

## Current Office Space

VAB currently has a small amount of office accommodation available in their Queens Road site. If anyone would like further information please contact Angela Jones on 01226 242 726.

## Government Third Sector Review

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VAB trustees with John Woodside (Assistant Borough Secretary, BMBC) signing the contracts for the new building

## Growth and sustainability thrive in Barnsley's iconic new building

**Further to the last newsletter, on Monday 6th August, the Trustees of Voluntary Action Barnsley signed off the relevant contracts & paperwork, which means that the new centre for the third sector will become a reality. Building work has commenced and contractors have been on-site since 20th August.**

Dr Elizabeth Norris, Chair of VAB said: "The signing represents an important and momentous day which VAB has been striving towards for years. It has been an exercise in team working which has strengthened our experience of partnership with BMBC and other "funders".

The Centre is a long-awaited dream come true, not only for everyone connected to VAB, but Barnsley's Third Sector organisations in general. It will provide high-quality facilities in the town centre and encourage much needed networking and support opportunities as well as excellent office accommodation and facilities.

VAB has almost 900 Barnsley based voluntary and community groups on its database and recent research has shown that there are at least 4000 volunteers in Barnsley, a number growing every year. Groups and volunteers will be able to benefit from the centre and from the range of services that VAB provides: training, legal advice, payroll and accountancy services and help with the recruitment of volunteers.

We will be producing information packs to inform all interested parties of what the Building has to offer, and will continue to send updates to all who are currently on the mailing list. A series of meetings will be held to discuss the availability and allocation of accommodation spaces and prices. These meetings will take place over the next few months.

The new centre is on schedule for completion in 2008, Until then VAB will remain at their offices on Queens Rd. If you would like to find out more or attend meetings, please contact Angela Jones on 01226 242726.

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*The views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of Voluntary Action Barnsley*



## Introduction - by Ian Ireland

Deputy Chief Executive, Voluntary Action Barnsley

**I'm writing this piece during the height of the holiday season, which explains why it's me rather than Penny, our Chief Executive. There was a time when summer was for catching up with odd items of work and unfinished business, but, rather like the lunch break, this is a thing of the past.**

We are now officially locked into the sequence of events leading to the completion of the new VAB building and the building contractors will be on site in late August. It is the task of all of us in VAB to continue the delivery of high quality services to our customers and to ensure that we do not become too obsessed with building related activities. Each part of the VAB product is continuously monitored so that we can live up to our quality commitments on a day to day basis.

All of us in the third sector have rather more uncertainty in our lives than we would ideally wish. Several significant funding streams come to an end before April 2008 and we are not altogether sure of the nature of future threats / opportunities.

The country's change of leadership seems to have brought with it a number of very positive declarations concerning the value of voluntary and community activity in performing real professional duties. There are indications that funding will reach third sector operators by less circuitous routes than hitherto and this is surely to be welcomed. If we are to undertake grown-up work we should be treated as adult professionals at every stage of the process.



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Our business development and training & advice teams are raising awareness of the world of procurement and commissioning, so that groups can decide how to prepare to sell services and how to market their special skills. There is still a good deal of fear of the unknown in the areas of enterprise and sustainability but we are using knowledge and information to develop confidence.

Finally, our AGM will take place on Tuesday 2nd October at the St John's Community Centre in Penistone. Events will begin at 11.00 a.m. and we can promise you a stimulating and informative experience.

Regards,  
Ian Ireland - Deputy Chief Executive

### VAB's AGM will be held on October 2nd at St Johns Community Centre in Penistone.

If you would like to find out more about the AGM and reserve a place then please contact Sue Brown on 01226 242726. The AGM will provide an opportunity for you to find out more about VAB's services as well as the new centre and how it can benefit your group.

Thank you to all of you who updated your details on the form that was sent out with the last newsletter. Please note that we have had over 300 responses so far so we are in the process of updating your details onto our database. However, due to numbers of groups this takes time, so we do apologise if your details have not been updated as yet. Please be assured that they will be in time for the next mailing.

If you haven't sent back the form please do so or contact us to update your details.

