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ACTIVITY WORKSHOPS FOR YOUNG CARERS



During May Carewise ran 2 activity workshops for local young carers. A group of under tens explored chemical reactions courtesy of Future for Science whilst the over 10's went through a

fairly rigorous Hip Hop Dance session run by Born2Dance culminating in a final performance in front of several thrilled parents!

Carewise supports young people in North Devon who care for ill or disabled family members. For more information on the project or volunteering please call the team on 01237 479380 or email: enquires@carewise.org.uk



Facing the Future

To date this project, which offers a programme of very low cost training and support for voluntary, community and social enterprise groups in Torridge and North Devon, has provided a range of support to 18 local organisations. Over 90 local individuals, both volunteers and paid workers have had the opportunity to attend training courses aimed at improving their skills in a range of areas. Over the last three months voluntary and community groups have been able to access targeted training including:

- HSE Accredited First Aid at Work
- BIG Lottery Outcomes with the opportunity for

groups to pitch their project ideas to the South West BIG Lottery team

- Buying Time with IT – an overview and chance to try out a range of free IT solutions including website development, Google Docs, using SKYPE for meetings, etc
- Marketing your group or organisation
- Planning and running events
- Understanding mental health
- Volunteer management and support

Future training events coming up over the next couple of months include first aid, managing volunteers with support needs, running a community building, monitoring and evaluating your project/services and ten top tips to writing a funding application. Also coming up is an 'Eco Event' for voluntary and community groups looking to 'green' their activities in August – a market place event at Bideford College – for more information look out for TTVS e:bulletins, see the training extra section of this newsletter or visit our website www.torridgecvs.org.uk

A number of organisations have accessed or been offered 'tailored' support following a skills assessment. Recent examples include a Pre-School accessing legal support with the negotiations on a lease for land on which to site a community building; preparing a marketing plan for a holistic therapy project; developing business skills for the committee of a local community project, training on the use of a funding search engine and the preparation of a feasibility study for a potential community facility in a local market Town.

There are also a limited number of bursaries available to organisations who would like to attend training outside of Devon which can contribute to the costs of the course and travel worth £50.

If you are a voluntary or community group operating in the Leader 4 Torridge and North Devon areas and are interested in finding out more, contact Jenny Fish, TTVS, 01237 420131 or email jennyf@torridgecvs.org.uk



TorrAGE



The Big Lottery-funded TorrAGE Neighbourhood Links project has been busy working in the following areas over the last few months;

Holsworthy Town

A new community group to support older people in the town, Holsworthy HELP (Helping Elderly Local People), has now been set up and formally constituted. Following a survey sent out with Admart a taster chair based exercise session was held at the Scout Hall. Ten people attended, and chair-based activities included the "Hokey Cokey" and "YMCA", meaning the group got to have fun as well as under-taking some gentle exercise. Plans are now being put in place to hold a regular exercise session at a venue to be agreed. The project's Volunteer Co-ordinator is working closely with the group to match up volunteers to those older people in need.

Londonderry Estate, Bideford

The Londonderry Group is holding a meeting this month of people who would like to get involved with the committee. Officers will be elected and a name and identity agreed for the group.

Volunteers have been busy delivering leaflets around the estate to identify older people who require support, and the group have already been successful in receiving funding for two grit bins on the estate. This will enable the estate to be accessible during cold and icy weather, reducing anxiety amongst older residents who may feel especially isolated during periods of extreme weather such as snow and ice.

Northam group

The Northam Older Persons Group are holding regular coffee afternoons, on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 2pm at the United Community Centre in Morwenna Park, Northam. Recent activities have included slide shows, quizzes and a talk from Reverend Paul Martin. The group also took part in a Mystery Coach Tour, which ended with a visit to Looe and Polperro. The AGM will be taking place on Wednesday 22nd June, and the group will agree a schedule of activities for the coming year.

Hartland

The project has begun to look at establishing a group in Hartland and hopes to work with the Friends of Hartland Medical Practice to reach those older people most in need.

In addition to working in the above areas the project has also established two new services which cover the district of Torridge;

Torridge Volunteer Garden Service

Volunteer gardeners have been busy over the last 3 months, helping 39 people with their gardens, and making a total of 47 gardening visits. The group have been given use a garage in Bideford free of charge for storage of gardening equipment by Tarka Housing. The Bideford gardeners were also given a generous discount by Homebase when purchasing their equipment.

Well-Being Watch

Well-Being Watch is a telephone befriending service. Service users are referred through various channels, including the Complex Care Teams and other agencies, and tend to be those older people who have been identified as being particularly vulnerable or isolated.

A volunteer phones service users for a chat, and a general check on their well-being. Sixteen older people have received regular calls from well-being watch to date. Some people prefer a weekly phone call rather than someone coming to their home, and the service can also be used to provide interim befriending whilst project staff try to identify a volunteer to visit.

The project has received excellent feedback so far, with 87 older people reporting that they are happier as a result of the project, and 77 people reporting that they are less isolated or lonely.

If you would like to find out more about the Neighbourhood Links project please contact Anna or Linda on 01805-622666.

The projects at TTVS work very closely together, so people receive the additional benefit of the joint expertise. On one such occasion TorrAge had details of a free mobility scooter being offered. This



information was passed on to other TTVS projects, and TTC were able to pass on this information to Alan, who is overjoyed at now being able to get out of the house.

Alan says, "my life has changed dramatically now that I can get out of the house"



Taw & Torridge Caring

Taw & Torridge Caring have been developing reminiscence resources, and training their Carer Response Workers & Reminiscence Workers so that the benefits of reminiscence can be shared with older people, especially those with dementia. Reminiscence is beneficial and therapeutic because it not only values people's early life experiences but also values them as individuals.

