial support. It has been a privilege and pleasure to work for BSARCH over the past four years and to be part of some really positive multi-agency working with colleagues from across the voluntary and community sector in Barnsley.

You might be aware that BSARCH's core funding also runs out on 31st October. We are all working hard to find continuation funds but it seems likely that we will not have any source confirmed in time to recruit a successor for my Project Manager post before I leave. BSARCH is determined to continue operating as best it can throughout this coming period of uncertainty and we urge partner agencies not to be deterred from continuing to refer to us. We ask you just to be aware that staffing levels and capacity might affect our ability to respond immediately to enquiries etc. during this time. Obviously, if colleagues can offer us any support, suggestions or information, it would be very gratefully received. If we do not secure another major source of funding by Christmas, the Management Committee might have no option but to wind BSARCH up, after 20 years of providing specialist sexual violence services to Barnsley people. From November onwards, I intend to continue, in a voluntary capacity, doing all I can to prevent this outcome and I hope that others who support our work will feel moved to do the same".

Katie Russell Project Manager
Barnsley Sexual Abuse & Rape Crisis Helpline (BSARCH)
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Local News

Rooms available in Penistone

Penistone Scout Group are seeking to offset the substantial increase in the operation of the Scout Activity Centre Building by letting out Daytime use 8:00am - 4:30 On Mondays Thursdays and Fridays which are the current available times.

The Activity Centre Consists of a Main Hall which has available Go Pack Tables and chairs to seat up to 100 people. is fully wheelchair accessible with showers and toilets.

A modern fitted kitchen with a six burner hob and stainless steel oven and catering equipment is available for up to 40 people.

There is a smaller room measuring 20x15 which is carpeted and has access to wireless broadband.

There is also a large car park and the Activity centre is very close to both the Train Station and the Town Centre as well as being the mid point on the transpennine Trail between Liverpool and Hull.

Please contact Julie Meek Secretary via the E mail facility on the Website www.penistonescoutgroup.org.uk or telephone 01226 762081

Tankersley Welfare Bowling Club

"We are trying to get more people interested in our bowling club, especially younger people from the local youth club or secondary school, If any schools are interested we could give coaching lessons. It maybe to late to arrange anything for this season as the bowling green closes at the end of September, but if we get the funding we are after we are looking to keep the green open all winter, and with floodlights in the dark evenings would be a great facility, especially for the young people in the village and surrounding areas. We would appreciate any help people could give us along these lines".

Contact Steve Ayres. Tel.360127 or e mail saba@pilley.net

Local News



If you would you like to know more about Budgeting & Money Management and/or Debt & Affordable Credit

You are welcome to attend informal, 2hour sessions
run by Judy Scott from
Barnsley Citizens Advice Bureau

All the courses are free and held in local community venues, so if you
are interested why not ask here, or contact Judy direct on
01226 209936
Mobile: 07510 247252
judydscott@hotmail.co.uk

One Barnsley - Your Local Strategic Partnership

One Barnsley has been working on a plan of what's going to happen in
Barnsley over the next 20 years. The leaflet sets out the 11 ambitions and
what we are going to do to achieve them
http://www.vabarnsley.org.uk/pdf/one_barnsley.pdf

There is a more detailed plan called the Sustainable Community Strategy. It
will be on the website www.onebarnsley.com within the next 2 months. If
you cannot open the PDF the leaflet is also available on the front page of the
website.

Contact: Helen Knox on 01226 77 3405
helenknox@barnsley.gov.uk



Events

Creative Facilitation

Date: 15th October 2008

Venue: Kala Sangam – Bradford, 10 am - 4.15 pm

Artsplan, the training and publications department of Artswork and in-house training provider for ENYAN (English National Youth Arts Network), is delivering this established one day course 'Creative Facilitation' on 15th October 08 at Kala Sangam, Bradford.

Artsplan is the largest provider of specialist youth arts training courses and publications in the UK and all training and publications are written and supported by experienced youth arts specialists, currently involved in direct project work with young people.

