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Young Carers, staff, volunteers and families all got involved in the Sport Relief mile run in Southampton on Sunday 21st March. The young people certainly went the extra mile raising over £400 for Sport Relief.

A huge well done to everyone who took part.



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

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS EDITION

In this edition there is some important information for you to read, regarding the Southampton Partnership and the election of the three voluntary sector representatives, the Independent Safeguarding Authorities Vetting and Barring Scheme/Criminal Record Bureau's new regulations and SVS's Training Calendar.

Southampton
Partnership

**Southampton Partnership – Voluntary Sector Representation**

The election timetable for receipt to SVS of ballot papers is **1st October, 2010** with the results of the election being announced at **SVS's AGM on 6th October**. Please read the article on the role of representation on page 14 and how you can apply.

**Independent Safeguarding Authority Vetting and Barring Scheme/Criminal Record Bureau – New Regulations**

The implementation of key changes will come into force for new workers and volunteers working with vulnerable groups/people on 25th July 2010 with role out to existing workers by April 2011. Guidance and information are inside this mailing but you can also contact the CRB team at SVS on 02380 216023 if you would prefer.

**SVS's Training and Information Calendar – New format**

Included in this mailing as an insert is SVS's new training and information calendar. Feedback on how useful this is would be appreciated. Please e-mail SVS mailing@southamptonvs.org.uk or ring Phil Lee on 02380 216017 p.lee@southamptonvs.org.uk





Be Healthy, Be Active Day – 15th July 2010 - West Quay Shopping Centre - 10.00-16.00

'Be Healthy, Be Active' is an information day aimed at all sections of the community but particularly disabled and older people. The event is being held at West Quay Shopping Centre in the focal space on the lower ground floor. It is being organised by SVS Southampton City Shopmobility, West Quay Shopmobility and West Quay Shopping Centre.

We are hoping to attract a variety of groups and voluntary organisations to the event which we hope will appeal to a range of people. Although the event will be aimed primarily at older and disabled people we recognise that many shoppers in West Quay do not fall into this category. For this reason we hope to provide stalls and information with a broad appeal.

The event is totally free of charge for exhibitors but stallholders are not permitted to fundraise on the day. If you would be interested in hosting a stall on the day please contact Shopmobility Coordinator Lilah Turtle on 02380631263 or l.turtle@southamptonvs.org.uk

Whether or not you would like to have a stall we hope you can come along on the day



Although it is only April plans and preparations are already underway for the 2010 Toy Appeal.

The Toy Appeal aims to ensure that children, who for a variety of reasons are classed as 'in need', receive a gift on Christmas day. Hard as it is to believe, many would not receive a present if the Appeal wasn't there!

The Toy Appeal is a multi-agency partnership between Businesses, Organisations, and Individual Members of the Public, Statutory Bodies and the Voluntary Sector in Southampton.

Every year the demand for presents increases but the last few years the number of people donating presents has decreased. We have been struggling to give presents to every child who is in need.

If you or anyone you know is interested in taking part this year and want to find out more information we would love to hear from you.

Jacqui Honeywell-project worker

Debbie Connis-project worker

Tel: **02380 216041**

E-mail: Toyappeal@southamptonvs.org.uk





Get your skates on!

22 young carers enjoyed a fun afternoon over the Easter holidays at the MoClub in town. This involved dancing to disco music whilst wearing a pair of roller skates. Needless to say some of us ended up on the floor! It was a chance to burn off our excess energy and show off our skating moves. Some of the young people had never skated before and were a little bit wobbly to start with but soon got the hang of it. The group loved the ambiance, chatting with new friends and old and requesting their favourite tunes for the DJ to play. It was also an opportunity for the young people to say a fond farewell to Young Carers Project worker Shelley Stevens who has been a part of the project for over 2 years. She will miss the team and young people hugely, 'I have loved working for the voluntary sector and found it hugely rewarding. I love the dynamism and creativity here. Never a dull moment!' Shelley will be going on to increase her hours in her Speech Therapy role for Stanbridge Earls School.



Little Canada on Isle of Wight!

At the end of March twelve young carers aged 8-12 had an amazing weekend away at PGL Little Canada on the Isle of Wight. This was made possible with funding from Southampton City Council's 8-13 Fund and organised by the SVS Young Carers Project. The young people were given the opportunity to improve their self esteem and self confidence through trying a range of activities including abseiling and quad biking. Their team work and communication skills were put to the test trying to make their way out of the Crystal Maze. Workshops were also held throughout the weekend to explore emotions, and how to deal with them. For these young people the weekend gave them a rare opportunity to have a break from their caring role, reduce their isolation and develop new friendships. At the end of the weekend the young people were awarded certificates to recognise their individual achievements throughout the weekend including overcoming fears of heights, staying away from home for the first time and making LOADS of new friends.



