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## February 2008 E-News

Welcome to VAWF's February e-newsletter.

As the end of the Financial year approaches, there is lots to report on, and lots of new opportunities.

Members of VAWF will find loads of information and news coming to them in a week or so in the form of Voluntary Views, our print newsletter, in the meantime, here a some articles and news stories that couldn't wait!

For more information on the work of Voluntary Action Waltham Forest, including details on how your organisation can become a member, please see our website: <http://www.frontlineonline.org.uk>

## CONFERENCES

### FREE NCVCCO Conference, Tuesday 4th March

Two way contributions – organisations and their volunteers working for children  
The conference is to celebrate the contribution of the volunteer workforce with children, young people and families, and promote good practice in better supporting volunteers. There are still places available. Please contact NCVCCO directly for more information.

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### New Developments in Community Empowerment

Community Matter's London conference. Tuesday 4th March, 12.00 – 4.00 at The Abbey Centre SW1P 3BU Speakers include:

- Community Matters
- Office of the Third Sector
- Community Development Foundation Workshops include
- 'Visible Communities'
- Youth Participation
- Legal Update

To book a place please contact Sharon Mathew as soon as possible. Tel: 020 7837 7887, email: [sharon.matthew@communitymatters.org.uk](mailto:sharon.matthew@communitymatters.org.uk)

## TRAINING

### Dealing with the media - how to be known and recognised!

In partnership with Waltham Forest Guardian The aim of the workshop is to give you the tools to make your organisation known and recognisable. Guardian House, 480 Larkshall Road, Highams Park, E4 9GD You will learn how to

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- Get others to take interest in your organisation!
- Keep your organisation in the public eye!
- Know what information to disseminate and in the most interesting way!
- Satisfy your audience!
- Make the right contacts and grow them!
- Use the name of your organisations in the most effective way!
- Present your organisation effectively and be successful at sharing information!

To book a place please complete the booking form and return it with your £20 deposit cheque. It will be returned to you when you attend on the day.

For more information contact Isabelle on 0208 521 0377 or [isabelle@voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk](mailto:isabelle@voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk)

### **Safer recruitment: Criminal Records Bureau checks and risk assessment**

NSPPC training courses to be held at their Fresh Start Office in London A training course for anyone working with child sexual abuse The training will have a particular focus on safeguarding children's welfare in the context of safer recruitment.

Who should attend?

This course is designed for staff with responsibilities for undertaking risk assessments when dealing with positive Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks. Dates 11 March 2008 and 18 March 2008.

Cost

Due to the funding of this training we are able to offer this training at no cost to the participants.

Venue NSPCC Fresh Start, Alexandra Ciardi House, 7-8 Greenland Place, London NW1 0AP. For further information telephone 020 7428 1175 or email [tcfreshstart@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:tcfreshstart@nspcc.org.uk)

### **VAWF Training & Learning Provider Directory**

Be part of VAWF's training and learning provider directory! We are currently working on a Training and Learning Provider Directory for Waltham Forest. If you want to be included please download the registration form from the training part of our website at and return it to us.

[Download Forms](#)

### **ILM Level 3 in Management of Volunteers Course**

Venue – Score Centre, 100 Oliver Road, Leyton London E10 5JY  
 Dates – 6th, 7th, 13th, 20th, 27th March 2008, 3rd, 10th April 2008 Times – 10am – 4.30pm

The aims of the Management of volunteer course is –

- To provide ongoing opportunities for staff involved in the management of volunteers to develop their practical competence in the workplace to nationally determined and recognised standards
- To motivate participants to engage in developmental activity based on their existing competence, personal career goals and the demands of the work place.
- To enable employers to Identify participant's current potential and their development needs within the management of volunteers functions.
- The Level 3 Management of Volunteers is aimed at.

This course is aimed at:

- People whose main work is to manage individual volunteers or groups of volunteers directly on a day to day basis, with responsibility for planning, organising and monitoring the work of volunteers.
- Those with responsibility for leading, motivating and developing productive working relationships with volunteers, colleagues and their manager.
- Those with responsibility for contributing to the maintenance of a healthy, safe and productive working environment.