In April, working jointly with TorrAGE Neighbourhood Links, Taw & Torridge Caring offered three free reminiscence sessions to those with memory problems and anyone over the age of sixty. These sessions were facilitated by Janet Jones of 'think-life', a not-for-profit organisation, who obtained funding via information passed on from TTC.

One attendee said "It was really good fun reflecting and remembering times of old, and great to have the chance to share childhood memories with people of the same generation."

Everyone enjoyed reminiscing about school days in the first week; remembering back to those naughty classroom antics brought much laughter to the occasion. In the second week we recalled our working life, and the final session occurred the day before the royal wedding so the theme was love and marriage.

After toasting the royal couple with a glass of non-alcoholic bubbly everyone left feeling very uplifted. These sessions have been a wonderful way of reclaiming those good feelings of days gone by, and also connecting in a positive way with others of a similar age. (The picture on the right is of a 42 year old wedding dress that was brought in by an elderly lady and holds many happy memories for her.)



Further reminiscence events will be occurring in the Parish of Northam and then other areas later in the year in care homes, community settings, Memory Cafes and also in the home environment.

TTC is very grateful to Northam Town Council for the kind donation towards the Northam Reminiscence Activities.

Carers of Adults with a Learning Disability

Over the summer month's as well as the usual carers meetings, social events either have or will be taking place across North and Mid Devon for Carers of Adults with a Learning Disability.



The Spring Bop that was held in April was a huge success with a rich mixture of family carers, adults with a learning disability and various organisations attending in a very informal manner such as Broomhayes School.

The evening started straight away with many people on the dance floor cutting some shapes and showing everyone what they were made of. Whilst the guys were getting their 'groove on', various carers were relaxing in their comfortable chairs with a glass of something chilled. The carers took this opportunity to discuss a variety of issues relating to their caring role as well as taking the opportunity to catch up with old friends.



The evening was a chance for the young adults to socialise with each other in a safe environment. Many of the attendees met up with friends they may not have seen since primary school and this was certainly the case for a young chap called Tom who had lived out of County for quite some time. The timing of the event was very fortuitous as he had just moved back home and at the Spring Bop he bumped into a previous acquaintance, another young man called Jordan and they had a dance and spent some time together catching up.

The evening progressed and although the queue for the food was very long, many positive reports came in once it was eaten and the staff at the venue were incredibly helpful bending over backwards to ensure



everyone was happy. After the food was served, a raffle was drawn and everyone prayed they were going to win the huge tub of flying saucers, this was won by Jo much to the disgust of everyone who had bought a raffle ticket!

The music was turned back up loud again for a few more hours and at midnight it was time to pack up but alas no one would leave the dance floor as the conga was still going strong.....

Suffice to say it was a great night and one that we are hoping to repeat. For a full list of events over the next few months please call our project worker Laura on 01237 420 137 or 07944562808 or email LauraC@torridgecvcs.org.uk

Volunteers Week 2011

To celebrate Volunteer's Week a Walking for Health historical walk was held, the walk was officiated by two of



our trained walking for health walk leaders, bringing people out on to the streets to celebrate and highlight the town's rich culture, heritage and creative talents. The event was to mark Volunteers Week and was very successfully attended by nearly 40 people. Trevor Johns the Mayor of Bideford joined the group with Jim Weeks the Town Crier and other members of Bideford 500 some in costume. The walk finished at the Volunteer Centre in Bridgeland Street where the walkers enjoyed a cream tea. A presentation was made to volunteers who had been nominated for a certificate to recognise their contribution and commitment over the years.

Cabinet Office Red Tape Task Force - Unshackling Good Neighbours

The Cabinet Office's Red Tape Task Force has spent nine months examining the rules and regulations which put people off giving their time and money to good causes. The team set about answering three questions: what stops people giving their time, what stops people giving money, and what stops charities and voluntary groups and social enterprises growing? The report is worth reading if you haven't already seen it. It covers a whole range of issues around recruiting trustees, volunteering, commissioning and procurement and service delivery and makes some recommendations that many in the VCS sector would welcome. It also recommends that infrastructure organisations such as NCVO etc should become consortia builders to enable groups of smaller organisations to compete for larger contracts. It has a number of recommendations for commissioners - all of which are similar to the points we have been making. The report makes six key recommendations to the Government to help reduce bureaucracy and red tape:

- ▶ Reform the law to clarify the extent of charity trustees' and volunteer liability to encourage more involvement and participation by individuals
- ▶ Eliminate regulatory duplication and repeated requests for the same information in slightly different formats, for example by Companies House, the Charity Commission and commissioners
- ▶ Establish a Working Party to include representatives of the insurance industry and civil society organisations to address the insurance needs of the sectors
- ▶ Encourage investment in Civil Society Organisations by creating a new category of 'social investor' and clarify the position of trust law with regard to charities
- ▶ Simplify the licensing of fund-raising events and provide clear standard guidance across the sector
- ▶ Encourage the out-of-work to get involved in greater volunteering and ensure they and Job Centre staff understand that it does not automatically affect their benefits and welfare payments.

The Office for Civil Society will now consider the recommendations in full.



The Heritage Lottery Fund run two small grant schemes, the 'Your Heritage' being a possible funder for your project if were to include some historical information on the noticeboards.

Your Heritage provides grants of between £3,000 and £50,000 to support projects that relate to the local, regional or national heritage of the UK, and that help people to learn about, look after, and take an active part in heritage.

7 Holbein Place, London, SW1N 8NR

Website: www.hlf.org.uk

Telephone 020 7591 6000

Email: enquire@hlf.org.uk

★ AWARDS FOR ALL

Awards for All has changed its rule and organisations can now apply for funding for a different project in the following year. A4A is a Lottery grants scheme funding small, local community-based projects in the UK. Awards for All, England offers grants of between £300 and £10,000 for projects that improve communities, and the lives of people within them. It is for voluntary and community groups, schools, health organisations, and most importantly parish and town councils.