What some of the young people had to say
"I am proud of being a young carer"
"I don't need to worry about being different"
"I know how to deal with emotions better"
"The weekend was amazing"





Helping you with your money
No selling. No jargon. Just the facts

The moneymadeclear service gives you impartial information and guidance about your money to help you work out what's right for you. They do not sell anything and they do not recommend specific products or providers. They offer advice and information on a range of topics including pensions & retirement, savings & investments, tax & benefits, mortgages and many more. They have a range of step-by-step guides available free on their website which you can access by visiting www.moneymadeclear.org.uk or by calling them on 0300 500 5000.

Moneymadeclear is brought to you by the Consumer Financial Education Body (CFEB)

Further delays for charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)

The CIO - the new legal form, from the Charity Commission has been delayed again - now until early 2011. The Cabinet Office of the Third Sector say this is because there has not been enough time in the current parliamentary session.
See Thirdsector.co.uk for further information.

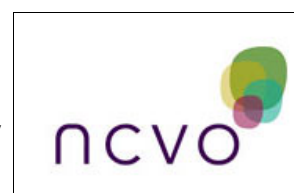


KnowHow NonProfit is a fresh new website built solely for people working in not for profit organisations. Free and easy to use, it is packed with practical information and resources.

The site is intended to be a friendly and useful space for a community of non-profit people and organisations to share what they have learnt and to help others. Visit the site at www.knowhownonprofit.org

New VAT Helpline to Help Charities Save Money

Charities are to get help making sure they claim back all of the VAT they are entitled to with the launch of a new helpline.



UK charities pay more than the best part of a billion pounds in VAT each year, much of which they can legitimately reclaim but many find the rules too complicated and so lose out.

NCVO and accountancy firm Saffery Champness have teamed up to run a new telephone and email helpline to support and advise charities on what VAT they must pay and what they can reclaim.

The service is free to NCVO members with an income of less than £100,000. NCVO members with a greater income get the service for half price.

Charities wishing to find out more information and/or register for the service should email charityvat@saffery.com



Older People's Well-being Trigger Tool

The Trigger Tool is an information tool containing useful contact details for anyone visiting an older person in their own home.

What is it?

It's a list of the contact details of a range of agencies and organisations that may be able to assist older people.

Who's it for?

Any staff or volunteers who may visit older people in their own homes, for whatever reason.

Further information

To find out more or to book a place on a free Cascader training session please contact: Helen Woods on 01962 833 692 or helen.woods@hants.gov.uk

**Home Fire safety Visits**

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service have agreed to carry out at least 20 Home Fire Safety Visits a month for senior citizens in Southampton, as part of the Home Safety Scheme.

The visits include fitting smoke detection and providing fire safety advice. If you have a client or know someone who is over 60 and could benefit from a visit, or a free safety pack, please contact Barry Olson on 023 8091 5439. or visit the website www.southamptonlateryears.org/welcome/home-safety-scheme/.

**Not sure what training your organisation needs?
Need funding for training?**

Community Action Hampshire can offer you FREE information and advice to help you improve the skills of your staff and volunteers via 'Learning and Development for the Third Sector', a project funded by the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) and European Social Fund (ESF).

The help we offer ranges from answering queries about training to doing an Organisational Training Needs Analysis with you. From the analysis you'll get a report on your training needs, you'll be signposted to leads to help you find training providers and any funding that may be available.

Funded by:



For more information please contact Caroline Harris or Hollie Watson at Community Action

"Words for the Third... better writing for the voluntary and community sector"

Steve Hill is dedicated to improving writing skills in the Voluntary and Community sector. He'd like to work with three groups to develop a 'toolkit' for writing. This will be aimed at volunteers and paid staff and will include writing for internal and external communications. This will involve an initial meeting to review the way the group writes, the rest of the work can be done by email or phone, and will be carried out during Summer 2010.

If you would like to know more please contact Steve Hill on 07758 332945 or email mint-tree-of-words@hotmail.com



Volunteer Management News

Develop the knowledge, skills and confidence you need to better support and inspire your volunteers and enhance the impact of your organisation. From Monday 22 March, Capacitybuilders is offering volunteer managers across England the opportunity to apply for a skills development bursary up to £1950. Each bursary will fully fund an approved skills development package, delivered regionally by experienced training providers and aligned to the national occupational standards in volunteer management.