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### **SKiLD's one-day training courses are free in March.**

Book now to take advantage of these free sessions from the SKiLD programme.

Training areas include:

- Reducing risks and managing liabilities: 4 March in Leeds A course from the Governance Hub to smash the misconceptions about what trustees are liable for...
- Skills for development work: 6 March in Leicester For development workers who've been supporting groups for a while, and want some new ideas and techniques.
- Getting your voice heard! 11 March in Reading Looking at the role of the development worker as advocate, representative and lobbyist, and how to enable groups to take on these roles for themselves.
- Establishing values and a mission: 13 March in Birmingham A course from the Governance Hub and using its Living Values Pack.
- How to help groups keep staff (and avoid employment tribunals): 17 March in Birmingham An overview from the Workforce Hub about how to support frontline groups to become better employers.
- Helping groups identify and plan for their ICT needs: 18 March in Manchester This session won't make you a computer expert, but it will help you support groups asking questions about ICT.

The full programme is available on [www.skild.org.uk](http://www.skild.org.uk) or contact [skild@navca.org.uk](mailto:skild@navca.org.uk); or phone us on 0114 289 3964 for info and booking.

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### **Birkbeck College Certificate in HE Community Leadership.**

Birkbeck College, University of London will be running again its course for community activists / practitioners leading to a Certificate in Community Leadership. This is an ideal course for people interested in both the theoretical and practical aspects to leading communities, and also wanting to learn about the qualities and skills to become an effective community leader.

The course will run from Birkbeck College Central London and will start on Saturday March 8th 2008. Please apply as soon as possible as places maybe limited.

For further details about this course and dates for future such courses please contact Hament Patel by email at [h.patel@fce-sessional.bbk.ac.uk](mailto:h.patel@fce-sessional.bbk.ac.uk) or call 07984 584042.

You can also obtain and complete your application form on-line by going to [www.bbk.ac.uk/study/ce/communitystudies](http://www.bbk.ac.uk/study/ce/communitystudies) which also gives details about this and other related courses for this Certificate.

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# Fundraising

## Fundraising Opportunities

You will find a list of funders that may suit your organisation on our website. Deadlines and regulations vary, so please checkout the full details: [www.frontlineonline.org.uk/fundraising](http://www.frontlineonline.org.uk/fundraising) and click on Funding Opportunities.

VAWF offers a full fundraising service to it's members, so if you would like help and advice on applying to any of these funds, please contact Mutmahim Roaf on [mutmahim@voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk](mailto:mutmahim@voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk) of 020 8521 0377.

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## Urgent Call for grant applications: Safer London Foundation

Application deadline: 3.00 pm March 7th Grants Committee meets: March 26th Applications are invited for grants from a £400,000 donation made to SLF by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) to support the community/voluntary sector in the delivery of the MPS Youth Strategy. The Youth Strategy is still being finalised but there is a link to a draft copy on the grants page of Safer London Foundations website.

The committee invites applications from community/voluntary sector organisations addressing the youth engagement priorities found in the MPS Youth Strategy, specifically:

- re-engaging disadvantaged young people at risk of exclusion into mainstream educational and skills development opportunities
- developing the confidence and skills of young people, and providing preventative support, to reduce the number of first time entrants to the criminal justice system. The committee is particularly interested in projects working in partnership with agencies such as Safer Neighbourhoods Teams and who can demonstrate sustainability as beyond the term of the grant applied for. Grants for sums between £50,000 and £100,000, where applications demonstrate sustainability over two to three years, are specifically encouraged. For this grant round SLF will only support projects which either:
  - work directly with hard to reach young people who are at risk of offending or re-offending
  - work directly to address serious, violent or weapon-enabled crime in the communities directly affected by it
  - work directly with victims of crime or their families For more information, see their website.

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## Partnership Working to Support Children and Young People in Hoe Street and Wood Street.

