

Circulation Box



September 2009

SOUTHAMPTON VOLUNTARY SERVICES MAILING

You are invited to the

**Southampton Voluntary Services
Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday 7th October 2009, 12.00 – 2.00pm
at the Voluntary Action Centre

- 11.45am Doors Open
- 12.15pm Welcome & Apologies followed by Formal Business
- 1.30pm Close of Business with buffet and Networking opportunity

Papers for member organisations were sent out Friday 11th September 2009- please would you ensure you have returned the attendance slip. If you have any special requirements that will enable you to attend this meeting, or you require this information in a different format, we will endeavour to meet your needs within the resources available.



**Southampton Voluntary Services -
working in partnership for the future of the city**

In this Issue...

SVS News	Page 3
SVS Projects News	Page 4
Members and Local Organisations News	Page 5-6
Volunteering News	Page 7 - 8
LSP/LAA News	Page 9
Human resources News	Page 10 - 11
CRB/ISA News	Page 12-13
Health News	Page 14
National News	Page 15
Funding News	Page 16 - 21

Name	Email	Direct Line
Admin	admin@southamptonvs.org.uk	023 8022 8291
Voluntary Sector Support Team:	information@southamptonvs.org.uk	
Jo Ash	j.ash@southamptonvs.org.uk	
Di Bernstein	d.bernstein@southamptonvs.org.uk	023 8021 6015
Auran Sood	a.sood@southamptonvs.org.uk	023 8021 6013
Philip Lee	p.lee@southamptonvs.org.uk	023 8021 6017
Louise Evans	l.evans@southamptonvs.org.uk	023 8021 6019
Lindsay Davies	l.davies@southamptonvs.org.uk	023 8021 6020
Becky Spake	b.spake@southamptonvs.org.uk	023 8021 6016
Rob Kurn	r.kurn@southamptonvs.org.uk	023 8021 6031
Finance: Andrew Jackman	a.jackman@southamptonvs.org.uk	023 8021 6025
City Shopmobility:	city.shopmobility@southamptonvs.org.uk	023 8063 1263
Lilah Turtle	l.turtle@southamptonvs.org.uk	023 8023 6003
Family Projects	fampro@southamptonvs.org.uk	023 8021 6060
Young Carers	young.carers@southamptonvs.org.uk	023 8021 6032/6011
Street Homeless Prevention Team (SHPT)	shpt@southamptonvs.org.uk	023 8021 6000
M.O.R.P.H.	morphin@southamptonvs.org.uk	023 8021 6009
SVS Mailing	mailing@southamptonvs.org.uk	



SVS TRANSPORT GRANT

Advance notice to all groups that have been recipients of the SVS Transport grant and to those eligible to apply for this **year's round of £4,079.00**. Deadline for round will be **30th October 09**
The money is intended to help towards the costs of transporting group members who are unable to use public transport.

It is not intended to fund services which organisations are contracted to provide, outings or individual transport needs e.g. hospital visits.

Grants are awarded in relation to the numbers of people involved; total annual transport costs and other funding your group receives and is intended only for funding towards costs for residents of Southampton.

To **register interest** please contact: Ms Auran Sood, Adult & Learning & Skills Development Worker on 023 80 216013 or Email: a.sood@southamptonvs.org.uk . Past applicants will be notified automatically.

UP AND COMING**October.....**

Fri 2nd Oct 09 -Meet the Chief Exec of the PCT, see pg 14

Mon 5th Oct 09- Volunteer Co-ordinator Training: Retaining Volunteers, see pg 7

Wed 7th Oct 09- SVS AGM

Sat 10th Oct 09-Community Well-Being FUNDAY, see pg 14

Sat 10th Oct 09- World Mental Health Day, see pg 14

Thurs 15th Oct 09- DARG, 10.00am

Fri 16th Oct 09-Meeting with John Denham

November.....

Wed 4th Nov 09- Volunteer Co-ordinator Training:Respecting Volunteers , see pg 7

Wed 11th Nov 09-Policies and Procedure Training

Fri 13th Nov 09-Grassroots Surgery 9.30am-12.00pm

Mon 21st Nov 09- Committee Surgery 9.30am-12.00pm

Thurs 26th Nov 9.00am-4.00pm- TUPE/Pensions

December.....

Tues 1st Dec 09- CLOSING DATE Volunteer Certificate Scheme Nominations, see page 7

Thurs 3rd Dec 09- Volunteer Fish and Chip Supper

Thurs 3rd Dec 09-Volunteer Co-ordinator Training: Support and Supervision of Volunteers, see Pg 7

Sat 5th Dec 09- UN National Volunteer Day

Tues 8th Dec 09- Volunteer Co-ordinators meeting

Tues 8th Dec 09- Mental Health Forum

Wed 16th Dec 09- Counselling Forum, 10.00am





In the years that I have been volunteering for K2 Urban Youth Festivals I have met a lot of different people and done a lot of things that were a new experience for me, such as planning the events to putting bids into a variety of funds to get the money to make our events happen. I have now been volunteering for about four years and every year I have seen the festival grow and grow. The amount of new and old volunteers coming back shows that K2 has an impact on young people and helps them to give something back.



This year I had the chance to film and take pictures of the August event. This helped me to meet all of the agencies and some of the people who came to the event. All the feedback I received from the people I spoke to was positive. The only downside to the event was the weather, but there was still an exceptional amount of people who came and thanks to the coordinators Jane, Rob, Tony, Simon and Dave everyone's spirits were kept up!