## Participation Team

### Consultation Learning Disability Occupational Skills Unit

**The Learning Disability Board is consulting on the future of the Occupational Skills Unit based at the Bondfield site in Wombwell.**

The proposal is to re-provide a range of local services that 'result in more appropriate outcomes for service users at a reduced overall cost.' The consultation will run from 1st July until 31st October 2007. To download a copy of the consultation document and feedback questionnaire, please visit [www.vabarnsley.org.uk](http://www.vabarnsley.org.uk) or [www.barnsley.gov.uk](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk)

Please note that if you are interested in contributing to a joint response from the Third Sector this will be an item at the discussion workshop at our Provider Forum on 26th September 2007.

## Every Adult Matters

### Consultation on the Future of Older People's Services - July - October 2007

Partnership in Action is consulting on proposals for the future of Older People's Services. The plan is to reshape a number of services and will involve the closure of Locality Centres and the reshaping day services. It is proposed to re-commission services which better meet the needs of local people and which deliver services to more people in their own homes. A copy of the consultation document is available on [www.vabarnsley.org.uk](http://www.vabarnsley.org.uk) or [www.barnsley.gov.uk](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk), or by contacting Gail Barlow on 01226 299590.

**If you would like to comment on the proposals you can do so by contacting the Planning & Commissioning Unit directly at Wellington House, Wellington Street, Barnsley, Tel 01226 77234**

### Volunteer Lay Assessors Needs

Are you interested in General Practitioner (GP) services? Would you like to contribute to the development of GP Services in your area? Are you available for a few hours per week between October 07 and January 08?

If you can answer yes to the above and would like to help, please contact Katrina Boffey on 01226 433740 or e-mail [katrina.boffey@barnsleypct.nhs.uk](mailto:katrina.boffey@barnsleypct.nhs.uk). This is an opportunity to meet new people, develop your skills and contribute to the planning of local health services!

## Adult Services Provider Forum

**Wednesday 26th September 2007  
10.00am - 1.00pm, Pavilion Room  
Barnsley Rugby Club, Shaw Lane, Barnsley**

This half day event will bring together the four adult service client areas, Learning Disability, Mental Health, Physical Disability & Sensory Impairment and Older People.

The programme will include guest speakers, information and also discussion workshops for each of the four client areas where our representatives will be at hand to provide feedback from the planning & commissioning Boards and hear your views.

There will also be the opportunity to network with others working in the same field.

**If you would like to attend this event, please contact Gail or Angela on 01226 299590 or e-mail [participationteam@vabarnsley.org.uk](mailto:participationteam@vabarnsley.org.uk)**

### Every Older Person Matters

#### Consultation on the future of older people's services dates of future meetings.

#### Public Meetings

##### Royston

**13th September 2007 - 10:00am**  
• Bob Revell / Derek Gardiner (BMBC)  
• Sean Rayner / Karen Taylor (PCT)  
**Royston Civic Hall, Station Road, Royston, S71 4EQ**

##### Staincross

**13th September 2007 - 2.00pm**  
• Bob Revell / Derek Gardiner (BMBC)  
• Sean Rayner / Karen Taylor (PCT)  
**Mapplewell & Staincross Village Hall, Darton Lane, Mapplewell, S75 6AL**

### Contact Us

**You can contact the Participation Team on 01226 299590**

## Young Volunteers Agency

### Young Volunteers Agency

The Young Volunteers Agency are in the process of trying to find out what volunteering opportunities might interest young people throughout Barnsley. If you work with young people, aged 13-19, we'd really like to come out and talk to them and ask them what they'd like to do.

**Consultation with Young People**

To find out more please contact **Caroline on 01226 249 468.**

## Pankhurst Walk 2007

**This years walk took place on Thursday 12th July and was well supported with 84 people attending.**

We followed a circular route taking people past heritage sites including the site of the old Barnsley Main Pit and Monk Bretton Colliery, the glassworks, the steelworks, Monk Bretton Priory, the Mill of the Black Monks and the canal and the disused railway.