Full information on their website

<http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/index.html>

Big Awards for All, Apex House, Embassy Drive,

Calthorpe Road, Edgebaston, Birmingham B15 1TR

Tel: 0845 4102030



Places People Play - Protecting Playing Fields Scheme

Sport England has launched the Places People Play programme to create a legacy of participation for the 2012 London Olympic and Paralympic Games, investing £10 million of National Lottery funding in community sports projects over three years from 2011-2014. The Protecting Playing Fields (PPF) scheme

will fund capital projects to establish, develop and improve playing fields for community and sporting use. Grants of £20,000 to £50,000 are available and match funding is required for all applications. Eligible organisations are those entitled to receive public funding, including the following: voluntary or community organisations; local authorities; sports clubs; playing field associations; charities; educational establishments. The deadline for receipt of applications for the first round is 6 July 2011.

http://www.sportengland.org/funding/protecting_playing_fields.aspx

Sport England, 3rd Floor, Victoria House, Bloomsbury Square, London, WC1B 4SE, Tel: 0845 850 8508

THE EQUITABLE CHARITABLE TRUST

Support towards educating young people, especially young people with disabilities and/or from disadvantaged backgrounds

Charitable organisations (and schools specifically for children and young people with disabilities or Special Educational Needs) working towards educating young people, especially young people with disabilities and/or from disadvantaged backgrounds can apply for funding of up to £30,000 through the Equitable Charitable Trust.

The Trustees award approximately £1 million a year and seeks to identify and support good projects that address needs not adequately met at present, including those with potential to be introduced to large numbers of schools. Grants made by the Trust fall into three broad categories.

- Education projects or services that support the learning and development of disabled children and young people in the UK
- Education projects for disadvantaged children and young people in the UK, particularly those that support delivery of the National Curriculum or vocational learning opportunities

- Education projects that will help increase participation in, or improve the quality of, education for disadvantaged or disabled children and young people in developing countries.

The length of funding can range from one to three years. Previously supported projects include supplementary Maths, English and Science classes for disadvantaged 5-18 year olds; education projects to reduce teenage pregnancies; capital grants for the renovation and refurbishment of facilities for children with complex needs and disabilities; and music education projects for children and young people with profound and multiple learning difficulties.

For example, "Art room" received £5,000 towards ear one of a three year project to pay for salary costs of an education project at a school in a deprived area of Oxford; and "Math" a "Magic" tour received £17,745 to tour schools in disadvantaged areas of Northern Ireland.

Applications can be submitted at any time and are considered on a rolling basis by the Trustees.

<http://www.equitablecharitabletrust.org.uk/Grants/GuidelinesforApplicants/tabid/317/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>

The Equitable Charitable Trust, Sixth Floor, 65 Leadenhall Street, London, EC3 2AB Tel: 0207 264 4993

WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

Funding to Develop Cancer Self Help Groups

Through the Helping You Help Others programme, Macmillan, the national charity supporting people living with cancer, is inviting new cancer self help and support groups across the UK to apply for start up grants of up to £500 to:

- help with their initial development and promotion of service such as promotional costs
- printing (leaflets, stationery, newsletters etc.)
- postage
- venue hire
- refreshments costs

- speaker fees, etc.

Applications for start-up grants are accessed on a monthly basis. Macmillan are also inviting existing groups to apply for grants of up to £3,000 for their continuing development, for activities such as:

- away days speaker's fees and associated costs such as travel
- the purchase of group resources such as computers, laptops and display materials for use at information days.

<http://www.macmillan.org.uk/HowWeCanHelp/CancerSupportGroups/>

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[Group.aspx#DynamicJumpMenuManager_2_Anchor_1](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/HowWeSupportYourGroup.aspx#DynamicJumpMenuManager_2_Anchor_1)

Macmillan Cancer Support, 89 Albert Embankment, London, SW1 7UQ Tel: 0207 840 7840



Funding to support museums and galleries

Museums, galleries and heritage organisations can apply for grants of between £20,000 and £100,000 through the Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund.

The Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund, run by the Museums Association, focuses on time-limited collections work outside the scope of an organisation's core resources. The fund seeks to support projects at an early stage of development where it may be difficult to guarantee tangible outcomes. Eligible projects include; research into collections, conservation, collections review and initiatives to develop the use of collections. A total of £800,000 a year will be awarded through this fund with two grant rounds per year. The deadline for 2011 is the **31st October**.

<http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/funding/collections-fund.html>

Museums Association, 24 Calvin Street, London, E1 6NW
Tel: 0207 426 6910



Aid for the Aged in Distress (AFTAID) welcomes applications

from individuals, or their family and neighbours, of state pensionable age (60 years old for women and 65 for men), that are UK citizen and resident, on lower income and have minimal savings. AFTAID aims to help older persons that are financially stretched beyond their means to the point of genuine distress.

AFTAID can provide grants for many varied items such as:

- walk-in showers
- radiators
- Cleaning
- central heating boiler
- Video intercom
- 'blind' software for PC

AFTAID do not make grants for ongoing or retrospective payments, nor can they consider repayment of debt. Referrals can also be accepted on behalf of members of the caring professions and voluntary organisations. Applications can be made at any time. <http://www.aftaid.org.uk/grantapp.html>
AFTAID Epworth House, 25 City Road, London, EC1y 1AA
Tel: 0870 803 1950

Funding for 120 new swimming teachers and coaches

Candidates from affiliated and accredited swim21 clubs are invited to apply for funding for Level 2 swimming teaching and coaching courses, made available from The Swimming Trust with the support of Coca-Cola Great Britain. Adding to the existing established funding made available in

previous years, Coca-Cola have now committed a second donation of £50,000 to The Swimming Trust to develop projects to get Britain swimming. The money will be used for a Teacher Coach Education Grant Fund offering for up to 120 volunteers within Swimming, Diving, Synchronised Swimming and Water Polo clubs. For more information please visit: <http://www.swimming.org>

[swimming.org](http://www.swimming.org)

The Baily Thomas
Charitable Fund



Supporting projects in the area of learning disability and to aid the care and relief of those affected by learning disability

The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund, which is a registered charity established to support projects in the area of learning disability and to aid the care and relief of those affected by learning disability, has announced that the next application date for grants is the **1st October 2011**. Grants are available to voluntary organisations within the UK and the Republic of Ireland working in this field. The Trust consider under learning disability the conditions generally referred to as severe learning difficulties, together with autism. In this area, they consider projects concerning children or adults. Application for funding is normally considered for capital and revenue costs and for both specific projects and for general running/core costs. They will not offer grants for research into or care of those with mental illness or dyslexia. The Fund offers grants from £250 upwards.