After the success and the amount of fun I had at this year's event and in all the weeks leading up to the event I will definitely be volunteering again next year!

James Spreadbury – K2 Youth Volunteer

(A full evaluation report of the K2 Urban Youth Festival 2009 will be published later this year; contact Rob Kurn for more details r.kurn@southamptonvs.org.uk)

THERE IS STILL TIME TO RESPOND TO THIS CONSULTATION ON SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL'S REVIEW OF GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

On 27th July 2009 Cabinet approved a number of recommendations arising from the Council's Review of Grants to Voluntary Organisations.

Recommendations in respect of the following are subject to a 12 week formal consultation period with voluntary organisations.

- Amend grants criteria and conditions
- Advertising grants and encouraging new applicants
- Funding non-recurring, one-off projects and initiatives
- Three year grant funding agreements
- Grants and contracts
- A centrally administered single corporate grants budget
- Monitoring arrangements

The Council is keen to hear from as many organisations as possible including those it currently funds and those it does not fund. There is still time to respond to the consultation which ends on 27th October 2009.

A survey with links to the cabinet Report and Appendices can be found under Current Consultation <http://www.southampton.gov.uk/haveyoursay>. It is also available in other formats on request.

Cabinet also approved a number of recommendations for the 2010/2011 grants process and future work that are not subject to the same consultation but are required to accommodate the Review consultation and reporting timetable. These can be found in the Cabinet Report on the link above.

For more information contact the Stronger Communities and Equalities Team on 02380 833 445 or email communities.equalities@southampton.gov.uk

Shaping the Future of Care Together Green Paper-Closing Date: 13 November 2009

The Green Paper puts forward proposals for a National Care Service that is fair, simple and affordable for everyone, along with some funding options.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_102338

Consultation on the revision of the Fair Access to Care Services guidance -Closing: 6 October 2009

This consultation seeks views on the revision of the statutory guidance providing local authorities with a framework to determine individual eligibility for social care.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_102362

Building a society for all ages-Closing date: 12 October 2009

This is about preparing for an ageing society, helping older people to live longer, healthier, more active and independent lives. An implementation plan has been published alongside the strategy. Views are sought on the content of the strategy. <http://www.hmg.gov.uk/buildingasocietyforallages>

Big Lottery publishes new Strategic Framework

Following its BIG Thinking consultation, the Lottery has published its Strategic Framework to 2015 and the principles which will underpin the way it gives out funding. The headlines from the framework are that funding dedicated to the third sector will rise from 60-70% to 80%; there will be £43m for recession support; and £45m will be moved into popular existing schemes, including an extra £20m for Reaching Communities and £5m for Awards for all. <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/index/bigthinking.htm?regioncode=-uk>



Young Disabled Peoples Forum

The Young Disabled People's Forum Event took place on Tuesday 18th August 2009. It was a brilliant start to creating stronger links between Young Disabled People in the Hampshire and Isle of Wight region and the Southampton Centre for Independent Living (SCIL). The event was well attended and the Young People were outgoing, enthusiastic, and engaging with potential friendships already forming by the end of the day. Various activities took place including human bingo to help people get to know each other, and a "what winds you up..." activity to initiate discussion. Another popular activity was designing and fabric painting hats, bags, and T-shirts to reflect each individual's identity. Other activities included interactive computer games, music, and a media conference with an 'all star' cast from across SCIL. The atmosphere was relaxed and informal and everybody appeared to enjoy themselves!



New DCSF Guidance on Employing Children

Ever wondered whether Mr Grimes breached health and safety laws when sending Tom up the chimney? Or whether Miss Hannigan breached the Working Time Regulations when forcing Annie to sweep the orphanage floor?

Well, wonder no more. The Department for Children Schools and Family has produced an excellent [Guide on Employing Children](#), covering everything from the types of work children can (and cannot) do, through the number of hours they can be required to work, to specific health & safety requirements. It's a really good guide to print off and keep for future reference.

The Hampton Trust Vacancy for Honorary Treasurer

Our current honorary Treasurer wants to stand down in the autumn and we are looking for a replacement. If you are interested please see the contact details below.

The charity's website is a good start to obtain information about us, and a telephone call to either myself or the Vice Chair would also be very welcome:

www.hamptontrust.org.uk/

Sue Wade, Chair 07774 075861 or suewade@btconnect.com
Richard Barritt, Vice Chair 023 8033 4977 or r.barritt@solentmind.org.uk



WOULD YOU LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP OTHERS, HELP YOURSELF AND HELP TWICS?



Are you looking for an opportunity to put your skills, training or experience to good use?

If so - why not consider joining the Management Committee of TWICS?

Our Management Committee is responsible for the overall operation of TWICS. We are a charity employing a small team to manage and deliver our training and other projects.

To find out more call TWICS - 023 8067 1111

Diabetes UK have re-launched

On Thursday 17th September Diabetes UK re-launched their Southampton and District Voluntary Group to mark the charity's 75th Anniversary.

Find out more at <http://www.diabetes.org.uk/>





Volunteering News



★NEWS ★NEWS★NEWS ★NEWS★NEWS ★NEWS★NEW★NEWS★NEWS★NEWS

SVS proposes a Flu Friend Courier Service for the City

Following on from the presentation on the H1N1 Flu pandemic given on the 20th of July by Graham Watkinson from Southampton PCT and Angela Sumner SCC Communities Health & Care, a proposal for a Flu Friend Courier service has been drafted.