The Young Volunteers Agency were joined by local groups including Wombwell, Jump, Broomhill & Hemingfield Community Partnership and the Millennium Volunteers. Schools taking part included Priory School and the Barnsley Academy.

We were also joined by our Voluntary Action Barnsley colleagues and several people from the local community.

**Thank you to everyone who helped with being a walk leader and well done Nicki for the excellent organisation of this walk.**



## Auctioned books to benefit young people in Royston

**An autobiography signed by Winston Churchill has been auctioned to raise money for young people in Royston.**

"My Early Life" was given to an 11 year old Royston child, Philip Griffiths, by Churchill in 1941. He was also given an autograph book with the signatures of all the members of Churchill's war cabinet. In fact it made the Evening Standard News on July 5th 1941!

Later on the Griffiths family moved away from Barnsley but Philip's daughter, Jane, has asked that the proceeds from the auction go for the benefit of young people in Royston. YVA were chosen as the best organisation to carryout Jane's wishes.

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” This is a lovely legacy to leave and Royston's young people will benefit from this. Nikki Shaw, Finance and Administration Manager at YVA said "There's a lot of bad publicity about young people and it's just nice to know that there are people out there who do care and want to help".

The books have now been sold by Christie's for £2,400 and the Young Volunteers Agency are currently talking to youth and community workers in Royston to find out how best to spend the money.

## Springboard 07

**'Partnership Working at its Best'**

Springboard 07 is a programme of motivational activities for young who are Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET). The Young Volunteers Agency, Millennium Volunteers and Connexions are working together to help to motivate a group of young people to move on. The Activities have been around, 'Sight & Sound' looking at Arts as a vehicle for motivation and have included workshops in: Drumming, Art (self portraits), DJing & Mixing. We have also conducted a range of 'out and about' activities including: Climbing & Abseiling, Kayaking & Rafting, and Traversing.

Everyone involved in this programme has had a great time and just as importantly they are ready to move forward. Some of them have enrolled to volunteer overseas and help support groups of people who are less fortunate than themselves.

The partners would like to thank ITS (Independent Training Services) and the Barnsley NEET Strategy Group for their financial support of the programme.

Connexions is an Information, Advice and Guidance Service for young people. Voluntary Action Barnsley & Priory Campus currently work with two Voluntary Sector Personal Advisors and youth workers from The Young Volunteers Agency who offer young people advice on a range of different issues. As part of our service we also provide young people information around sexual health and operate a 'c-card' scheme.

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## Volunteer Centre

**'Any Volunteers' DVD launch was held by Volunteer Centre Barnsley on 17th July.**

The DVD features volunteers from Barnsley who used the facilities offered by the Volunteer Centre to find them their perfect volunteer role.

The upbeat and informative DVD was very well received by invited guests from the Third Sector and council officials and of course the stars of the show, the volunteers who agreed to take part in the filming!

Awards were presented to the volunteers by the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress Elect Ken and Beryl Sanderson.