There are three levels of access tailored to suit your experience and role, each with the option of nationally recognised accreditation and including distance and online learning opportunities. There are a limited number of bursaries available, so early application is advised. If you'd like to find out more about the programme, please visit www.capacitybuilders.org.uk/vmpskills

Volunteer Coordinators' Training

All sessions take place at The Voluntary Action Centre, Kingsland Sq, St Mary's, Southampton, SO14 1NW and are free and open to anyone who is coordinating volunteers. If you would like to attend please contact the facilitator, Di Bernstein on: Tel 02380 216015 or email d.bernstein@southamptonvs.org.uk

Volunteers' Certificate Scheme

If you have volunteers that have given at least one hundred hours of their time to helping your group/organisation, then please consider putting them forward for this award. It's especially valuable for any volunteer who is looking for a paid job as along with the certificate that is presented by the Mayor, they also receive a copy of their Volunteer Role Description and a reference. The latter is very useful for anyone that has been out of work for a while. The same is also helpful for prospective students who may be looking to do a course that requires previous volunteering experience besides being a wonderful way to simply say "thanks" to any volunteer who has done well and given a minimum of one hundred hours.

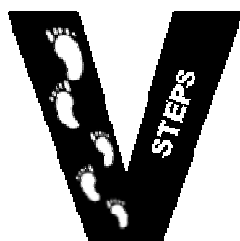
For an application pack that includes full information including the qualifying criteria, please go to <http://www.southamptonvs.org.uk/VolCert.htm> or contact SVS.

The Volunteer Certificate Scheme is a joint initiative managed by SVS & Southampton City Council. The presentation date is not yet confirmed but likely to be Thursday 3rd June, 2.00 p.m. in the Mayor's Reception Rooms, Civic Centre, Southampton.

The nominations for the June awards is now unfortunately closed but we will be accepting nominations for the January 2011 awards in December 2010. Look for further information in the December mailing.

Don't Forget Volunteers Week 1st-7th June Volunteers' Week is an annual event which celebrates the fantastic contribution that millions of volunteers make across the UK. .





Southampton Takes Employment
For Parents Seriously

Volunteering – S.T.E.P.S. (Southampton takes employment for parents seriously.)

This is the latest project for SVS' Volunteering Development Team. It forms part of the city's Child Poverty pilot. Volunteering S.T.E.P.S.' prime function is to support parents into paid employment by helping them access volunteering as a pathway towards achieving this.

SVS is working in Children Centres at Central, Weston and Woolston alongside Sure Start staff and Family Advisers from JobCentre Plus and

helping parents to find volunteering roles that fit in with their present child care responsibilities. Ideally these volunteering opportunities are really local to where they live and require around a couple of hours of their time on a weekly basis. We've been seeking out especially those roles that have good training attached that will benefit clients by enhancing their skills and experience to support them in eventually finding a job.

Since last November we've created 48 new volunteering opportunities serving these Children Centre locations but are still looking for more so please contact us if your group or organisation is looking for more help. We can help you with developing Volunteering Role Descriptions and creating a Volunteer Policy as well as supporting you with a whole raft of best practice involved when engaging with volunteers.

Its still early days but already some parents have been taken on as volunteers with more waiting to go for interviews. For more information please get in touch with the Volunteering Team at volunteering@southamptonvs.org.uk.



Positive Recruitment Workshop

Are you finding that you have a high number of enquiries from potential volunteers but a low percentage turning into active volunteers? If yes, you are not alone. Locally only 11% of all volunteer enquiries result in active volunteering. To address this issue SVS is putting on a peer-to-peer workshop. During the workshop we will explore two key themes; **Getting the right enquiries** and **Volunteer friendly recruitment**

Date: Thursday, 20th May

Time: 10am -12 noon

Location: The Voluntary Action Centre, Kingsland Sq, St Mary's, Southampton, SO14 1NW

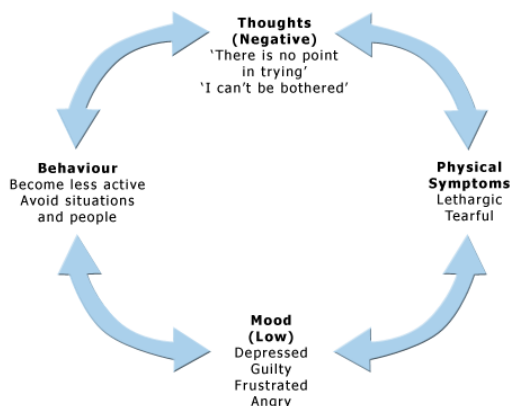
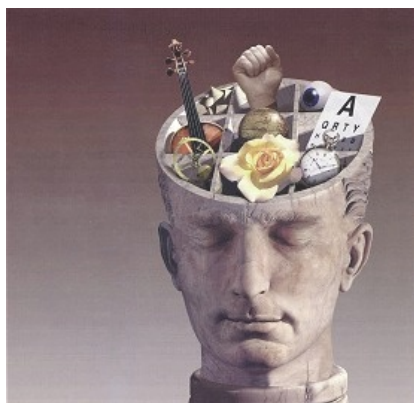
The session is free and open to anyone who is coordinating volunteers. If you would like to attend please contact the facilitator, Becky Spake on: Tel 02380 228291

Trends in volunteering

Local: In the last year SVS has received 1,833 enquires from potential volunteers, 25 % of those were aged between 18-25, 5% classified themselves as disabled and a staggering 49% were unemployed.