After the initial alarm around the spread of the Swine Flu virus, we are now, according to the experts, in a quiet period before the expected high rise of cases in the autumn. This is good as it's allowed us time to think about ways that our sector can help and SVS has proposed a new service that will provide essential help to people with the H1N1 virus that have no-one to assist them by collecting their anti-virals on their behalf. This could be for instance an elderly person with no near relative or willing neighbour/friend being available to help them or even a whole family with no outside help.

The proposal for the Flu Friend Service includes deploying a large number of Volunteer Couriers who will be vital to its success. The volunteers are not expected to have anything other than limited and well managed contact with the clients, only handing over the anti-virals to them. The volunteer is not expected to enter the patient's home or become involved in anything else related to their support. A full risk assessment has been thought through which includes provision of protective clothing and training before commencing the role.

The volunteers will ideally need their own transport and must be available on call for specified periods of times which are likely to be between 9:00 -11:00am and 3:00-5:00pm Monday – Friday: Saturday 12 -2 pm and Sunday 2-4pm (depending on the demand, this may change) with the expectation that the volunteer will be available for at least one session each week. It's possible too for the volunteer to offer to cover a specific area of the city, perhaps their own neighbourhood or another area that they are familiar with.

If you could please ask amongst your own volunteers if they would be willing to take on this additional role, or if you could consider that this is something that you would like to do, please get in touch with Di Bernstein, Volunteering Development Team Leader, SVS. Tel: 023 8021 6015 Email d.bernstein@southamptonvs.org.uk A briefing will be arranged at a date to be confirmed when all interested volunteers can find out more.



Volunteer Certificate Scheme

The next presentation will be in January 2010 (the date to be confirmed). Nominations are now sought for this popular award to volunteers. The closing date for nominations is 1st December 2009. Please consider putting volunteers forward that have done at least 100 hours of high quality volunteering. This scheme is particularly beneficial to those seeking paid work so please bear this in mind. Further information and forms on SVS website www.southamptonvs.org.uk/VolCert.htm





SVS's Volunteer Centre held up as good example of partnership work.

Volunteering England has used SVS' Volunteer Centre as an example of good collaboration between universities and colleges and said SVS "has gone about developing excellent links with a range of educational institutions in the city." Over many years we've worked with the University of Southampton, Southampton Solent University and City College to establish co-operative ways around encouraging and supporting students into volunteering. More recently the universities and SVS have been working together on the Active Southampton initiative that aims to create a fitter, more active and healthier city through creating more awareness of sports and activities. This helps towards streamlining volunteering to provide students with a more seamless route into community volunteering, especially after they graduate. Through this collaborative work, we hope to create more of a sense of active citizenship with the 30,000 university students in the city, and embed it in their day- to-day lives .At City College we've provided bespoke Volunteering Information Sessions including a session focusing on students with special needs.

Dates for your Calendar

**8th Sept:
 Recruiting
 Volunteers
 Training**

For more details and to book on to these courses contact Di Bernstein on 02380 216015 Duration: 2.5 hours

**10th Sept:
 VCG
 Forum**

9:30- 12
 (9:00 for net-working)
 Location: SVS

**5th Oct:
 Retaining
 Volunteers
 Training**

For more details and to book on to these courses contact Di Bernstein on 02380 216015 Time: 9.30-12.00 Duration: 2.5 hours

31st October: Make a Difference Day

CSV Make a Difference Day is the UK's biggest annual day of volunteering! The campaign will on 31 October 2009 create a wave of kindness across the UK - and you can be part of it!

Want to find out more? Take a look around the website, <http://www.csv.org.uk/campaigns/make+a+difference+day/>

**4th Nov:
 Respecting
 Volunteers
 Training**

For more details and to book on to these courses contact Di Bernstein on 02380 216015 Time: 1.30- 4.00
 Duration: 2.5 hours

5th December: International Volunteer Day 2009

International Volunteer Day (IVD) was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1985. IVD is now celebrated worldwide with thousands of volunteers involved in a range of IVD initiatives. For more info please follow the link below <http://www.unv.org/what-we-do/int-l-volunteer-day.html>

22nd-28th February 2010: Student Volunteering Week

was established in 2001, and raises the national profile of Further and Higher Education student volunteering.



2011 European Year of Volunteering

Dedicating 2011 to the topic of volunteering will help Member States, regional and local communities and civil society achieve the following objectives:

1. Work towards an enabling and facilitating environment for volunteering in the EU;
2. Empower volunteer organisations and improve the quality of volunteering;
3. Reward and recognise volunteering activities; and
4. Raise awareness of the value and importance of volunteering.



Southampton Partnership Update

The second meeting of the Southampton Partnership Policy Board will take place on 1st October and is expected to focus on discussion of a number of key issues including

- Challenges to the business community and how other sectors can provide support
- Later years challenges and how other sector can provide support
- Issues facing BME and New Communities and future trends
- Young People – training , support and employment.

The Voluntary sector reps are Pete White from Fairbridge, Gulzar Shariff from Empathy and Mary Carnegie from Sholing Action Forum and Environment group so if you have any information or issues you would like them to raise on your behalf please contact them direct or let me have your information which I will forward to them and can also take up at the monthly Southampton Partnership Delivery Board meetings.

At its July meeting the SP Delivery Board considered the preparations for the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) a combined inspection regime led by the Audit Commission through which all local public services will be rated in future; considered proposals to strengthen the Economy and Enterprise Board as one of the 4 major strategic partnership under the overarching Southampton Partnership and cease the Communities and Renewal partnership ; reviewed the indicators of the recession impact ; considered the Regional and City Public Health directors reports and the inequalities in health within the city and had an update on emergency planning for Pandemic Flu and Flood risks for the city. The proactive steps taken by SVS to inform the v oluntary sector on pandemic flu were welcomed.