<http://www.bailythomas.org.uk/> c/o TMF Management UK Ltd, 400 Capability Green, Luton, Beds, LU1 3AE Tel: 01582 439225

swimming.org

The British Gas Club Mark Scheme is inviting applications for funding from all swim21 accredited clubs and those clubs working towards accreditation. Grants of up to £1,000 are available to swim21 accredited clubs towards projects such as:

- The training of level 2/3 teachers and coaches
- Access to 50m pool training facilities
- Funding to pay for expert coaching help

Grants of up to £500 are available to help with achievement of swim21 accreditation. Grants can be used towards:

- Buddy system
- Online Support Package
- Discipline specific projects
- Clubs must apply to their regional office

The deadline for applications is the **15th August 2011**.

<http://www.swimming.org/asa/clubs-and-members/british-gas-club-grant-scheme/>

Spart Park, 3 Oakwood Drive, Loughborough, Leics, LE11 3QF
Tel: 01509 618700

BBC

BBC Performing Arts Fund

From 2011 the BBC Performing Arts Fund (PAF) will choose an art form to focus on for each funding round. In 2011 the chosen art form is dance. The scheme will support the development of groups, helping them to increase their skills and engage new audiences, raising their profiles in their communities.

Project examples may include the following:

- Sending group members on training courses or summer schools.
- Running workshops encouraging participation. Bringing in external consultants to improve performances and run master classes.

- Establishing partnerships between schools and other community organisations.
- Commissioning new performances.
- Providing opportunities for new and innovative performances.

Grants of between £500 and £5,000 are available from a £200,000 fund. The deadline for applications is 5pm on 12 July 2011.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/performingartsfund>

The BBC Performing Arts Fund, Room 4171, White City
201 Wood Lane, London W12 7TS

Leonard Cheshire Disability

Stelios Award for Disabled Entrepreneurs in the UK

Sponsored by Sir Stelios Haji-Ioannou and administered by Leonard Cheshire Disability, the Stelios Award for Disabled Entrepreneurs in the UK seeks out and celebrates business ability by recognising an exceptional disabled entrepreneur.

From today, the 2011 competition opens to disabled entrepreneurs on the management board, and with ownership, of any business in the UK. Eligible businesses must have an annual turnover above £10,000 and have been trading for between one and five years.

The Award carries a prize of £50,000, to be reinvested in the winner's business. The winner can spend this money however they like, for example they could:

- buy a piece of new equipment that would enable them to increase production capacity
- fund new staff costs to expand a sales team
- embark upon an international operation

The deadline for receipt of entries is 22 August 2011. <http://www.lcdisability.org/>

Head Office: Leonard Cheshire Disability, 66 South Lambeth Road, London, SW8 1RL. Tel: 0203 242 0200

nominet trust

Funding for IT Projects Supporting Disadvantaged Groups

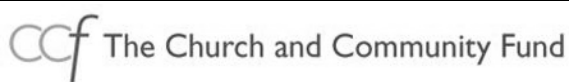
Funding is available to organisations with innovative IT related project ideas that can make a positive difference to disadvantaged and vulnerable groups - in the UK, developing countries and around the world. The funding is available through the Nominet Trust. The aim of the Trust is to fund innovative Internet projects that make a positive difference to the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people, primarily in terms of education, safety and inclusion. The Trust is particularly

interested in funding projects that can be scaled up and replicated. There is no minimum grant application and applications for over £100,000 require an interview.

Organisations wishing to apply need initially to complete an online eligibility questionnaire. Those organisations deemed successful will be provided with a link to a more detailed application form.

<http://www.nominettrust.org.uk>

Nominet Trust, Minerva House, Edmund Halley Road, Oxford
Science Park, Oxford, OX4 4DQ
Tel: 01865 334000



Funding for church and community projects

Under the Church and Community Fund grants of up to 10,000 are available to community projects run by parish churches, deaneries, dioceses and other bodies connected to or working in partnership with the Church of England. Projects supported must promote, aid and further the work of the Church of England. This does not exclude Anglican projects in partnership with ecumenical or other-faith partners, which are warmly welcomed, but it does exclude projects run by secular bodies which have little or no connection to the Church of England, overseas projects and projects in which an Anglican body is not a key player at a local level. Typical projects supported by the CCF might include: employing a youth worker; renovating an old church hall for use as a community centre; providing hot meals for the homeless in a church room.

The next application deadline is the **30th June 2011**.