National: Did you know that nationally, in January 2010 alone 51,929 applications to volunteer were made through Do-it? Highlighting how the internet is a primary route into volunteering.





Southampton Steps to Wellbeing Engagement Event

Over thirty local 3rd Sector organisations came to SVS on 8th April to find out more about the Southampton Steps to Wellbeing service, which offers Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) to those suffering from depression and anxiety disorders. The service is provided by Dorset Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (DHFT) and is offered across the city through primary care.

The event was not only a great opportunity to find out about this new service, but, also a chance for groups to network and tell DHFT about the rich variety of wellbeing enhancing activities already offered by the 3rd sector in Southampton. Groups working in a broad range of fields attended the event including arts, environmental, sports, mental health, counselling, and employment organisations. It is planned to draw these organisations together again in the future to network and plan shared activities around wellbeing.

Jodi Brown, Low Intensity Manager for Steps to Wellbeing commented “*This event has been a fantastic opportunity for us to begin building a network in Southampton and getting an idea of the range of activities provided in the city by groups. It has also been great for us to dispel any myths about our service and get information about Steps to Wellbeing out to groups who are working frontline in communities.*”

This event builds on the success of previous SVS engagement events between the 3rd sector and NHS organisations working across commissioning and service provision in Southampton.

To find out more about Steps to Wellbeing and referral information call 0800 612 7000.



Choose well

For slips, trips, skin complaints, and everything between, make sure you choose the Minor Injuries Unit (MIU). As part of NHS Southampton City's work to improve unscheduled care services for patients in Southampton, an MIU is now open to patients at the Royal South Hants (RSH) Hospital.

The MIU replaces the Walk-in Centre based in the Fanshawe Wing and continues to provide walk-in care for patients. The MIU will retain opening times of 8am to 9.30pm, 365 days a year and will be provided to patients by Solent Healthcare.

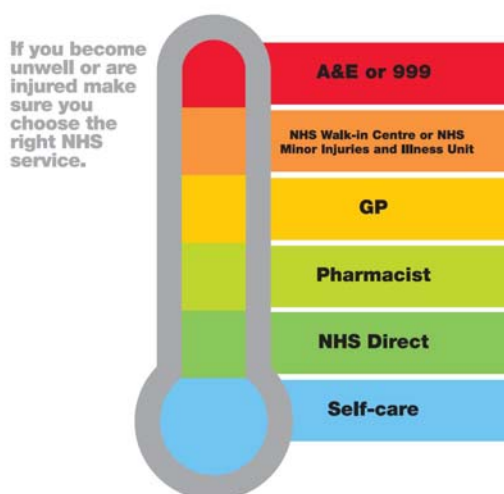
Staff at the MIU have received further training to meet the improved level of service which is now offered to patients. This includes:

- improved availability of X-ray services for patients aged 12 and over
- greater ability to accept patients arriving by ambulances to relieve pressure on Southampton General Hospital's Emergency Department
- development of the types of treatment the MIU will offer in the future, which will involve further engagement with partner organisations and people in Southampton.

Although previously available to patients from the RSH Walk-in Centre, the new MIU service will mean that the availability of X-ray treatment will be more consistent and will be available 9am-5pm every day for patients aged 12 years and over.

For more information about choosing well please visit

www.southamptonhealth.nhs.uk/choosewell





‘LINKing Up’ – Do you volunteer and/or work with people in Southampton and have an understanding of their Health and Social Care Issues?

If so, we would like to invite a representative of your group or organisation to join us for a discussion:

**De Vere Hotel
Wednesday 12 May
5.30 p.m. for 6.15 p.m. start
Including Refreshments on arrival and a buffet at 7.15 p.m.**

As a representative of an organisation that has an interest in health and social care, this is a great opportunity to have your voice heard and share your concerns and priorities with us and our invited speakers who provide services in Southampton.

There will be an update on the health and social **care** issues facing the City and the significant pressures that are expected on public services and how this will affect health and social care in the next few years.

NB On this occasion, places are limited and reserved for representatives of organisations only. For further information and to book your place - call the Southampton LINK office on 023 8068 2425.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Forum

At the SVS Mental Health Forum, 9th March, it was decided by the membership to broaden the forum’s scope and membership to better reflect the vision of mental health set out in *New Horizons*, the government’s new mental health strategy. This document places a greater emphasis on prevention, wellbeing and recovery.

If you are a group working in Southampton and your work contributes towards mental wellbeing and you would like to get involved in the new forum please get in touch with Rob Kurn, SVS Health development worker on 023 8022 8291 r.kurn@southamptonvs.org.uk

HM Government





One Big Community Funday

Portswood group NSBP, are in the process of organising a summer charity event in conjunction with Southampton Sight, a local charity working with partially sighted and blind people. The aim of this charity event is to bring together different communities and cultures within Portswood. This will be held in **Portswood Recreation ground** on **September 11th 2010**.