In August two issues of particular impact for the voluntary sector were considered – the upturn in volunteering as a result of unemployment and the impact of the recession on a variety of support services in the city. Thanks to those voluntary groups who contributed information for me to input to these debates. I am pleased to say that Delivery Board has taken up the issue of how to strategically support development of volunteering in the city and Nick Murphy and I are leading on this. Also discussed was progress on the LAA targets and the sub sectoral partnerships work programmes. A detailed Ipsos MORI presentation on the results of the national Place Survey which provides benchmark information on a large number of the national indicators including those around influence through involvement and participation , social cohesion and sense of belonging, volunteering (NI 6), perceptions of crime etc gave much food for thought about what influences peoples experiences and perceptions of using services and living in the city. This will feed into the CAA and form the basis for future improvement targets set for the city in several areas as well as focusing more attentions and resources on communications and PR strategies as we are perhaps all more susceptible to spin and media influence rather than fact and reality than we care to think !



The launch of the first phase of the Vetting & Barring (VBS) on 12 October 2009 the key changes are:

The three current barred lists Protection Of Children's Act, (POCA), Protection of Vulnerable Adults (POVA) and List 99) will be replaced by two new barred lists administered by the Independent Safeguarding Authority, the Children's List and the Vulnerable Adults List: Employers, Social Services and professional regulators will have a duty to refer information about individuals who may pose a risk to children and vulnerable adults to the ISA. There will be criminal penalties introduced for the barred individuals who seek to undertake work with vulnerable groups and for any employers who knowingly take them on. The eligibility criteria for Enhanced CRB checks will be extended to include anyone working in a regulated activity.

The current POVA First will be renamed 'ISA Adult First' to reflect the replacement of the Protection of Vulnerable Adults (POVA) list

The standard CRB check will only reveal information held on the Police National Computer (PNC) and will no longer reveal information from the current lists or the new barred lists. You should therefore ensure anyone applying to work in a regulated activity under the new eligibility criteria applies for an Enhanced CRB.

Regulated Activities

Involve contact with children or vulnerable adults and are:

Of a specified nature
e.g. teaching, training, care, supervision, advice, treatment or transport.

Or

In a specified place
e.g. Schools, children's homes & hospitals, juve-

AND

Frequently, intensively and/or overnight

Once a month

Or

Three or more occasions in a period of 30 days

Or

Overnight: between 2-6am

- Also covers Fostering and Defined Office Holders e.g. Directors of Children's Services, Trustees of children's charities, School Governors
- **No distinction made between paid and voluntary work**

Do you employ staff?

We can offer advice on the above to voluntary & not for profit organisations FREE !

WE CAN OFFER

- A quick question & answer session over the phone, or via email.
- One to one meetings to work through particular areas of concern
- Seminars or workshops to explore subjects in depth, either joining in with others or tailor-made for your organisation.



Below are just some of the issues we have helped groups with in the past

Employment contracts:

- What Identification do I need to see from a prospective employee before I employ them?
 - What has to be in the written in contracts?
 - Notice periods – are these mentioned and are they sufficient?
 - Holiday entitlement – what is the position re casual workers and part time employees?
- Bank Holiday entitlement for part-time employees – is this covered?

Adequate policies:

- What policies do you legally need to have for the size of your group/organisation
 - What are the new rules on Maternity, Paternity, Adoptive and Parental Leave?
- Do our Trustees need to be CRB checked?

Legal rights:

- An employee is on long term sick, only entitled to statutory sickness benefit. Are they entitled to take carry over annual leave when they return to work?
 - Does an employee have the right to paid time off for Doctor's appointments?
- An employee has asked to work shorter hours to allow her to look after her 8 year old daughter – can the organisation say no?

If you are not sure of the answers

Please contact:

Lindsay Davies, Human resources Advisor, Southampton Voluntary Services
Tel: 023 8021 6020 or email: l.davies@southamptonvs.org.uk



Does the new Vetting & Barring Scheme replace the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB)?

The simple answer is NO. Anyone who wishes to work in regulated activity with children or vulnerable adults will need to become ISA Registered. This is a mandatory condition that they must fulfil before a new employer can consider taking them on.

ISA-registration does not replace the CRB Disclosure process, which still needs to be carried out as before, where required. However applicants will be assessed using data gathered by the CRB, including relevant criminal convictions, cautions, police intelligence and other appropriate sources.

What the new Scheme does is help streamline the vetting and barring process by pulling a number of barring regulations and replacing them with a single, centrally organised system. By widening the Scheme to encompass more people in more roles, over 11.3 million people across England, Wales and Northern Ireland will require ISA-registration, thus strengthening the protection afforded to vulnerable groups.

This means vulnerable people will be better protected as millions of people who were not previously assessed, will now be vetted and, if necessary barred.

How does this affect me?

To Determine whether or not you will be affected, and if so what action you will need to take, please consult the 'Am I affected?' step by step guide [over the page](#).

From **July 2010** onwards, if you employ anyone to work with vulnerable people in a paid or voluntary capacity, you can check whether they are ISA-registered. Once the individual has joined the Scheme you will be able to carry out this check online for free.

From **November 2010** ISA-registration is mandatory. Failing to comply could result in both the employer and the employee or volunteer being prosecuted and even going to prison.