### Contact Us

You can contact the Volunteer Centre on 01226 295905



## Current Voluntary Sector Connexions Drop-ins

**Tuesday's 12pm-5pm (3.30pm-4.30pm C-Card)**

Jane and Louise  
Priory Campus Drop-in

**Wednesday's 3pm-5pm**

Jane  
Wombwell Drop-In,  
Wombwell Partnership Office,  
High Street, Wombwell

**Athersley Drop-in's Wednesdays 3pm-4pm**

Louise  
Romero Centre, Laithes Lanes

**Thursday's 2:30-4:00pm (3.30pm-4pm C-Card)**

Louise  
New Lodge Community Centre

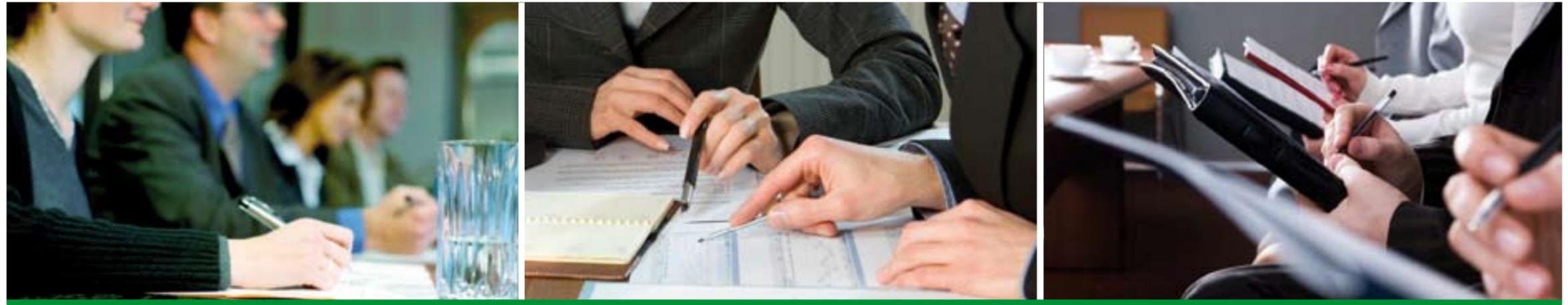
**YVA Drop-ins Tuesdays and Thursdays 4pm-6pm (C-Card available)**

Penny, Nicki and Doreen  
Young Volunteers Agency  
23 Queens Road  
Barnsley

### Find Out More

**Priory Campus** - 01226 770610  
**YVA** - 01226 249468  
**Louise** - 0775 7507513  
**Jane** - 0784 7113192





# Government Third Sector Review

**The Government launched a review of the future role of the Third Sector in social and economic regeneration (the 'Third Sector Review') as part of the Comprehensive Spending Review process.**

The review will inform government spending between 2008 and 2011 and set a strategy for government support for the Third Sector for the decade following 2008. The report is over 100 pages so we have tried to condense the main points.

The report focuses on four key areas:

- **Enabling voice and campaigning;**
- **Strengthening communities;**
- **Transforming public services, and;**
- **Encouraging social enterprise.**

## Enabling voice and campaigning

The report recognises the role of the sector in giving voice to communities and empowering people to campaign for change. The response to the report consultation emphasised the importance of ensuring a diversity of voices are heard in consultations and the role of government in enabling an environment for organisations to provide voice to citizens and to campaign.

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## Strengthening communities

The report emphasises the vital contribution community-based organisations make to civil renewal and neighbourhood regeneration, and to building democratic engagement and social capital. The review acknowledges that there are inconsistencies in partnership working at a local level, and notes that the Office of the Third Sector (OTS) and Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG) are examining principles of representation to ensure that the third sector is properly represented on Local Strategic Partnerships and in the performance management framework for local authorities.

## Small grants

The report recognises the importance of small grants at a local level, confirming that the £80m community organisations fund announced in Budget 2007 will be distributed via local partners including community foundations. In addition, £50m will be made available to local independent organisations to invest in local endowment funds. This will act as a catalyst to attract other sources of funding. CLG are currently consulting on how to support community anchor organisations, and OTS will support this work with £10m funding between April 2008-2011.

## Volunteering

The review reiterates the importance of volunteers to strengthening communities, civil society and supporting others. To continue support for a culture of volunteering, government will invest £117m funding in V, the youth volunteering organisation, to build awareness of volunteering among young people and create a new National Youth Volunteering Programme. Government will also continue to offer match funding for donations from private businesses to support youth volunteering.

## Transforming public services

The report recognises that earlier government reviews have focused on the role of the sector in service delivery, but now reiterates a commitment to the multiple roles the sector can play in transforming public services: in delivery; as a partner in innovation; as a partner in the design of services and as campaigner for change in the way services are delivered. A number of measures were announced in the December 2006 public services action plan and the review further commits to including advice on working with the third sector in a modernised version of government accounting rules.

## Encouraging social enterprise

The report recognises the contribution of social enterprise and the benefit of promoting enterprising solutions within the wider third sector in supporting sustainability. This includes the appointment of seven new social enterprise strategic partners for the OTS in June 2007: Social Enterprise Coalition; the School for Social Entrepreneurs (with UnLtd); Plunkett Foundation; Social Firms UK; Co-operatives UK; Prowess; and a national Olympics social enterprise partnership.