<http://www.churchandcommunityfund.org.uk/>

The Church & Community Fund, Church House, Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3AZ

Tel: 0207 898 1541 9 (Grants Manager)



Preservation of historic buildings

This is grant scheme is only available to building preservation trusts (a charity whose main aims include the preservation and regeneration of historic buildings): to qualify the Trust must have demonstrated that the end use for the project is likely to be feasible and have decided to take the project forward. Items covered by these grants could include, for example: Any reasonable administrative costs relevant to the project may be claimed, up to a maximum of £4,000;

- The costs of a suitably qualified project organiser to develop and co-ordinate a viable project and take it towards the point at which work starts on site
- Other development costs include the costs of a Mentor to work with a less experienced BPT to help them move their project forward

Any charity wishing to apply for loans and grants should send in application forms before the following dates:

12 August for September meeting and **21 October** for December meeting.

http://www.ahfund.org.uk/finance_addgrants

The Architectural Heritage Fund, Alhambra House, 27-31 Charing Cross Road, London, WC2H 0AU Tel: 0207 925 0199



Tesco Charity Trust

The Tesco Charity Trust runs two funding schemes - the Community Awards and the larger Grants. Please see below for details on each scheme.

Community Awards

The Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards Scheme provides one-off donations of between £500 and £4,000 to local projects that support children and their education and welfare, elderly people and adults and children with disabilities. There are four rounds of funding each year. Please click here to view a copy of our criteria and application deadlines. Applications should be made via our online application form. You may also want to view

a copy of the application questions before filling out the application form. If you require any support whilst completing your application please contact our helpline on 0845 612 3575.

Larger Grant Applications

The Tesco Charity Trust Trustees also consider grant applications at their tri-annual meetings. These grants range between £4,000 and £25,000 and are to support local, national or international projects in areas where we operate. If you would like to apply for a grant please send details of your project to: Tesco Charity Trust, New Tesco House, Delamare Road, Cheshunt, Herts, EN8 9SL, or alternatively email: charity.enquiries@uk.tesco.com. Website: www.tescopl.com Please ensure you clearly mark these details for the Trust Meeting Grants.



PRS Women Make Music Grant

The PRS for Music Foundation is offering grants of up to £5,000 through their Women Make Music Grant Scheme to raise the profile of women who are making music in the UK.

Women Make Music seeks to support organisations to commission a new piece of music by UK-based women music creators working in any genre. Promoters, festivals, organisations and performance groups may also apply. Funding can be used towards the costs of first performances and/or fee for

the music creator. Work that encourages new and adventurous collaborations will be priority. Women Make Music is also keen to support women performers/creators to write new tracks/pieces that they will perform live before the 8th March 2012. The premiere performance must be promoted or produced by a third party can be used to assist in the costs of the first performance. The deadline for applications is 5pm on the 8th August 2011. www.prsformusicfoundation.com/women/support.htm PRS For Music Foundation, 29-33 Berners Street, London, W1T 3AB Tel: 0207 306 4044



Funding for places of worship for essential structural repair projects and the installation of new facilities

The National Churches Trust awards grant funding to places of worship for essential structural repair projects and the installation of new facilities.

Repair Grants of £10,000 and above and Community Grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 are available.

Applications are accepted from listed and unlisted churches, chapels and meeting houses of any age, as long as they are open (or planning to reopen) for public worship and where the congregation is a member or associated member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. The closing date for receipt of applications for grants in 2011 is **1 September**. To apply, please visit <http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/>.

The National Churches Trust, 31 Newbury Street, London, EC1A 7HU Tel: 0207 776 1042



Richard King

TOZERS

An Exam Question

“You are the Chair of a charity. You have organised a glitzy dinner dance for a special project. A lot of money has been raised on the draw tickets, you won the best prize and you retire happily to your hotel bedroom.” I once heard a charity law seminar start in this way; and I was thinking: is this about VAT, expense accounting, conflicts of interest, restricted trusts, gaming law, trustee benefits, or what? It turned out to be none of those, as the speaker went on to say the Chair’s husband was found in bed with the CEO and the following morning the local press are waiting for a statement! What next?

Hopefully none of us will face such a crisis, but we can all learn from the problems that other charities get into. If you ever get a spare moment, do look at the Charity Commission reports of their investigations into charities that have ‘gone wrong’ in some way. Often it is an innocent mistake, sometimes the rules have been deliberately flouted, but invariably basic errors were made that, with hindsight, were easily avoidable. To quote just a few recent (and, you would think, obvious) examples: ensuring independence of charities/ trustees from other bodies they trade with, especially where individuals receive personal benefits; ensuring funds are used only for stated purposes; and ensuring that child protection policies are in place.

CIOs: last week I heard a talk from the chief charities man at the Office for Civil Society; he told the assembled charity law experts, ‘don’t shoot me!’ - he is responsible for bringing forward legislation for the new **Charitable Incorporated Organisation**. He acknowledged that many small charities were desperately waiting for those CIOs, to get protection for their trustees without going down the company route. The main law was ready, but the real problem was the regulations on insolvency and dissolution of CIOs. He now expected them to be debated in parliament after the summer recess, with implementation beginning later this year. But the Commission would be swamped with applications so he expected new charities to be registered first, followed by existing unincorporated charities wanting to convert - probably in income bands. So the end is in sight but be prepared for a long wait - or incorporate now!

For further information see Tozers’ website: www.tozers.co.uk – solicitors for business/charities

Get Involved 2011 Conference

Are you concerned about the risk, liability and legal commitments involved in service level agreements (SLAs), Consortiums and sub contracting? Are you confident about funding in the future, do you have a funding strategy? Do you feel the organisation could reduce its financial risk and liability through more effective use of budgets and learning from better interpretation of its own annual accounts?

If you can say yes to any of these questions you may want to consider attending the Devon’s local groups conference “Get Involved 2011 on the 21st September in Tiverton. For further information call 01884 255734 or visit www.involve-middevon.org.uk.

Discounted rates for or all Devon CVS members.



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A Leading Source of Publications About Governance for the UK Voluntary and Community Sector

Including: The Good Trustee Guide; A Chair's first 100 days; The A-Z of Good Governance; Better Communication = Better Governance; The Board Answer Book; and many, many more.... For an A-Z list, visit the website: www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/governance-leadership-resources-publications Or contact NCVO (National Council for Voluntary Organisations) on 020 7713 6161 or at Regents Wharf, 8 All Saint's Street, London N1 9RL.