Portswood is made up of different cultures and the event is aimed at facilitating an integration of residents, students and local businesses. Portswood is a multiracial environment and one of our aims is to be aware of how we can support, develop vibrant cultures and the community. As well as enabling people to access information from a large range of statutory, voluntary and community services in order to promote social cohesion, equality and diversity. The event is a stepping stone to encourage people to become involved in their local community. This is NSBP's first charity event and we hope that it will be successful to ensure it could be held every year.

The charity event will be called One Big Community Funday and it will feature activities and display for people of all age groups. There will be local food, live performances (ranging from martial arts to Indian dancing), pet corner, magic corner, bouncy castle, BBQ, face painting, hair braiding, police, fire service display and much more. Come and join the fun on the funday. Come and help! Get involved and meet new friends for life. This is **for** all of us, **by** all of us.

If you would like to volunteer to help in organising the event, help on the actual day, know of any groups that would like to perform at the funday or anyone else willing to help please get in contact with us at nsbpcommunity@hotmail.co.uk or 07766 144373

We are particularly keen to hear from any local health and wellbeing groups who would like to get involved in the event, which will be a great opportunity to engage with Portswood's residents. To Find out more about NSBP visit their website <http://nbspcg.org.uk/>



Southampton Partnership Update

The process to elect the 3 voluntary and community sector reps to the Southampton Partnership overarching Policy Board is recommencing and information on the process and how you could apply to be one of our sector reps is outlined further in this Mailing as in the autumn the three current reps, Mary Carnegie, Pete White and Gulzar Sharif will have completed the 2 year term agreed previously when the SP was last restructured.

The work of Southampton Partnership, through its overarching twice yearly Policy Board and monthly Delivery Board together with the other principle partnership boards, continues to progress the key objectives of the long term strategic Southampton Plan and Local Area Agreement and details of these together with notes of the respective partnership meetings are available on www.southampton-partnership.com. The Economy and Enterprise Board sub partnership has been restructured with the Skills and Employability Board having been wound up and incorporated within the EEB which also covers city branding and worklessness groups.

The SP has adopted a Volunteering Action plan which aims to support and develop volunteering opportunities within both voluntary and statutory sectors in order to enhance services to the public and provide worthwhile experiences and training especially with an increased supply of volunteers coming forward partly due to the recession. SVS is working actively with partners to move this forward as an important building block for future activity within the sector. There will be work to develop suitable placements, policies and procedures to effectively support volunteers in a number of new settings together with a publicity campaign leading up to celebrating volunteers throughout the coming 2011 European Year of Volunteering

SP Policy Board met for the third time in March, attended by our 3 sector reps, and considered issues including cultural attitudes to an aging population and its support to enterprise, the Safe City partnership Plan 2010-11 including the role of partners to promote community safety, how businesses are weathering the recession and how sectors can support employing disabled people.

Delivery Board at its recent meetings has continued to track the impact of the recession in the city and pursued joint working to help alleviate this. It has adopted the MOSIAC database customer profiling system, which through a virtual interagency research and information team, combines data from a number of different agencies to produce detailed mapping of residents and areas in the city so that services can be more effectively targeted to meet specific needs and profiles. Performance is overseen by DB monitoring progress against the LAA targets and National Indicator set and linking this with the Comprehensive Area Assessment process as well as considering detailed action plans for areas of underachievement and deprivation in the city. A 'Total Place' approach to tackling city issues is being considered for the coming year



THE NEW LEARNING & SKILLS AGENCIES

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Leading learning and skills

In April the Learning & Skills Council (LSC) will be no more. It will be replaced by two new agencies, the **Young People's Learning Agency** and the **Skills Funding Agency**.

1. The Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA)

The YPLA, which is classed as a non-departmental government body, has been set up under the auspices of the Apprenticeship, Skills, Children and Learning Act (2009) as the Government's attempt to "create a more efficient, integrated and locally accountable post-16 education system." The YPLA will promote more joined-up provision for 16 to 19 year olds. The commissioning of learning for 16-19 year olds will, at the same time, pass to local authorities. Staff will be transferred from the LSC to support this development.

2. The Skills Funding Agency (SFA)

The SFA will be responsible for the provision of all post- 19 education, training and apprenticeships, with the exception of Higher Education (Universities).