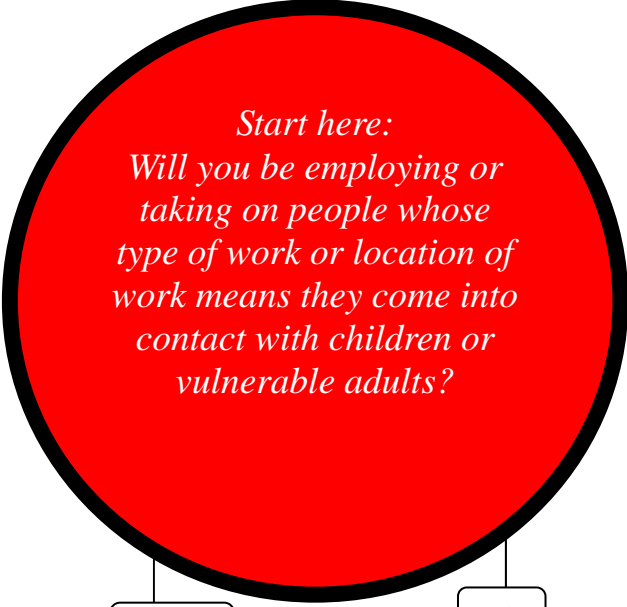
Existing employees are not yet affected, however over the next five years the scheme will be phased in to include existing employees. **By 2015** only those individuals who are ISA-registered including all current employees and volunteers - will be allowed to undertake regulated activity with children and vulnerable adults.

Criminal Records Bureau reduces fees

Following a pricing review, the CRB has agreed to reduce the fee charged for a Standard Disclosure from £31 to £26. The change will come into effect from 1 October this year.

<http://www.crb.gov.uk/>





YES

NO

Your employees or volunteers may need ISA-registration. For more information about this process, who is affected and how, please visit www.isa-gov.org.uk or call 0300123 1111

Will this happen frequently (once a month or more) or intensively (3 or more days in a single month)?

Are you likely to work or tender to work where this may happen next year?

YES

NO

YES

NO

YES

Will the work take place in a location where your employees are likely to come into contact with children & vulnerable adults?

NO

You will need to reassess your situation. Your employees or volunteers may need ISA-registration

YE

Will they work involve access to the records or children or vulnerable adults?

NO

There should be no need for ISA-registration. If in any doubt please visit www.isa-gov.org.uk or call 0300123 1111



World Mental Health Day Event- Solent Mind's Community Wellbeing Project and Hampshire Partnership Foundation NHS Trust's Improving Health Project are working in partnership to stage a Wellbeing Fun Day on Southampton Common. This will be on **Saturday 10th October** (World Mental Health Day) and will be open to the public from 12noon – 4pm. The event is part of the Time to Change Campaign's Get Moving Week, 3rd – 11th October, a week of fun activities, bringing people together to challenge mental health stigma and get active for mental wellbeing. The event will be held in a marquee on Southampton Common opposite the paddling pool. Sustrans will be running two led cycle rides at 1pm and 3pm and Community Wellbeing will lead a "walk a mile for mental health" at 2pm. It promises to be a very popular and exciting afternoon!

To find out more information or to get involved please contact Sheelagh Kreft at Solent Mind Community Wellbeing: communitywellbeing@solentmind.org.uk or 023 8022 4312.

Meet the PCT Chief Executive-On Friday 2nd Oct 10.00 – 12.00 SVS will be hosting another event with Bob Deans, Chief Executive of Southampton City NHS. At least one group has told us they secured additional speech therapy support for their clients as a result of being able to raise the issue directly so it is worth coming to raise issues and share information about your services. To find out more or book a place please contact Rob Kurn, SVS Health Development Worker on 023 8021 6031 or r.kurn@southamptonvs.org.uk

Overdose Prevention Project Set to Save Lives- Earlier this year Hampshire Partnership Foundation Trust with support from Southampton Drug Action Team (DAT) was successful in their bid to pilot a scheme to provide Naloxone to an identified family member or carer of an opiate user, at risk of overdose, along with associated training in overdose prevention and support to administer Naloxone in an emergency. Naloxone is an opioid antagonist which temporarily reverses the effects of drugs such as heroin and methadone. It is regularly carried by ambulance crews for use in the event of a suspected overdose. The project is now ready to start recruiting participants, so, to find out more information contact Colin McAllister at Southampton Drug Action Team on 023 8083 4007 or Colin.McAllister@southampton.gov.uk

Patient choice

Since April all patients registered with an English GP have the right to choose from any NHS funded provider following a referral to a hospital consultant. The only exceptions are cases requiring speed of access, such as suspected cancer and chest pains, in addition to maternity and mental health services.

Making a choice is easy. Your GP has access to information about the different hospitals available to you so you can discuss the options and make a choice together. Alternatively, you may want some time to consider your options. In that case your GP can give you a unique password and booking reference number which allows you to make your own [appointment online](http://www.nhs.uk/healthspace) by visiting www.nhs.uk/healthspace and selecting Choose and Book or via the Appointment Line on 08456 088 888. You can also access this information by going to the NHS Choices website at www.nhs.uk. Just enter your own postcode or the one in the area where you would like to be treated and the website will show you all the hospitals available to you in that area – both NHS and private. You can compare information such as individual services offered, infection rates, parking and travel. You can choose the hospital you would like to go to there and then book your appointment online too. After seeing your GP, if you would prefer to speak with someone before deciding, you can speak to an advisor by calling the Appointment Line 08456 088 888.