Free Trustee Recruitment Site

Trustee Bank is a free, easy-to-use service where you can advertise or view trustee vacancies and get support with your organisation's recruitment and induction practices to make you more successful with your trustee recruitment. Trustee Bank also features information on how to become a trustee to encourage more people to be involved and to help you in your role on a trustee board. For more visit www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/trusteebank Or contact NCVO (National Council for Voluntary Organisations) on 020 7713 6161 or at Regents Wharf, 8 All Saint's Street, London N1 9RL.

Central Offices for Pro Bono Legal Advice

A new National Pro Bono Centre, which brings together LawWorks, the Bar Pro Bono Unit and the ILEX Pro Bono Forum in shared offices, is providing a central resource for people seeking pro bono legal advice and representation, including community groups. LawWorks (www.lawworks.org.uk) has a new phone number, 020 7092 3940. The address is 48 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1JF with an interim website at www.nationalprobonocentre.org.uk.

Developing, Promoting and Investing in the Arts in England

The Arts Council have run a series of events in the South West to help arts organisations adapt to the changes in the funding climate. They have produced an excellent resource called "Reshaping". www.artscouncil.org.uk/news/reshaping-arts-council-england-event/ It contains information and advice about funding, marketing, commissioning etc. Their address is Arts Council England, 14 Great Peter Street, London, SW1P 3NQ Telephone: 0845 300 6100 or 0845 300 6200.

BT Community Web Kit – a free web-hosting and design service

Charities and not-for-profit community groups can access a free web-hosting and design service through the communications company BT. Its *Community Web Kit* provides free website hosting, a free address, a choice of layouts and designs and a step-by-step guide. To register, click on the [Community Web Kit](#) link or call 150 from a BT landline or 0800 800 150 from non BT lines or mobiles.

Government promotes thinking about "community right to build"

The government's Communities Department has started promoting the Community Right to Build, contained in the Localism Bill currently going through parliament. Community organisations would be able to approve new local developments without the need to go through the normal planning application process, as long as the proposals meet certain criteria and there is community backing in a local referendum. Press notice at www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/1914308, or contact The Department for Communities and Local Government on 0303 444 0000.

Council Transfer of Assets to Communities On The Up

Third Sector reports (www.thirdsector.co.uk/News/DailyBulletin/1073083/) that almost half of local authorities in England that responded to a recent survey expect the transfer of assets to community organisations to increase in the coming year. And about 1,000 asset transfers are already under way. The survey is part of the two year evaluation report of the Asset Transfer Unit, 'Car Parks and Castles: Giving Communities the Keys', Read the final report here www.atu.org.uk/Document.ashx?ID=321. or request a copy from Luke Delahunty Tel: 0161 475 2106

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Online tool to check people management issues

The employment relations body ACAS is promoting its online 'Model Workplace' tool which aims to "help businesses identify and resolve problems at work", following a survey of users which found that a quarter of them risked unwittingly breaching the law and half had used it to revise policies and procedures. News item at www.acas.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=3343 or go direct to www.acas.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=2806. Or contact ACAS on 08457 474747 or write to: Euston Tower, 286 Euston Road, London NW1 3JJ.

Sport Minister welcomes Sport and Recreation Alliance report

A new voluntary code developed by the sports sector demonstrating a commitment to create, improve and maintain the best possible governance structures has been backed by the Sport and Olympics Minister Hugh Robertson. The new voluntary code, published by the Sport and Recreation Alliance has been designed to help sporting and recreational bodies aspire to and maintain good governance and assist those in senior management positions to run their organisations more efficiently. The code has identified key principles to achieving good governance, and covers areas such as:

- Accountability and transparency
- Recommended Board size with the right balance of skills and experience
- Independence on Boards and the desire for greater appreciation of diversity

You can download a copy of **The Voluntary Code of Good Governance for the Sport and Recreation Sector** from the website www.sportandrecreation.org.uk/sites/default/files/web/GovernanceCodeFinal.pdf Or contact The Sports and Recreational Alliance on 020 7976 3900.

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TTVS Training and Events Menu

Greener for the Future! Day, Tuesday 23rd August, Bideford College. For further information please contact Lyn Winter on tel: 01271 866300 or email: lyn@ndvs.org.uk

Certificated First Aid at Work Training September 2011, Bideford.

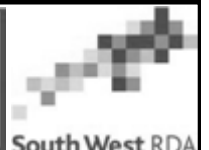
Improving Funding Applications Training, Monday 26th September 10.00am to 4.00pm, Venue tbc, please register your interest.

TTVS AGM and Annual Conference Celebrating Communities', Thursday 20th October, Hallsannery Centre, Bideford. Come along and celebrate the we all do and find out how volunteers and voluntary groups can, and do, shape their communities. A range of activities will be on offer. Details to follow.

Running Community Buildings, date and venue tbc, please register your interest.

Roles and Responsibilities of Trustees, including Governance Masterclass, date and venue tbc, please register your interest.

Subsidised funding for the following courses has been provided by Leader 4 Torridge and North Devon. For more information on these, booking enquiries please contact Kate Shanahan, administrator@torridgecvts.org.uk or telephone 01237 420130. Costs: Full day courses £20 (normal cost £75); Half day courses £10 (normal £50).



The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: Europe investing in rural areas

Devon Consortium are holding a **Voluntary and Community Sector Assembly** on Wed. 7 September (venue tbc) – this event is a free networking event with workshops and speakers open to all voluntary & community sector organisations – further details to be released soon.

Living Well with and Beyond Cancer

The National Cancer Survivorship Initiative (NCSI) is putting on a **free** one-day event exploring how Devon and Cornwall could better support people living with cancer. At Buckfast Abbey on 21 July.