3. Some implications for Not-for-Profit provision

1. YPLA. There is an expectation that Local Authorities will have to commission non-traditional services for 16-18 year olds currently outside the system. Not-for-Profit providers have a chance to show what they can do to support these young people. However, they will need to find a way to influence Children's Services and the services that they commission.
2. SFA - As a national funding agency, the SFA will operate as an account or contract manager, with minimum contract levels. This suggests that contracts will be large, which may exclude most Not-for-Profit providers, unless they can work in partnerships/ consortia. The Third Sector National Learning Alliance (TSNLA) is working with the SFA to ensure that the contribution of the Sector is not lost in these new arrangements.
3. Regional Planning Groups – there is guidance for engaging with the Not for-Profit Sector at this regional level
4. As employers the Sector should be entitled to a share of the SFA funding. Useful link: www.lsc.gov.uk/thirdsector

ADULT LEARNERS WEEK—15 – 21 May 2010

The nationally themed days for Adult learners' Week include Cultural Diversity Weekend, Learning at Work Day and Silver Surfers' Day.

Adult Learners' Week also introduces themes each year. These themes relate to current social concerns, proving a great opportunity to engage potential partners or sponsors.

Health and wellbeing, older people's lives, social mobility and more equal society, family life, active citizenship and empowered, cohesive communities, a resilient and productive economy, international development and sustainability.

Find out more about Adult learners' Week 2010, order materials and access the events diary, please visit www.alw.org.uk



To help you access funding SVS :-

- Research a 'funding profile of the week', see www.southamptonvs.org.uk.
Phone 02380 216019 for information on previous profiles.
- 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.
 - 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
- Subscribe to
 - NCVO which supports the Funding central database www.fundingcentral.org.uk
 - 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
 - **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.



Please let Louise Evans, l.evans@southamptonvs.org.uk know if you use any of this information. *We have to evidence that what we produce is used, in order to achieve funding to continue with the service. Knowing how much money is brought into the City by the Sector is especially useful when we are advocating for the Sector to the Southampton Partnership, GOSE, SCPCT etc.*

Feedback from funders'

Big Lottery Fund :Awards For All by Sasha Rose Regional Policy and Partnerships Manager,

A series of articles covering the following topics:

- **Did you know?** exploring key aspects of the programme and any updates or changes (Dec 09)
- **Common mistakes-** that applicants make (SVS Mailing : March 2010)
- **Improving your chances-** deeper look at evidencing need and writing outcomes
- **Journey of an application-** what happens to your application once you have submitted it
- **Monitoring and evaluation-** how will you demonstrate that your project will deliver
- **Success-** showcasing local successful applicants

Improving your chances :Will your group do itself justice when applying for funding to the Big Lottery Fund's Awards for All programme?

Awards for All is the small grants programme from the Big Lottery Fund. It offers grants of between £300 and £10,000 for projects that improve communities, and the lives of people within them. When you apply do you know the key areas that grants officers will score your application against? More importantly do you know how to improve your chances of success?

Here are six key areas that grants officers consider when scoring your application.

1. **How you will achieve our outcomes**
2. **The need for your project**
3. **Who will benefit**
4. **If we have funded you before**
5. **Your organisation's income**
6. **The total project cost**



Awards for all by Sasha Rose from the BIG Lottery continued..

Let's look at each of the first 3 points in turn, as these are areas that groups can work on to make a stronger application for funding, whilst the last three are relatively fixed

How you will achieve our outcomes?

Awards for All has four outcomes:

- People have better life chances
- Stronger communities
- Improved rural and urban environments
- healthier and more active people and communities

When filling in your application form, be clear about how your project will meet at least one of our four outcomes. Include information on: **who** will benefit, the **level of change that will take place** (use 'change' words such as reduce, increase, decrease), and **what** has changed. For example, 40 people with mental health difficulties have increased confidence by the end of the project. And make sure you tick the outcomes your project will meet.

The need for your project

BIG's mission statement is, '**we are committed to bringing real improvements to communities, and to the lives of those most in need.**' So your application will need to clearly demonstrate strong evidence of the need for your project. Take the time to read the guidance on your application form where you will find examples of how you might show need (e.g. surveys and waiting lists).

Who will benefit?

BIG is keen that the projects it funds are available to as wide a range of people as possible.

- Make sure you explain how your project will improve your local community.
- Indicate clearly on your application form all the potential beneficiaries your project is open to and be specific (e.g. older people, unemployed people).
- Explain how you will reach out beyond existing users to find service users from different backgrounds, particularly those most in need.
- Explain how you will promote or publicise your project. These details can help to strengthen your case for funding.
- Make sure you have read all the recent guidance material available on the Awards for All website, as this will help you write a strong application.

Good Luck!

For further information and detailed guidance on how to apply please visit www.awardsforall.org.uk, contact your local CVS, (SVS 02380 228291 and ask for a Development Worker from the Voluntary Sector Support Team (VSST)) or phone BIG Advice Line on 0845 102030. Awards for All application form <http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/apply/A4A-app-england.pdf>

In June we'll be looking at the journey of your application from the time it arrives at the Big Lottery Fund to the time an award is granted.