Just remember – the choice is yours!- For further information on Free Choice, please visit www.southamptonhealth.nhs.uk/choice To view the NHS Constitution, please visit www.southamptonhealth.nhs.uk



Heart Attacks – a safer, better service

The NHS across South Central is currently looking at options which could save more than 200 lives a year across the UK.

Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PPCI) is the process by which an inflatable catheter tube is inserted into the heart of a patient suffering from a heart attack to help clear blockage and prevent further damage to the heart muscle.

The key to improving outcomes after a heart attack is to re-establish coronary artery flow as quickly as possible and limit damage to the heart muscle, and the South Central Cardiovascular Network has initiated a proposal on PPCI.

The Department of Health Guidance recommends that the region sets up a network of specialist centres to perform this procedure. It is also recommended that this procedure is performed in large centres of clinical excellence running a twenty four hours a day, seven days a week service with high volumes of patients, experienced clinicians and sophisticated equipment.

Currently there are three proposals put forward for early discussion and each options includes a centre operating from Southampton General Hospital. It is from this early feedback that the three initial proposals will be revised or developed before commencing a consultation at the end of 2009.

The main aims of this proposal are to:

- deliver PPCI 24 hours per day, 7 days per week by late autumn 2011
- achieve an overall call to balloon time (time you contact the ambulance service to the time the catheter tube is inserted) of less than 120 minutes
- ensure that all PPCI centres meet recommended standards and guidelines ensure equitable access to PPCI and cardiac rehabilitation services

For more information and the three proposals, go to www.southamptonhealth.nhs.uk/ourservices/

FUNDING CENTRAL!

If completely or relatively **new to fundraising**, Funding Central provides a 'guided search' option, enabling you to identify the most appropriate funding and finance opportunities that best suit you and the beneficiaries that you support.

Visit www.fundingcentral.org.uk

The new regime of Independent Examination is upon us

All charities with accounting year ends of 31st March 2009 will now be subject to the new regulations of the The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and to the Directions and Guidance set out in booklets CC31 and CC32 published by the Charity Commissioners.

Charities will have to follow prescribed procedures and routines of due diligence when appointing an Independent Examiner, and will have to keep records of the steps they have taken. They will have to make a number of formal elections. Accountants appointed as Independent Examiners will have to carry out a number of prescribed routines and record their work in a prescribed way in order to meet the requirements of the new regulations.

Independent Expert Group on Expenses launches sector-wide consultation

NCVO and CFDG have set up an Independent Expert Group to report on best-practice on how charities disclose expenses. The group have launched a consultation seeking the sector's views on expenses, open until 30 October 2009. If you'd like to have your say you can [complete the online consultation](http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk), email expenses@ncvo-vol.org.uk or call 020 7520 2442.

Social Investment Wholesale Bank Consultation - Office of the Third Sector

The Office of the Third Sector have announced plans to launch a bank dedicated to the social enterprise sector and have launched a widespread consultation. The Social Investment Wholesale Bank will be designed to help support social enterprises support local and community objectives. Whilst the consultation is open to everyone, the government would like responses from the third sector, financial sector and social investment professionals. The closing date for the consultation is **7th October 2009**; please visit http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/news/news_stories/090715_siwb.aspx for further information.



SVS produce a **Small grants guide**, which lists funding up to £10,000. Available from our website www.southamptonvs.org.uk under funding, or call 02380 228 291.

SVS produce a series of **factsheets**, including topics on , business planning, managing funds etc downloadable from www.southamptonvs.org.uk under 'sector support or call 02380 228 291'.

SVS subscribe to the **Charities Information Bureau newsletter**, which we can forward to SVS members. Call on 02380 228 291, email l.evans@southamptonvs.org.uk or you can subscribe yourself: www.fit4funding.org.uk

We have **funderfinder**, a database, which all voluntary groups may use. Call 02380 228291 to make an appointment to use the programme. If you haven't used the programme before, then a Development worker can be available to help you.

New Service at SVS. I am planning to profile a funder every week on our website, www.southamptonvs.org.uk, under 'funding', from September 09. I will aim to highlight funding information in national weeks, such as Volunteers week, to help you find appropriate funding.

Before making an application, to any funder, Please, please, please

- o **Check the criteria, read the exclusions (if your project doesn't fit, let it go!) ,**
- o **Complete the application form, follow the guidance**
- o **Comply with deadline dates**
- o **Enclose all the requested paperwork**

Funders report that up to a third of applications end up in the bin for not complying with the above!

The following is provided with thanks to **Southampton City Council Funding Opportunities Group Bulletin (FOG) - Regeneration Team, RAISE, CVS Network** and directly to SVS by the Funding Agency.

If you wish to be added to the FOG Newsletter circulation list please contact Paula Studd on **02380 832355**, or email paula.studd@southampton.gov.uk

As a result of consultation carried out by Paula for the FOG Newsletter, we are now able to offer 'headline information'. For Grants over £100,000 we plan to give web links. For grants featured in earlier editions of SVS mailing, the issue will be listed. Earlier copies of SVS mailing can be found on our website www.southamptonvs.org.uk under 'newsletters'.

Please let us know your views on the changed layout, and whether you have found these pages useful. [L.evans@southamptonvs.org.uk](mailto:l.evans@southamptonvs.org.uk) or tel **02380 216 019**. Thank you!

Grantfinder

Southampton City Council has an online free funding database, available to all Southampton residents and project beneficiaries with an email address, as long as their project has a Southampton postcode. It is based at: <http://www.euro-info-centre.co.uk/funding.htm>. Once registered with them, you will be e-mailed a password which will allow you to gain access. Having logged onto the system you will need to answer a few simple questions about yourself and the project you wish to undertake; the database, Grantfinder, will then provide an overview of all the schemes available.