Book a place online at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/livingwithcancer2011 or email: nikki.thomas@nhs.net tel: 01803 860660

For more information about living with cancer, visit: www.ncsi.org.uk

Social Enterprise Leadership: Summer School

The 2011 Social Enterprise Summer School is specifically designed to enhance and develop leadership skills and is an exciting opportunity to innovate your business and network with like-minded social enterprises. At: University of Plymouth 19 – 20 July Costs: for information please email address below (early bird booking rates will be available at £80/£150).

Places are strictly limited so register your interest by emailing bridget@cosmic.org.uk



Finding the Right Tendering Partner

This one-day course is designed for senior staff and Trustees of organisations who are actively considering tendering as part of a consortium. At Exeter CVS on 25 July 9.30am – 3.30pm.

Marketing for Voluntary and Community Sector Groups



This one day course is designed for anyone involved in promoting the image, publicity, and communications of a VCS organisation. At Exeter CVS on 21 July 9.30am – 3.30pm.

Both these workshops are being subsidised by the Devon Consortium VCS Commissioning Project but there will be a charge of £10 per participant to offset lunch and administration costs.

Contact: info@devonconsortium.net 01392 2020550

Charity Media Skills Seminar

Learn how to transform the every day work your charity does into compelling news, feature, broadcast and online media stories that get results for your charity every time. Find out what journalists want from you, how to meet their needs, and how to create dozens of media opportunities from just one story. In Exeter on Thu 14 July 10.00am - 12.30pm.

Good Writing for Charities Seminar

Attend this face-to-face afternoon seminar to develop your writing for charity magazines, newsletters, web pages, brochures, annual reports and more. Learn how to create compelling copy that engages, inspires and gets your reader to take the actions you want them to take. In Exeter on Thu 14 July 2.30pm – 5.00pm

Each seminar costs £25 +VAT or you can combine the two for a full day's expert communications training and get them both for £40 + VAT Contact: ngo.media, email: info@ngomedia.org.uk tel. 020 7426 8875

Website: www.ngomedia.org.uk/training/Trainingfor25/

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Devon Association of Community Buildings Suppliers Conference

The day will bring together over 20 suppliers and agencies used regularly by Community buildings and Village halls. These will include: funders, advice agencies, green technologies suppliers and hall equipment suppliers. This **free** conference is open to all community buildings and will, include workshops on renewable energy and fundraising for capital projects, as well as the AGM. At the Teign Valley Community Centre, Christow on 13 July (refreshments will be available). For more details see the DACB website www.dacb.org.uk or contact David Kinross on 01392 383345 or dkinross@devonrcc.org.uk

Children's Rights Workshop

This 2 hour workshop will explore the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. This will help the childcare practitioner be more aware of and to develop their understanding of how to meet the needs and rights of children in their setting.

- Barnstaple 20 August Saturday morning
- Tavistock 7 September Wednesday evening
- Totnes 19 September Monday evening

Cost £25 (£5 discount for DCMA members)

Contact Janet Dix, email: jdix.devonca@blueyonder.co.uk tel: 01752 202059

See website for more dates and venues: www.devonca.org/Training.html



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New Mileage Rate for Volunteers Welcomed

CVSs and volunteering groups have welcomed the news that volunteer drivers will be able to claim a higher level of expenses to cover their costs.

The announcement follows sustained calls for better support for volunteer drivers by Volunteering England, the Community Transport Association and other civil society organisations and will be welcomed by thousands of volunteer drivers across the country who provide a vital community service.



All drivers who use their vehicle for volunteering or work will now be able to claim 45p per mile for the first 10,000 miles, without being taxed on the amount. This is an increase from the previous rate of 40p. In addition, an allowance of 5p per passenger per mile that is already available to business drivers will be extended to volunteers.

Full details can be found at: www.hmrc.gov.uk

New Equality Duties

The new Equality Act came into force on 1 October 2010, and if your organisation provides services or manages volunteers, then you need to know about how the changes in the legislation apply to you.

The Equality and Human Rights Commission website has a range of useful guides to help you, including for employers, service providers and voluntary and community sector organisations.



There are several new responsibilities and these are clearly explained in the guidelines. For example, direct

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discrimination, indirect discrimination and discrimination by association or perception because of a protected characteristic are all unlawful.

Protected characteristics are:

- disability
- gender reassignment
- pregnancy and maternity (which includes breastfeeding)
- race

- religion or belief
- sex
- sexual orientation.

Make sure you, your staff, trustees and volunteers all know what you need to about the implications of this important legislation.

For more information go to:
www.equalityhumanrights.com or contact your local CVS.



New Infrastructure Development Team at Volunteering England

Volunteering England's new four-person Infrastructure Development Team will provide support to a range of sectors including Volunteer Centres, grass roots volunteer involving organisations, Further and Higher Education establishments and businesses.

Andrea Grace Rannard, Head of Infrastructure Development, is the main contact for any queries relating to Further and Higher Education and student volunteering. Email: andrea.rannard@volunteering.org.uk or tel: 0207 520 8922.

Simon Richards, Infrastructure Development Manager, will be the main contact for Volunteer Centres, including queries relating to VCQA and the DWP Brokerage Scheme. Email : simon.richards@volunteering.org.uk or tel: 07734 909 634.

Stephen Ince, Sports Volunteering Development Manager. Email: stephen.ince@volunteering.org.uk or tel: 07946 487 078.

Charlotte Wright, Infrastructure Development Assistant, is the administrative contact for the team. Email: charlotte.wright@volunteering.org.uk or tel: 0207 520 8939.