A number of measures were announced in the recent Social Enterprise Action Plan, which seeks to embed social enterprise in government policy development. The report confirms that government will now consult the social enterprise sector on the proposed social enterprise Ambassadors programme, strategic funding and the Make Your Mark campaign which seeks to encourage a more enterprising culture amongst young people.

Social enterprise education will become part of the main key stage 3 and 4 curriculum framework from 2008, and the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority is consulting on how best to include social enterprise in the GCSE Business Studies syllabus.

**The full report (103 pages) can be downloaded from [www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third\\_sector/third\\_sector\\_review/](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/third_sector_review/)**

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**See how Barnsley fits into the Strengthening Communities strand of this report...**

## Funding through the Safer and Stronger Communities Fund

Following the announcement in the interim report of the third sector review, one project being funded through the Safer and Stronger Communities Fund is happening in the Bank End area of Barnsley. Voluntary Action Barnsley (the local Council for Voluntary Service) has joined forces with Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council's community planning team to bring a neighbourhood management approach to the area.

£65,000 has been made available through the neighbourhood element of the Safer and Stronger Communities Fund and has been allocated to carry out intense community engagement; provide activities which will generate positive community spirit, work with residents and support them to lead and influence issues that affect their quality of life. Links with other local governance structures, such as the Area Board, will also be strengthened. In this way Barnsley Council is promoting community engagement and service delivery at a local level, by bringing together the third sector, service providers and the relatively small amount of funding needed for the project. **Third Sector Review - page 33**

## Community Advice, Training & Support (CATS)



### The CATS team is celebrating their 10th Anniversary!

Over the last 10 years we have trained around 3000 learners, of which approximately 600 have gained a qualification.

#### Training to meet your organisational needs...

CATS bespoke training is responsive to your organisational needs. These needs are often reflective of the nature of the sector in which we work, and range from legally required training, to group development training. Pressures of time, changes in staff and volunteers, changes in responsibilities, and changes in funding, can often mean that there are changes in priorities and financial budgets available for staff and volunteer development. Whilst many training providers offer regular "off the shelf" training, bespoke allows you to define the training you need.

#### How can my organisation access the bespoke training packages?

Organisations should contact Linda Smith, Project Manager of the CATS project, providing details of their specific needs.

#### Should I know exactly what my organisation's needs are?

No, this is not necessary, CATS is happy to conduct a Training Needs Analysis with your organisation, ensuring that you get the right training which is needed for your organisation.

#### CATS has provided the following bespoke developmental sessions to organisations during 2006:

- Recruitment & Selection
- Committee Roles & Responsibilities
- Business Planning
- Tailor-made ICT Training
- Organisational 'Away Days'

## Upcoming Courses

### Academy Governance, Leadership & Management Programme.

CATS have places available on the following courses:

#### Managing an Organisation or Project

OCN accredited at level 2 & 3  
Thursday - 20th, 27th September  
4th, 11th, 18th, 25th October 2007  
9.30am to 3.30pm  
Edlington Hilltop Centre, Doncaster

#### Developing Organisations

OCN accredited at level 2 & 3  
Wednesday - 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th November  
5th, 12th December 2007  
9.30am to 3.30pm  
Edlington Hilltop Centre, Doncaster

#### Find Out More

Contact Pearl for a booking form on 01226 206294 or [pearl.green@vabarnsley.org.uk](mailto:pearl.green@vabarnsley.org.uk)

## Breastfeeding Link Project News



### Training Opportunities

- Would you like to find out more about breastfeeding?
- Do you have questions that you would like to know the answers to?
- Have you ever wondered how breastfeeding works?
- Would you like to support other mums to breastfeed?
- Are you pregnant or breastfeeding?
- Have you breastfed your children?

If you have answered yes to any of the above then La Leche League Peer Counsellor may be for you. Yummy Mummy will be running training over 12 weeks every Wednesday 9.30am-11.30am starting 3rd October.