Funders who would welcome more applications from Southampton:-

name	deadlines	amount	website	SVS Mailing
Lloyds TSB	Contact Foundation for deadlines. Group income max £1million. Grants 1-3 yrs. 'help disadvantaged people play a fuller role in society'	No max. Many £20k.	www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk	June 09
Esmée Fairburn	Rolling programme. Grants 1-3yrs Addresses significant gaps in provision, challenge convention, test out new ideas	No max.	www.esmeefaibairn.org.uk/ funding	June 09
Awards for All	Rolling programme	£300-£10,000	www.awardsforall.org.uk 08454 102 030	April 09 p 19

Mental health and environment

Name	Deadline	Website	SVS Mailing
EcoMinds	large grants (£60-150k) 30th October 09 Medium Grants (£20-£60k) 8 Jan 2010 Both heavily subscribed Small grant (up to £20k) 30 June 2010	www.ecominds.org.uk 08453 671 671	April 2009 p19

Health, Mental Health, Medical, Disability

Name	Deadline	Website
Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust	1Nov 2009	http://www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/
Comic Relief	13 Nov 2009 5th March 2010	http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk.
Helping You help others– Macmillan	November 2009	http://bit.ly/helpingyou or www.macmillan.org.uk
ACT Foundation	No deadlines	http://www.theactfoundation.co.uk/



Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust

Grants of up to £10,000 to charitable organisations in the United Kingdom and overseas. Grants average below £5,000. Grants awarded for one year only Theme of community and disability are to be submitted by **1st November 2009**; applications which fall into categories of Children, Youth, The Elderly and Medical must be received by **1st June and 1st Nov 2010**. Grants are awarded for one year only. <http://www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/>

Comic Relief Funding Programme

Grants for 1-3 years, for running costs and capital costs. Open to constituted voluntary and community groups; charities; social enterprises; co-operatives; faith organisations; community interest companies.

Funding priorities:-Mental health; Young People who have experienced Domestic and Sexual abuse; Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women; Sport for Change; Young people aged 11 - 25yrs.

Building costs are a very low priority. Capital costs which are part of a larger appeal will not be funded. Average grant£25,000 and £40,000 - there is no minimum or maximum size stated.

Download Comic Relief's strategy here: - http://www.comicrelief.com/files/cr09/themes/comicrelief.com/grants/pdf/uk_full_grants_strategy.pdf. Main website is http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk

Helping You Help Others - MacMillan

Programme for cancer self-help and support groups across the UK. Up to £500 is available for new groups to help with their initial development and promotion with up to £3,000 available to existing groups for their continuing development. Actions that can be supported include: promotional costs; printing; postage; venue hire; refreshments costs and speaker fees. Applicants can apply for a Helping You Help Others grant until **November 2009**. Grants are also available for up to £3,000 for the continuing development of existing groups. For more information, please visit: - <http://bit.ly/helpingyou> or www.macmillan.org.uk

ACT Foundation

grants to individuals and charities in the UK, aiming to enhance quality of life for people in need, especially those who are physically or mentally disabled. Grants awarded range form £100 to £4 million pounds . Funds: Building - modifications to homes, Community Centres, schools, hospices etc; Equipment - provision of specialised mobility aids and equipment including medical equipment to assist independent living; Financial assistance - towards the cost of short-term respite breaks at a registered respite centre. Please visit <http://www.theactfoundation.co.uk/> for further information.

Sport

Name	Deadline	Website	SVS Mailing
Comic Relief	13 Nov 2009 5th March 09	http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk .	See above



Older People, the Elderly

Name	Deadline	Website	SVS Mailing
Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust	1st June 2010	http://www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/	See p 18
Music for older people - Concertina	31 January, 30 April, 30 June, 31 October.	www.concertinamusic.org.uk	

Music for older people - Concertina

Concertina is a registered charity which aims to provide musical entertainment and related activities for older people, focusing their support on smaller charitable bodies which might otherwise find it difficult to gain funding – these include care homes. The trustees review applications four times a year on **31 January, 30 April, 30 June, 31 October**. Those interested in applying must do so by giving details of details of their objectives, their financial position, the sector of the elderly community which they benefit, the amount sought, the proposed cultural activities or related facilities they intend to provide.

Please visit www.concertinamusic.org.uk for further details.

Name	Deadline	Website	SVS mailing
Comic Relief Funding Programme	13 November 2009	http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk	See p 18
First Light Movies	13th October 09	www.firstlightmovies.com/funding	

First Light Movies

Grants for young people aged 5- 18. Supports all aspects of film productions. Supported by the UK Film Council and the National Lottery. There are different funding streams available.:

What's the Big Idea Awards - Deadline: **13th October 2009**. Grants of up to £3,000 to develop ideas and stories for films

Script Awards – Deadline: **13th October 2009**. Grants of up to £3,000 are available for script writing projects. For further details :www.firstlightmovies.com/funding

The Drinkaware Trust

Aims to reduce alcohol misuse amongst under-18s and 25-44 year olds plus raise awareness about long term health harms caused by harmful levels of drinking. Three categories of funding – the Ideas Fund (up to £2,000 for pilot projects); Awareness Projects (Grants of up to £25,000) and Big Impact Awards (for national, large scale projects). Activities could include: public education campaigns, education schemes, educational theatre work, conferences, provision for educational materials, training, workshops to other educational events. Applications are accepted from registered charities, other voluntary organisations, statutory organisations and partnerships; there are **no deadlines** but you should apply at least two months before your project is due to start. Please visit <http://www.drinkaware.co.uk/grants> for more information.



