

Dear Subscriber

Welcome to VAWF's January e-newsletter.

January is becoming a busy time, there are loads of projects starting up and initiatives that need to be reported on...

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 are 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>

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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES NETWORK

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Children and Young People's Network Services

What's going on for children 0-19 in Waltham Forest?

Children & Young People's Network Conference and Exhibition, Monday 25th February

The Children's Fund and Voluntary Action Waltham Forest in partnership with the Children and Young Peoples Services Network is organising an exhibition and conference to showcase the work the voluntary sector is doing to improve the lives of children and young people in Waltham Forest.

Over 40 private, voluntary and independent organisations, big and small, will be coming together to talk about their exciting projects and activities; giving the general public and professionals working with children or young people the opportunity to see what is going on in their borough in the Waltham Forest's biggest Children and Young People's Services networking event in recent years.

There will be high profile key speakers such as:

- Leora Cruddas (Head of Education for Communities at LBWF)

Addressing issues around extended services,

- Nick Axford (Dartington UK)

Addressing early intervention, and the role of partnership working in delivering improved outcomes,

- David Freeman (Croydon Council)

On how to strengthen the voluntary sector's involvement in service delivery.

Cllr Mr Chris Robbins, Lead Councillor for Children & Young People, LBWF, said:

"The voluntary sector in Waltham Forest is thriving with hundreds of organisations providing fundamental and specific support to Children & Young People within the borough.

This conference and exhibition is a fantastic platform for professionals working with children and young people to showcase the fantastic work they are doing."

The Children & Young People's Network conference and exhibition will take place on Monday 25th February at Leyton Orient

Football Club from 10-6pm. The event is open to both the general public and service providers within the borough.

See www.frontlineonline.org.uk/cyp for more information.

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The Rainbow Project

The Rainbow Project is looking for partners with an interest in expanding horizons and connecting generations!

We would like to work with colleges, schools and community groups to promote intergenerational work across the borough.

We work with tenants in sheltered housing schemes from Chingford, Leyton, Leytonstone, Forest Gate and Walthamstow, promoting healthy ageing by encouraging people to stay active in their communities. There's a wealth of experience, stories to fill shelves and a huge array of skills amongst the older people we work with. Similarly, young people have skills, energy and enthusiasm to share and we would like to tap into this!

Whether your interest is in music, digital photography, cookery / nutrition, you feel you can provide computer training or massage sessions, or you'd like to learn about heritage, craft and the local area, there's plenty to exchange! Breaking down barriers, building self-confidence and providing a platform for mutual understanding and appreciation is the aim. But it takes small steps to get there.

With the involvement of our tenants, Rainbow Project has access to communal resources, lounges and kitchens and we would like to work with partners to create new intergenerational initiatives with a focus on sharing skills.

For more information regarding Rainbow Project activities and partnership working please contact Pippa Gatward on 020 8532 4011 or e-mail: pgatward@lqgroup.org.uk

You can also visit: <http://www.lqgroup.org.uk/search/?q=Rainbow+Project>

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C & YP's Services Network Members Events

30 January 2008

IDEA Beacons Learning Exchange:

Commissioning our Future Increasing voluntary and community sector service delivery

26 February 2008

Leytonstone Youth Cafe: Holding their AGM meeting,

The Leytonstone Youth Cafe are holding their AGM on Tuesday February 26th at 7.30 (venue T.B.C).

At this meeting they will be adopting their constitution and policies and appointing all office holders.

5th March 2008

A slice of the cake: helping community groups to build a sustainable funding future THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

10am to 4pm, London Voluntary Sector Resource Centre, 356 Holloway Road, London N7 6PA

For more details, see <http://www.frintlineonline.org.uk/cyp>

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Developing Community Leadership

At St. Gabriel's Family Centre, Havant Road, Walthamstow, London E17 3JF

Have you ever wanted to know what social and political context we operate in as well as recognizing power relations around us?

Workshop 1

Saturday 19th January 2008

11am-3pm

Participants of Workshop One will determine what they want to take forward to the second workshop.

Workshop 2

Saturday 16 February 2008

11am-3pm

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Free Stress Management course from Business Mentality

Work related stress is the biggest health threat to UK employees and affects every organisation. Find out how to deal with it at our special half day workshop on thursday 24th January 2008.

10am-1pm, followed by lunch.

Contact us now to book your place or to find out more.

info@businessmentality.org.uk

0800 633 5310

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A Wider Embrace: ICT & the Arts a series of free training events

Workshop One: Is your art or craft group missing out?

More and more art and craft groups are using the web and computers to help their group and promote themselves - is your group missing out? This three hour introductory workshop will guide you through the opportunities available to your group.

Workshop Two: Developing IT within your art and craft group

Masterclass exploring topics e.g. Web 2.0 and specialist software packages guiding you through the opportunities available to develop your IT capabilities.

This workshops are available all over England, but the date for London is:

Tues 12 Feb 2008

Workshop One: 9.30am – 12.30pm. Workshop Two: 1.30pm – 4.30pm.