#### To find out more come along to our coffee morning:

Friday 21st September

9.30am - 11.30am

All Saints Children's Centre Darfield.

Or contact

Joanne Lee

Family Support Worker/LLL Administrator: 01226 753666

Babies & Toddlers are welcome to attend both the coffee morning & Training sessions.

## Congratulations...

The following establishments have all recently achieved the Breastfeeding Friendly Award, in recognition of achieving high standards of support and facilities for breastfeeding families. They are assessed on an annual basis.

- Sunny Bank Children's Centre
- Rising Stars Children's Centre
- Buddies Children's Centre
- Burton Grange Children's Centre
- Cloughfields Community Centre,
- Wilthorpe Children's Centre
- Embankment Children's Centre
- Clambers Fun World
- Café Moda/Massarellas
- Dearne Valley Day Nursery

#### Find Out More

For further information about BFA please contact:

Breastfeeding Link Workers

Tel: 01226 242729

Email: [bflink@vabarnsley.org.uk](mailto:bflink@vabarnsley.org.uk)



Are you interested in supporting mums who are expecting a baby and thinking about breastfeeding?  
(In clinics & Antenatal classes)

BIBS will be running La Leche League B-Friendly Antenatal Training over 3 sessions: Wednesday 12th, 19th & 26th September 1.00pm -3pm at Resource Centre St John's Community Centre, Church Street, Penistone

There will be a crèche provided at each session. Crèche places need to be booked in advance, when booking please confirm the number of places required & the ages of children.

Babies are welcome to stay with you throughout each session.

To book a place or for further information please contact:

Jane Burren

Tel: 07806 742863 / 01226 729553

(please leave a message)

Email: [janeburren@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:janeburren@hotmail.co.uk)

## Business in the Community

**Business in the Community is an independent business led charity that works with over 750 member organisations and thousands of other businesses across the UK.**

Established in 1982 BITC is a catalyst for responsible business practice. BITCs purpose is to inspire, engage, support and challenge businesses to continually improve the impact they have on society. BITC works in 4 key impact areas, Community, Workplace, Environment and Marketplace.

BITC has both a regional and local presence in Sheffield and is now looking to extend its reach to Barnsley and other areas of South Yorkshire. BITC has 25 years experience of engaging businesses in supporting regeneration initiatives and has delivered a number of national and local programmes utilising business skills and resources to support community needs.

BITC works with local businesses to encourage them to tackle disadvantage through raising the levels of achievement of young people, removing barriers to work and building economic renewal in deprived areas.

Business can support your local organisation in two ways

### Cares

Cares is Business in the Community's national campaign to engage employees in their communities through volunteering. Teams of business volunteers take part in a wide range of activities at local Community Groups from painting and decorating and gardening to organising a party or creating a pond area. If your organisation could benefit from a team challenge then Cares could be for you!

**If your community group could benefit from a team challenge please contact Michelle Tilney on 0114 2018983 or email [michelle.tilney@bitc.org.uk](mailto:michelle.tilney@bitc.org.uk)**

### ProHelp

ProHelp is a national network of 1,000 professional firms who are committed to making a difference in their local community by providing free advice and professional support to local organisations. If you have a one off project that requires the skills of a solicitor, architect, marketing expert or architect then ProHelp may be able to help!

#### Find Out More

**For more information please contact:  
Rebecca Addy at SY ProHelp  
Tel: 0114 2018983  
E-mail: [Rebecca.addy@bitc.org.uk](mailto:Rebecca.addy@bitc.org.uk)**

### Case Study

#### DLA Piper LLP and The Danum Project

#### Sheffield lawyers makeover Doncaster church project

Dilapidated rooms belonging to a Doncaster church were transformed for community use by a team of handy lawyers from DLA Piper. The makeover to the 17th century St George's house, one of the oldest buildings in Doncaster, formed part of the plans to regenerate the area and revitalise run down rooms and facilities for community use through a £6m fundraising challenge to restore the Minister and the surrounding area.