The Peter Cruddas Foundation

Aims to support charitable works that benefit disadvantaged and disengaged young people in the UK. Registered charities or organisations supported by them. They wish to build relationships with supported organisations and foster collaboration, offering consultancy, business planning and networking to those they cannot fund, but wish to support. No minimum or maximum amount for grants and projects can be funded for more than one year. The Funding streams for 2009 are; pathways/support for young disadvantaged or disengaged young people into mainstream education, training or employment; crime diversion schemes; work experience/skills projects for young people and support for young people in London. Applications can be submitted at any time. For more information please visit the website: http://www.thepetercruddasfoundation.org/about_us.html

name	deadline	website	Svs mailing
Comic Relief	13 Nov 2009	http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk	See p17
Crisis	As soon as possible. Gov gave money in June .	http://www.crisis.org.uk/media/display.php?id=364	

Crisis

Crisis are a national homeless charity aiming to prevent homelessness and support those without homes. The charity has received £150,000 from the DCLG to increase their staffing capacity and share and develop good practise. The charity would also like to hear from local authorities and the voluntary sector (dealing in the area of housing) who need additional support on existing and new initiatives, such as rent deposit schemes. Please visit <http://www.crisis.org.uk/media/display.php?id=364> for further information. The charity has also re-launched their private sector website, based at <http://www.privaterentedsector.org.uk/default.aspx>.

Co-ops, Social Enterprises etc

Communitybuilders – a £70 Million programme to help build more cohesive, engaged and active communities through investment in community-led organisations. The programme supports neighbourhood level organisations to work towards long-term financial stability. Applications are sought from organisations that are ‘community controlled’ by local residents; address their neighbourhood’s needs in a holistic way; include all sections of the community, empower and support community development and provide a voice for their community. There will be three main types of funding and support available:

- **Pre-feasibility:** support grants and advisory services to improve governance and management capacity, strengthen financial systems, foster partnerships and provide coaching and mentoring.
- **Feasibility:** to bring proposals to full investment readiness and sustain organisations through the development process.
- **Capital investment:** through a mix of financial and funding tools, develop, improve and acquire assets and enterprise to secure financial stability.

The fund will provide a mixture of grants and loans.

Visit <http://www.communitybuildersfund.org.uk/>



And finally

Please remember to look in the SVS Small Grants guide if you are looking for funding amounts of less than £10,000. www.southamptonvs.org.uk/funding or l.evans@southamptonvs.org.uk
Don't forget to check out the new information on our website highlighting different funders.
I'm aiming for one each week.

Have you received funding?

Don't forget that if your group has charitable purposes you have a *duty* under the Charity Act 2006 to apply for charitable registration if you have an income, from all sources, of more than £5000. SVS can help you do this. Telephone 02380 228291 and ask for a Development Worker or see the charity commission website www.charity-commission.gov.uk.

Are you a registered charity?

Remember to complete your annual returns on time. The charity commission now highlights in red those who file late for FIVE YEARS. Those giving funds, including Trust Funds, The Big Lottery and Statutory Agencies, such as the City Council and PCT increasingly check when assessing applications. The Charity Commission has a duty to remove any charities that have ceased to operate.

What are my annual returns?

Charities have a duty to be transparent and accountable to donors, beneficiaries and the public. The law requires registered charities to provide certain documents to the commission and to keep their information up to date. The Charity commission does send out 'annual returns'- to the contacts they have on file.

Charities with an annual income of less than £10,000 in their last financial year

- Do not have to submit an annual return
- Do not need to send Trustees Annual Report and Accounts
- Do have to keep their register up to date: so do need to complete Annual Update form

Charities with an annual income of more than £10,000 in their last financial year

Must complete and submit an Annual Return:

For financial years ending before 1st April 2009 must submit a copy of the Trustees Annual Report and accounts

For financial years ending on or after 1st April 2009 you do not need to submit Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

Charities with an income of more than £25,000 in their last financial year

- Must complete and submit an annual return
- Must submit a copy of the Trustees Annual Report and accounts

Please see the Charity Commission website for further information www.charity-commission.gov.uk

STOP PRESS! Awards for All presentation at SVS. Improve your success!

Wednesday 11th November 11-12.30 at SVS

An overview of the programme. Who should apply. How to apply. Common mistakes and your questions answered. Sandwiches for those who book in advance with Louise Evans

email L.evans@southamptonvs.org.uk. Tel 02380 216019 or main switchboard on 02380 228291



All written information is available, on request, in **Larger Print**,

on audio tape  and on disk 

Dates for SVS Mailing in 2009/2010

Cut off date for articles	posting date
16 th Nov 2009	7 th Dec 2009
5th Feb 2010	26th Feb 2010
12th May 2010	2nd June 2010
16th Aug 2010	6th Sep 2010

DISCLAIMER Notices of publications, events, services and articles included in this mailing do not necessarily carry an endorsement by SVS. Whilst we encourage freedom of speech, we reserve the right to refuse any item which contravenes SVS's Equal Opportunities Policy.

The '**SVS MAILING**' is produced by:-
Southampton Voluntary Services
The Voluntary Action Centre
Kingsland Square, St Mary Street
Southampton, SO14 1NW

Telephone: 023 8022 8291 Fax: 023 8022 2929
Email: information@southamptonvs.org.uk
Reg. Charity No. 1068350 Company No. 3515397
Limited Company Registered in England & Wales