For more information phone Brian Bell on 0191 230 44 65

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Capital Grants for Groups Working with Children and Young People

LAST MINUTE CHANCE TO APPLY! Grant Criteria • This grant will be for capital expenditure for projects, activities or programs that benefit children and young people • Grants can be for £250 to £1000. • Capital expenditure may be for equipment, materials, uniforms etc, furniture, storage and stationary or publicity material. • Computers or computer equipment will not generally be funded unless the application can show that the equipment is essential to the effectiveness of an existing project or its development. Specialist software may be funded. • Applications for minibuses or vehicles are unlikely to be funded. • Expenditure must be completed and reported to the Community Foundation by March 14 2008 For information and help call the Community Foundation on 0208 554 7922 Who can apply? • Local Groups, which support children and young people facing disadvantage living in Barking and Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge and Waltham Forest. • You may be a charity or a community group or a group of volunteers. You can also be an informal group, for example, of parents or young people with a good idea or plan. Who cannot apply? • Individuals, statutory organisations – such as councils or schools, or national organisations • Activities where the primary focus is to promote religious beliefs • Political groups or activities promoting political beliefs If you would like to apply for a grant from the Local Network Fund please call the National Application Line on 0845 113 0161 and they will send you an application pack, but BE QUICK! Completed forms must be recieved by the 28th January. Please remember to tell the operator the name of the London Borough your project will be in.

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Be part of London's Next Big Regeneration Project!

The Upper Lee Valley is the next chapter in London's regeneration story. It is by far the largest Opportunity Area in London and falls within the government's London Stansted Cambridge growth corridor and there is now a consensus between government, the Mayor and the boroughs of Enfield, Haringey and Waltham Forest which make up the Upper Lee that the area is going to be a big part of London's legacy from the 2012 Olympics.

The boroughs have a new vision for the Upper Lee Valley as North London's Waterside and have formed a new partnership, with support from the Mayor, to deliver this vision. So, we are now recruiting to the two key posts of Economy Manager and Development Manager.

Upper Lee Valley Economy Manager (Fixed Term Contract for 18 months)

(Ref:HMS/3180/0000)

Grade: PO6

Salary: £39,234 - £41,790

You will have extensive experience of economic development and the have an understanding of current skills and employment agendas. Ideally this key person will have worked closely with both the voluntary/community sector and the private sector and will understand their importance in creating and sustaining thriving local economies.

Upper Lee Valley Development Manager (Fixed Term Contract for 18 months)
(Ref:HMS/3179/0000)
Grade: PO6
Salary: £39,234 - £41,790

You will have a detailed understanding of the land use planning process, how large scale regeneration projects are delivered and how to ensure that these benefit local communities.

For the above posts you will:

be responsible for helping to set up the partnership and driving the agenda for their respective areas of responsibility and making sure that the vision is holistic so the Valley is regenerated as a series of inter-related 'places' not separate developments.

be educated at least to degree standard, have excellent written and verbal communication skills, be a great networker and have significant experience of operating within a political environment at a senior level.

Further extension to a fixed term contract is possible subject to funding.

For an informal discussion please contact John McGill on 020 8489 5282

How to apply: Visit www.haringey.gov.uk where you can apply online, or you can request a paper application pack by calling 0870 700 0205 quoting the reference at the top of this advert.
Closing date: by 5.00pm on 28 January 2008

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A Community Profile of Hoe St & Wood St

Place Shaping and the voluntary sector in Hoe St & Wood St: A Community Profile of Hoe St & Wood St Better Neighbourhoods area When: Thursday January 17th Time: 2.00pm to 5.00pm Where: St Gabriel's Family Centre Havant Rd Walthamstow E17 3JF Purpose of the meeting: To discuss issues arising out of the community profile and what response your organisation wishes to make to it For further information: How to get to St Gabriel's Family Centre St Gabriel's Family Centre is close to buses running along Wood St and Forest Rd. It is 7 minutes walk from Wood St overground station. There is limited off street parking and also street parking is available. Peter Musgrave Better Neighbourhoods and Community Engagement Worker (Hoe St Wood St Project) Email: peter@voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk Tel: (020) 8521 0377 Fax: (020) 8521 1672

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Voluntary Sector Forum Meeting

Voluntary Sector Forum Meeting
Thursday 24th January 2008
7:00pm
Contact: David Symonds, Committee Manager
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Venue:
Committee Room 6
Waltham Forest Town Hall,
Forest Road,
E17 4JF

Agenda:

- Voluntary Sector Forum Timing
- Older People and Older People's Needs
- Age Concern Older People's Forum
- Older Londoner's Experiences of Age Discrimination
- Re-visiting the Local Compact
- Volunteering Strategy

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Save the Date for VAWF's AGM

Annual General Meeting and Conference

13th March 2008, 2pm till 6pm.

Full details to follow.

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As a member of VAWF, you will get access to our training, bid writing support service, a free website microsite, and loads more advice and support.