Around 16 staff from DLA Piper's Sheffield office picked up paint brushes, dug out dustsheets and grabbed gardening equipment to give a facelift to facilities at the Danum Project that works in partnership with the Minister Church of St George Doncaster. They painted the office and undertook clearance work in the garden, looping hedgerows and weeding.

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Beci Hitchen in DLA Piper's Sheffield office Insurance Group, who acted as team leader for the challenge said: "The idea of the scheme is that our company gets to put something back into the local community that will benefit everyone. We worked really hard all day but had great fun and there was a great team spirit. The decorating and gardening work we undertook will help improve the look of the building inside and out. Hopefully this will be the first of many challenges completed by the team."

Jane Hinds, appeal and project development director at the Danum Project Ltd said: "Everyone got really stuck in, had a lot of fun and didn't mind getting their hands dirty. No matter what industry our volunteers come from we find they all have a fantastic laugh, find out all about the voluntary sector and above all work very hard."

Neil Thompson, CSR Partner for the Sheffield office, said: "This team building challenge not only brings benefit to the community but our employees as well. Volunteering projects like these build team spirit and provide an opportunity to test project management and leadership skills."

## Community Workshop Project

**John Niland and three others started the 'Community Workshop Project' over three years ago with the aim of developing the craft skills of local people and creating enterprise opportunities.**

The workshop was a place where people could meet, be trained in specialist wood crafts, have the use of specialist equipment and the space in which to work.

One local man, who wanted to build a hutch for his grandson's pet, surprised his family, friends and neighbours after he joined the workshop. He produced a professional looking, well constructed, hutch instead of the expected botched DIY disaster with bent, rusty nails.

Access to training, tools, machinery and workshop materials made all the difference.



The man went on to develop his new hobby and with new confidence eventually refurbished his daughter's house

Unfortunately the project is no longer running due to a lack of premises and funding. The project desperately needs new premises; any ideas on how to get the project off the ground again would be greatly appreciated. **Contact: John 01226 716337**

The group are also keen to attract new committee members and the younger generation. Wood craft courses currently being run at alternative premises are:-

- **Woodcarving Workshop**  
10 week course led by Brian Chapman, Saturday 11th September, 7.00 - 9.00pm Royston High School. **Cost £45.**  
**Contact: Jon Bates 01226 724422 for further details and to book your place.**
- **Routering Workshop**  
4 week course led by Andy Lodge, Saturday 22nd September Acorn Centre, Grimethorpe. **Cost £60**  
**Contact: Jenny or Derren 01226 780033 for further details or to book your place.**

## Why Waste?

**...when you can use a free, online 'waste exchange' to find useful items and materials from Yorkshire & Humber businesses.**



Search the 'Why Waste' website to source materials for your group's activities or workspace.

Whatever items you need, Why Waste is a great place to start. Why Waste have had

everything from carpets, pallets, tyres, wood, chairs...even a kitchen sink!

Why Waste is also a great resource if you have useable items you want to pass on to other organisations.

**See enclosed leaflet for more information.**

**Find out more: Tel: 0113 200 3977  
[www.whywaste.org.uk](http://www.whywaste.org.uk)**



## Barnsley charities offered grant funding

Barnsley charities are being invited to apply for a share of £250,000 in funding, which is intended to help disadvantaged people get on the employment ladder. Grants of up to £7,000 are being offered by South Yorkshire's Key Fund Global Grants in partnership with the Lloyds TSB Foundation. Backed by European Social Funding from Objective 1, they are seeking applications from charities and community groups which are running projects with a focus on progression towards employment.

"There is so much valuable work going on in Barnsley and we're in a position to support a whole range of different groups," said Kathryn Hyde, Global Grant Co-ordinator.

"The kind of projects we're looking for can be almost anything, so long as they either create jobs or open up training or volunteering opportunities that help people to develop the kind of skills they need to improve their chances of securing employment."