Micro-volunteering

Micro volunteering is a term used to describe volunteering for an organisation or cause in small periods of time, often for less than 30 minutes. This may include (but are not exclusively) working at home, online or using social media. There is some debate about the value of micro-volunteering, and this can be followed on blogs and websites. But it is worth considering if micro-volunteering may be helpful to your organisation, or suit you as an individual. People with limited time may be able to deliver newsletters to, say, one side of their street, but feel that to do all of it may be too much, others may be housebound, but have IT skills that could be used to update websites, blogs, social media pages, or other electronic media, to help you reach a different audience (how many times do we hear that groups want to encourage younger members and volunteers!). Individuals with limited time may still be able to help with online research or database updating. Thinking outside the box about how volunteers can help you, or how you can help, can often bring new benefits and is certainly worth exploring. A useful website that gives more ideas can be viewed at: www.helpfromhome.org.



We hope you enjoyed Volunteer's Week at the beginning of June and found a way to say thank you to your volunteers (and that they thanked you)! If not it's never too late to say THANK YOU.

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Winkleigh Youth Club

Saturday Club Helper

This opportunity involves help with supervision of a multi generational group aimed at general 'play' activities and basic cookery 'classes'. It also includes the Home Grown Community Owned ('Hogco') garden project to involve the young people in fruit and vegetable growing.

Winkleigh

WAND

Helpline Volunteer

WAND has been awarded with The Mental Health Helplines Partnership's Quality Standard which proves that it provides the same quality of service as national helplines. WAND are currently looking for more helpline volunteers to join the team to offer caring and non-judgmental support one evening a week. Volunteers receive travel and childcare expenses, full training, support, the opportunity to attend social events and study for a Mental Health Helpline Workers qualification.

Barnstaple

TorrAGE

Advocacy

TorrAGE require a volunteer to help older people access help and signpost. Help with form filling and liaising with agencies.

Tawside Plough and Share Credit Union

Collection Point Volunteer

To assist in the day-to-day running of a credit union collection point in Torrington. You will be meeting and greeting old and new customers, handling cash transactions, completing user-friendly paperwork and answering customer queries, full training is provided.

Torrington

Penwethers - Holistic Healing Ltd

Internet Book Seller

Have you an interest in selling via the Internet?. Would you like to raise funds for charity? Would you be prepared to sell second hand books via the internet to raise funds for Penwethers Holistic Healing Ltd .

Parkinson's Disease Society (Torrige Branch)

Secretary

Secretary to take Minutes at Meetings, lots of note making, plus writing to members monthly to advise of forthcoming dates. Knowledge of word processing would be a help but can be dealt with as best suits the volunteer.

Barnstaple/Bideford

North Devon Maritime Museum Trust

Museum Volunteer

Archives, Museum volunteer, Fund raising, computer.

Appledore

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Holsworthy Family Workshop/Resource Centre

Activities Volunteer

HFWRRC offers volunteers a broad range of opportunities, scrap sorting, donations of materials. May need to be deconstructed, colour sorted and counted. Scrap kits require innovation with imagination with plenty of guidance from staff. Fundraising at local events, grant applications.

Holsworthy

North Devon Hospice Holsworthy

Collection/delivery Assistant

This is an excellent opportunity to join our team, to assist our drivers with deliveries and collections out in the local community. You will be out and about in our van meeting the general public and getting plenty of fresh air. It is a very enjoyable position which rarely becomes available. Induction will include Health and Safety, Manual Handling and Fire Awareness. All volunteers are required to attend statutory training once a year.

Holsworthy

Bideford Dysphasia Support Group

Volunteer Leader

Leadership of the group which helps aphasia sufferers to develop communication skills to give them confidence in the outside world. Providing support for carers.

Bideford

Bideford Buzz

I.T. Helper - Bideford Buzz

Someone needed urgently to update webpage.

Bideford

Bideford 500

Heritage Trail Guide

To lead small groups of members of the public on guided walks following the Bideford Heritage Trail (as per the Heritage Trail Leaflet). Wear Elizabethan Costume (provided). Do this at specific Bideford 500 events and throughout the year during the Summer months, on first Fridays and at other times, i.e. Saturday.

Atlantic Watersports Games

Various volunteers

The Atlantic Watersports Games will take place from 23rd July to 28th July 2011, across various sites around Bideford and Croyde. The event will gather together the best regional teams in sailing, kayaking, surfing and other watersports in the Atlantic area. The Games attract over 400 young competitors including world, european and national champions. Volunteering opportunities include mini bus drivers, first aiders, catering assistants, stewards and marshalls etc. Volunteers with a second language in French, Spanish or Portuguese would be helpful.

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CRB Website Update

The CRB website has converged with other Government websites. Here is a quick list of web addresses to help you find the pages you may refer to the most:

Tools/Services	Web Address
Online tracking service	www.businesslink.gov.uk/crbonlinetracking
Eligibility Guide	www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crb-eligibility
Top Tips Guide	www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crb-toptips
ID Checking Guidance	www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crb-id
Checking Overseas Applicants	www.businesslink.gov.uk/crboverseas
Continuation Sheet	www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crb-continuation-sheet

The Importance of Correct Spelling

On the front of each application form you are reminded to:

- write clearly
- use black ink
- use capital letters

This is to ensure that the information provided is clearly recognised and that your applications are processed as quickly as possible. It also prevents any further requests for clarification and so slowing down the application process.

In addition it is important that each word is spelt correctly on the application form. This is particularly important for the name, address and 'position applied for' fields of the application form. If a word is spelled incorrectly, it can impact on the whole application process, adding time and inconvenience for all parties involved.

Specifically for names and addresses, the CRB will often need to clarify at a later stage in the process if the details that have been provided are correct.

In the 'position applied for' field at X61, if a word is spelt incorrectly or is unclear, the position may be misinterpreted and may appear to be ineligible. This also applies to abbreviated job titles, which will not be understood outside of your organisation. In addition, for home based roles, an incorrect spelling could impact upon the additional checks carried out by the Police.

Please pay attention to these points when checking that the applicant sections have been completed correctly and when completing Section X.

You are encouraged always to check that the information provided is clear and double check words if you are unsure of the correct spelling before posting off the application form.