The '**Creative Facilitation**' course provides an introduction to a creative approach to group facilitation. It aims to encourage, develop and inspire those with responsibility to lead others through a facilitative process, be it for the purposes of team building, consultation, idea-generation or training. Throughout the day we will be using a number of different interactive exercises and games in order to illustrate content. We will also look at group dynamics, communication issues and different learning styles in order to explore how these might be of impact.

Participants recently undertaking this course have been keen to endorse the training:

'This has given me so much more confidence to go out and deliver training. I feel inspired and can't stop jotting down ideas!'

'Really excellent course – very interesting subject with so much relevance to arts and community and education work. [Course trainer] structured, presented and led the course with so much skill and enthusiasm. I really enjoyed it.'

All participants will receive a certificate of attendance upon successful completion of the course and a wealth of practical resources. Prices for each course, which include lunch and refreshments, range from £150 to £110, with limited bursaries available. Please also remember that ENYAN members can receive a 5% discount on all Artsplan publications and training!

For more information on these courses or to book a place, please contact the Artsplan Development Manager on artsplan@artswork.org.uk or call 023 8063 0960. To subscribe to ENYAN visit www.enyan.co.uk



FUNDING

Barnsley's allocation of capital funding from the LSC's Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities is available for third sector organisations to bid into

Funding from the Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities (NLDC) Capital Fund for 2008/2009 is now available for application from Third Sector organisations.

If you would like to apply, please complete the attached application form (sent with this bulletin) and return to Helen Shaw, at the above address. The closing date for applications is 4pm Friday 17th October. Please refer to the enclosed Guidelines for Application for further information.

All applications will be put before a panel with representation from the Learning and Skills Council South Yorkshire, Association of Community Partnerships, Voluntary Action Barnsley, and Neighbourhood Learning Net Secretariat. Applicants will be notified of the panel's decision by Friday 14th November. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact

Helen Shaw Extended Services Development Officer
Tel: 01226 720314 e mail: helenshaw@barnsley.gov.uk

**Applications are not to arrive later than 4pm on
Friday 17th October 2008**

Supporting Community Buildings

This month the Key Fund provided £307,059 worth of support to ten different social enterprises. Five of these groups run community buildings; providing essential facilities, services and activities to local people.

These organisations are leading the way to a better future by providing economically, socially and environmentally sustainable buildings that will serve our communities for years to come.

Whether you are running a community building or a service that will benefit your community, Key Fund Yorkshire could help you.

The Key Fund is offering support packages of between £1,000 and £50,000 to social businesses working in disadvantaged communities in Yorkshire and Humberside.

Read more the groups that the Key Fund has supported click on the link http://www.keyfundyorks.org.uk/neighbourhood_stories

For more information and to see if you are eligible please call

0845 140 1400

Email: info@keyfundyorks.org.uk Web: www.keyfundyorks.org.uk





SMALL GRANTS FOR VOLUNTARY SECTOR TO HOLD GOOD PRACTICE EVENTS.

GoldStar is calling for applications for small grants to hold good practice events in the community. If you would like to apply for the grant the deadline for the first wave of applications is at 12pm 29th August 2008. The second is 26th September 2008.

GoldStar will welcome applications from organisations (or groups of organisations), that can demonstrate specialist expertise in working with volunteers from one of more of the following target groups, Black Asian Minority Ethnic (BAME), disabled people or people with limiting long term illnesses; and people with no qualifications. The events should be to promote and share good practice amongst other organisations.

Successful organisations can receive a small grant of between £100 and £3000, and there is a "good practice events management toolkit" available for FREE to everyone, which is full of hints and tips and templates to help organisations to manage events.

The events will be funded and supported by the GoldStar Exemplar programme. GoldStar is a national initiative designed to promote and share good practice in working with volunteers, mentors and befrienders from socially excluded or disadvantaged groups. For more information about GoldStar visit www.goldstar.org.uk

The closing date is 26th September 2008 with successful organisations informed two weeks later.