#### Find out more:

**To apply for a Lloyds / Key Fund grant, or for more information, please contact: Asha Karbhari, Global Grants Development Officer on (0114) 242 8907  
Email: [info@sykeyfund.org.uk](mailto:info@sykeyfund.org.uk)**

## Barnsley Childcare Survey 2007 including PRIZE DRAW

Are you a parent or carer living in the Barnsley Metropolitan Borough and looking after a child under 18 years old? If the answer is YES then you can help to shape the future of childcare provision for children in Barnsley AND possibly win £50 of High Street shopping vouchers. The Council has a statutory duty under the Childcare Act 2006 to provide 'sufficient childcare' from April 2008. To help us do this we need to know what parents want.

You can complete the Survey on-line. Just go to [www.barnsley.gov.uk/sufficiencysurvey](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk/sufficiencysurvey). Or you can obtain a paper copy from Christine Brett on 01226 775977, email [christinebrett@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:christinebrett@barnsley.gov.uk) or text 07624 809924. This can be returned free of charge to:

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# Getting to know...

## Angela Beaumont - Breastfeeding Link Worker Supervisor

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### How long have you worked or volunteered for VAB?

I started working for VAB in April 2006. I volunteer as a Breastfeeding Peer Supporter in Barnsley Hospital offering support and information on a weekly basis (where possible). I also offer Breastfeeding Peer Support over the telephone on behalf of the Yummy Mummy Breastfeeding Peer Support Group in Darfield.

### How many hours do you volunteer or work for us?

I am employed 22.5 hours a week as a Breastfeeding Link Worker Supervisor, I volunteer between 1 – 2 hours a week at the Hospital and always have the Peer Support telephone switched on (just in case).

### What does your job involve?

We as a project have a vision which is 'To support communities in Barnsley to understand and embrace the importance of breastfeeding'. I manage the day to day running of the project and delegate tasks

to the team. We as a team promote and support the Barnsley's network of Peer Support Groups in many ways. We are part of Barnsley's Breastfeeding Team and are aiding the implementation of Unicef UK, Baby Friendly by providing Policy Workshops on the 'Joint Barnsley Borough Breastfeeding Policy'. We also offer organisations Breastfeeding Friendly Awards and provide training. We provide Breastfeeding Antenatal Sessions and offer Infant Feeding information by linking with the Baby Doll Programme which is aimed at 15 to 16 year olds.

### What is the best thing about working or volunteering for VAB?

I enjoy working for VAB because I feel part of a team, everybody matters.

### If you won a million pounds tomorrow, what would you do with it?

It won't happen, so it's not a problem!!!!!!

### What do think would make a difference in making barnsley a better place to live?

I would like Breastfeeding to be accepted as the normal way to feed and mother a child, thus eventually making a healthier town.

### Tell us a bit about your background before you came to barnsley and how that has shaped how you view the world

I am originally from Manchester, where I worked for Nat West Bank counting other people's money (as well as other tasks). My parents are from Barnsley, I came over here 15 years ago and met a Yorkshire lad, we have now been married for 13 years and have two boys. I feel at home in Barnsley!

## Feedback

VAB welcomes feedback on its services from customers and service users. If you wish to make a compliment, complaint or comment about the service you receive.

### Please contact our main office for a copy of our procedure or send your comments to:

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## Newsletter/Press Queries

If you have any queries regarding this publication, wish to be featured in the next edition or alternatively if you want to be added/deleted from the mailing list contact Naomi Douglas on 01226 242726 or email naomi.douglas@vabarnsley.org.uk

## Opening Hours

Monday -Thursday 9.00am - 5.00pm

Friday - 9.00am - 4.30pm

## Meeting Room

VAB has a meeting/training room available for hire. The room can seat up to 20 people around tables and up to 35 people conference style (£15 per session). The room is accessible and has refreshment facilities.

## Article Deadlines

VAB News is produced quarterly February, May, August & November.

**Deadline for articles is the 10th of these months.**

## Leaflets/Flyers

To reach over 1000 groups in Barnsley you are able to include leaflets in with this newsletter.

**For a standard A5 flyer prices are as follows:**

£25 for voluntary & community groups.

£50 for statutory bodies.

**Subject to weight and size**

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