The following is provided with thanks to Charities Information Bureau, SCC 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 Allison Barrow on 02380 832355, or email Allison.Barrow@southampton.gov.uk

Does your charity need funding? You might get a donor just by profiling your organisation on a free website, which potential donors can access. Go to <http://www.whichcharity.org/>

[National Audit Office \(NAO\) - Successful Commissioning Guide](http://www.nao.org.uk/guidance__good_practice/third_sector/successful_commissioning/successful_commission_toolkit/toolkit_home.aspx)

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The NAO has produced a guide for local commissioners, on Successful Commissioning – how to secure value for money through better financial relationships with third sector organisations

Charity Commission issues new guidance on accrual accounting for small charities

<http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/Publications/cc17.aspx>

For non-company charities that are below the audit threshold two new packs provide templates for the accounts. These meet the recommendations of SORP 2005 and the requirements of law and can be used for submission to the Charity Commission.

CC39 is suitable for charities wishing to analyse their financial reporting using natural categories. CC17 is suitable for charities wishing to analyse their expenditure by charitable activity.

Southampton City Council Community Chest has new thresholds.

<http://www.southampton.gov.uk/grants>

Grants are now between £100- £5000 and for voluntary and community groups whose activity benefits Southampton City residents. Deadline 17th May and 15th October 2010. Contact the grants team on grants@southampton.gov.uk or call 023 8083 4067 if you need clarification or a paper application

Do you work in Southampton City? Is your income under £250,000? Could you use £1000? Sports relief community cash could be for you! www.hantscf.org.uk

Deadline 21st May 2010. Minimum award £500.

Purpose : To support community groups undertaking work that helps people of all ages feel more included in their community, builds their skills and increases their sense of achievement AND which benefits people who are excluded or disadvantaged through low income, rural or social isolation, age, disabilities, race, sexuality or gender.

Funding for:- Parent and toddler groups, uniformed Groups, Dads and lads groups, Lunch clubs, community festivals, running costs for self help groups, cross generational work, befriending for isolated elderly people, Equipment and material for youth groups or older people's groups, Sporting or physical activity – e.g. weekly football training sessions for a local team or gentle exercise for the elderly

Exclusions:- individuals, statutory organisations, including PCT's, schools or groups that are not constituted, trips abroad, buses, mini buses or other community transport schemes (not including transport costs forming part of a project) or to fund building costs, including access adaptations to buildings

On-line application form or, if you can't, phone 01256 776101 and ask for help



Children and young people

Funding for Youth-Led Community Projects <http://www.theyouthoftoday.org/fund-great-projects>

The Youth of Today Leadership Fund has launched the final round of its Scaling Up fund, managed by the Young Foundation. Grants of up between £5,000 and £20,000 are available to small voluntary and community organisations working with young people to scale up and expand their activities. All grant monies must be spent by March 2011.

Closing date for round 4: 23rd June, 2010.

Disabled children, children with life limiting conditions, homelessness

Hilton in the Community. <http://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/>

Maximum award £30,000. Average award £5,000. 2yr funding available.

Priorities :- Disabled children, Children in hospital, Homelessness, Life-limited children in hospices

Deadlines : 5th may, 3 August, 9th November 2010

Applications should be sent by email to grant@hilton-foundation.org.uk.

The company seems to cultivate relationships with local organisations within its priorities.

Raffle and auction prizes available on monthly draw. Email info@hilton-foundation.org.uk

Comprehensive website

Idlewild Trust <http://www.idlewildtrust.org.uk/>

grants of up to £5,000 to registered charities concerned with encouraging excellence in the performing and fine arts and preservation of buildings and items of historical interest or national importance.

Closing date: 24th September, 2010.

BAT Legacy Fund <http://www.hantscf.org.uk/default.aspx?id=43>

Gives priority to improving skills and training and overcoming barriers to work in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The BAT Legacy Fund is now open for Expression of Interest for Grants from £5,000 to £10,000 available.

Ex service personnel

The BIG Lottery fund Announces £35 Million for Ex-Service Personnel (England)

http://www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/pr_080310_eng_hr_big_backup_for_former_forces_moving_into__civvy_street_

The BIG Lottery Fund (BIG) has announced the launch of a new FORCES in MIND funding programme to help veterans with the transition to civilian life, especially those whose psychological well-being subsequently impacts on the quality of their life and others around them. Former armed forces personnel and their families are set to benefit.

FORCES in MIND will support existing organisations that support veterans and their families to improve access to appropriate and relevant services. It will also fund research, awareness raising and advocacy work. The programme is one of the new funding programmes developed by BIG for 2010-2015 as part of its Strategic Framework. BIG intends to establish an independent trust to provide long-term support and advocacy for those who served in conflicts including Iraq, Afghanistan and the Gulf War.