Does your group have an appointed First Aider?
First Aid Training available on 7th October in
Doncaster

Click here to find out more

www.vabarnsley.org.uk/pdf/first_aid.pdf



SYCF NAMED AS LOCAL FUNDER FOR £130 MILLION GOVERNMENT SCHEME

The South Yorkshire Community Foundation has been chosen as the region's spearhead for the national £130 million 'Grassroots Grants' scheme, funded by the Office of the Third Sector.

Local communities are set to benefit from this groundbreaking commitment by the government to the long term development of grassroots groups in South Yorkshire.

The three year scheme is split into two parts, an £80 million small grants fund, and £50 million endowment challenge.

Through the grants fund the Foundation is able to distribute grants of £250-£5000 to small grassroots community groups in Barnsley, Rotherham and Sheffield only.

(Doncaster Central Development Trust will be administering the fund in Doncaster and prospective applicants should contact Steve Szostak on 01302 735762 for an application pack and further information).

Groups whose work covers the whole of South Yorkshire should contact the Foundation to find out how they can benefit from the scheme.

The endowment challenge provides the opportunity to offer government matched funding to those that set up new endowments with the Foundation. For every pound donated, another pound is added from government monies, doubling the capacity for community support.

The Foundation has been set a target of £1.27 million to raise from local businesses and individuals throughout the four boroughs of South Yorkshire, which when matched with government funding will create more than £2.5 million of community capital.

To view the advice and guidance click here
www.vabarnsley.org.uk/pdf/grassroots.pdf

Vacancies



A South Yorkshire Charity working with Children and Young People at risk through running away.

The primary aim of SAFE@LAST is that every child be heard giving them the very best opportunity to identify and resolve their issues around running away.

SAFE@LAST is pleased to announce an exciting employment opportunity:

RUNAWAYS EDUCATION SESSIONAL OFFICER

This unique and excellent post will require someone who is enthusiastic and innovative to deliver creative drama scenarios to children from Barnsley aged 10-11 yrs attending the Crucial Crew project at Magna, Rotherham. The scenarios aim to educate and inform young people about the realities and dangers of running away from home.

This is a sessional post funded from November 3rd until November 28th 2008 and from January 5th until Friday 23rd 2009. The successful applicant will be able to commit to both these delivery periods.

35 hours per week to be made up of four 6.5hour days and one 9 hour day per week. Salary negotiable upon experience.

[SAFE@LAST is an equal opportunities employer and encourages applications from all genders, sexual orientations, cultures, races and people with disabilities.](#)

FOR AN APPLICATION PACK PLEASE RING 01909 566977 between 9.30am and 5pm weekdays or email clare@safeatlast.org.uk.

Closing date Friday 19th September 2008.



VACANCIES CONT.....

AGE CONCERN BARNSELY

We are looking to appoint a **Information & Advice Service Manager**
(2 year fixed term contract)

Salary £23,800 per year

Hours 36.25 per week

(Job share applicants considered)

The service provides information, advice & support to older people on a broad range of matters including benefits and other money related issues; consumer problems; housing and community care.

Main purpose of the post:

We are seeking an experienced, highly motivated and enthusiastic generalist advice worker to regenerate our existing information & advice services. The post holder will manage & develop the Information & Advice Service based at Eldon Street, develop outreach I & A points in each of the Borough's Localities and will be responsible for managing the mobile advocacy service. The successful applicant must have proven skills in management and in the recruitment and motivation of volunteers. Access to transport is essential for this post.

This is a re-advertisement and all previous applicants will be considered.

Application forms and further details are available from:

Age Concern Barnsley

12-18 Eldon Street

BARNSELY

Tel: 01226 211161

E-mail: barnsley@ageconcernbarnsley.co.uk

Closing date for applications 13 October 2008 @ 9am

It is anticipated that Interviews will take place w/c 20 October 2008

Age Concern Barnsley is an equal opportunities employer

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 242726 or email naomi.douglas@vabarnsley.org.uk