Wednesday 12th March 2008, 6.00 – 8.00 pm at the Welcome Centre, Church End, Walthamstow, E17 9RJ

- Are you a voluntary or community organisation or a statutory service based or working in Hoe St / Wood St?
- Do you run services for children and young people aged 0-25 years?
- Are you interested in developing new services for children and young people aged 0-25 years?

If you answered yes to any or all of the above, then come to our Partnership Working to support Children and Young People in HSWS meeting, where you will have an opportunity to give your views on how to deliver effective children and young people's services in the HSWS area.

Specific Aim of meeting

- To discuss needs of children and young people in HSWS area.
- To find out who is doing what with whom
- To identify more about the gaps in provision and what steps VCS organisations might take to address these needs, working in partnership. This could include funding bids.
- Ways of working in partnership with other organisations and statutory agencies
- Addressing the need to consult and involve young people in service development Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, or to register your attendance at the meeting, please contact Peter Musgrave – on 0208 554 0923 or email [peter@voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk](mailto:peter@voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk)

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### **Funding Surgery**

Tuesday 18th March 1pm – 4pm at the Peterhouse Centre (Wood Street area) Voluntary Action Waltham Forest, as part of its Fund Raising Service is holding a funding surgery in the Hoe Street Wood Street area to help groups who are thinking of applying for funding for their projects.

Available to you on the day:

- Valuable information and application packs from various funders - for you to take away
- Speak to experienced Voluntary Action staff who will give you one to one support in how to complete a funding application.

For further information please contact Mutmahim Roaf on 0208 521 0377 or [mutmahim@voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk](mailto:mutmahim@voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk)

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## **VAWF NEWS**

### **New Name for VAWF website...**

We are improving our website, and hope to have it ready in a couple of months, but top on the list of improvements is the website name. A number of members have told us that they find the name [www.frontlineonline.org.uk](http://www.frontlineonline.org.uk) confusing, and so we are getting ready to change it. Currently the best options are [www.va-gateway.org.uk](http://www.va-gateway.org.uk) or [www.vawf-gateway.org.uk](http://www.vawf-gateway.org.uk) but we are still discussing it.

If you have an opinion or suggestion, please email [cris@voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk](mailto:cris@voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk).

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### **VAWF's Venue Database.**

Some of you may remember the venues database from 2005, well we are re-vamping and improving it for 2008, so if you have a venue available for hire, please get in contact by emailing [venues@voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk](mailto:venues@voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk).

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## **JOBS**

### **Barnet VSC are recruiting!**

Communications and Information Officer (CIO08) £26, 236 - £27, 758 NJC scale, inc OLW, full time, 18 months fixed term Closing date: 25 March Interviews: 3 April

IT Project Officer (ITO08) freelance, 6-months contract, £18 ph Closing date: 19 March Interviews: 25 March Community Accountant (CA08)

£29,285-£30,610 NJC scale, inc OLW, p-t, 22 hours Closing date: 25 March  
Interviews: 4 April

For more information and relevant application packs please visit our website  
<http://www.barnetvsc.org.uk>

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## LOCAL NEWS

### **The Future of Volunteering in Waltham Forest**

Thursday 13th March 2008 - 10.00-1.30 pm LBWF Outset Centre (Youth Services)

Talks/Workshops include:

- The role of Voluntary Action in the Borough Enrique Saenz, Director of VA
- Volunteering Strategy Update James Gould LBWF
- How we would like to see volunteering developing in Waltham Forest?
- What do we want from our Volunteer Centre?

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### **Metropolitan Police Service/Metropolitan Police Authority public consultation on London policing priorities**

The purpose of this public consultation is to help the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA) decide the London policing priorities for 2009/10.

The MPS objectives are reviewed annually. The current 2008-11 objectives can be found on the MPS website. Please send your completed questionnaire to the following freepost address (no stamp required) by Friday 28th March 2008.

Strategy Unit  
Room 1026  
New Scotland Yard  
Broadway  
London SW1H 0BG.

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