Faith work

[£1 Million Fund to Help Faith Groups Have their Voices Heard](#) www.communities.gov.uk

This summer the Government will be launching a new £1 million fund to help faith groups get their voices heard by Government and public bodies and help contribute to delivering public services. Grants of up to £30,000 will be available.

The National Churches Trust (UK) <http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/howgrant.html> provides grants for the restoration and modernisation of places of worship used by Christian denominations. Repairs grants of £10,000 to cover structural repair projects that will cost more than £50,000 and Community Grants, from £2,500 to £25,000, for providing facilities that will benefit your place of worship and local community, e.g. accessible toilets, kitchens and meeting rooms.

Grants Committee meet quarterly. Applications can be made throughout the year.

[Funding for Community, Heritage and Environmental Projects](#) <http://www.wren.org.uk/>

Waste Recycling Environmental (WREN) is offering small grants of between £2,000 and £15,000 for community, heritage and environmental projects in areas close to landfill sites. The WREN main grants scheme also offers grants of between £15,001 and £50,000. Closing date: 30th June, 2010.

[Biffaward Flagship Programme](#) <http://www.biffaward.org/about/foverview>

Biffaward is offering grants of between £150,000 and £500,000 to support a range of community and biodiversity projects. Projects must be within 25 miles of a Biffa operation and 10 miles of an active landfill, and the organisation applying must be eligible to enrol with ENTRUST as an Environmental Body.

Closing date: 1st July, 2010.

Third Sector Fund to Inspire Sustainable Living

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/funding/thirdsectorsd.htm>

Two stage approach in the application. Deadline for concept 21 May 2010

Defra is providing grants of between £100,000 and £200,000 in 2010/11 for third sector organisations for projects designed to encourage and enable individuals and communities to adopt more sustainable behaviour to 2012 and beyond by using the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games as a way of reaching hard to engage groups.

10-12 applicants will be short listed and invited to a workshop in early July and will then be asked to submit a full project plan.

Between four and eight projects will be funded. These will promote:

- Walking and cycling;
- Sustainable consumption;
- The more efficient use of resources, particularly energy and water;
- Recycling.

UK Mammals Grants (UK) <http://www.ptes.org/index.php?cat=89>

The People's Trust for endangered species support work that relates to the conservation of mammals in the British Isles and Eire. Funding of up to £30,000 aims to fund scientific research, practical habitat management work, reintroduction and monitoring programmes and educational projects.

Average amount granted per project £9,000. Deadline for applications: 22nd November 2010.



Other**The People's Millions** <http://www.peoplesmillions.org.uk/>Deadline :12pm on 14th May

Amount: £50,000

This programme run in partnership with ITV is back for 2010. If you are part of a local organisation or group this is a fantastic chance to win up to £50,000 for a project that will really make a difference to your community. Last year it was won by a Southampton Group. The programme now in its sixth year gives the public a chance to decide which projects receive funding was officially launched on 10th March. Past experience shows that for many groups The People's Millions is the first time they have applied for lottery funding.

Allen Lane Foundation www.allenlane.org.uk**Funds projects which:-**

- Make a lasting difference to peoples lives rather than alleviating symptoms or cure problems
- Reduce social isolation, stigma and discrimination AND
- Encourage or enable unpopular groups to share in the life of the whole community

Funds organisations with an income of less than £100,000. You do not have to be a registered charity. Gives :-

- £500-£15,000 in one off grants
- £500-£5000 in 'repeated' grants for a maximum of three years
- Takes between 2 and 6 months to process applications.

Illustrations of what it likes to fund include:-

- Volunteers or participants expenses
- Venue hire
- Part-time or Sessional staffing
- Work aimed at strengthening the organisation such as staff or committee training

Activities it will consider include:-

- Provision of advice or information
- Advocacy
- Befriending or mentoring
- Social activities or drop in centres
- Practical work such as gardening or recycling which benefit both provider and recipient
- Mediation or conflict resolution
- Self help groups
- Work aimed at combating stigma or discrimination
- Work developing practical alternatives to violence
- Arts activities where the primary purpose is therapeutic or social
- Strengthening the rights of particular groups and getting their voice heard by policy makers
- Research and education aimed at changing public attitudes or policy



All written information is available, on other formats, on request, in Larger Print,

on audio tape  and on disk 

Please contact a member of our admin team to discuss your requirements
Admin@southamptonvs.org.uk or 023 8022 8291

Volunteering Information Sessions

Date	Day	Time
21st May 2010	Friday	10.00am—12.00pm

These sessions take place at The Voluntary Action Centre.
We also hold open evenings on the first Thursday of every months from 5.00pm until 7.30pm.
Please contact 02380 216 002 for further information.

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Cut off date for articles	Posting date
6th August 2010	25th August 2010
26th November 2010	10th December 2010

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