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Welcome to the latest E-Newsletter from Voluntary Action Waltham Forest.

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VAWF News

We have lots coming up in the coming month:

- * **Community Accountancy training**, (training section)
- * **There is a C&YP Network forum on the 25th November**, (CYP Network section)
- * **Two 'Meet the Funder' sessions** (Funding section)

Email vs. Print Survey

We are currently asking all our service users how they would prefer to receive information from us; printed, through the post, or via email. Please spare the time to visit our website: www.frontlineonline.org.uk and tell us what you think.

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Community Leadership Fund

This grant fund is intended to support work that will build the capacity of individuals, organisations and communities to take the lead on tackling violent extremist influences.

Funding for the first four strands of work will be limited to projects which have national reach/significance. Funding for the fifth strand of work will go to projects which are delivered locally.

Deadline for applications is:

11 November 2008 (extended from 30 September 2008)

For full details, see www.communities.gov.uk/corporate/

VAWF's Meet the Funder

We are continuing our popular 'Meet the Funder' with two in November:

- City Bridge Trust 12th November
- BBC Children in Need 26th November

See our website for full details

BNIS Small Grants Scheme Event – Wednesday 29th October 2008

If your voluntary or community group has a turnover of less than £10,000 and operates in **Leabridge, High Street or Markhousewards**, then you can apply to this small grants scheme. Short notice for this event, as groups need to confirm attendance by the end of Friday 24th October, ask for Uke Agwuon 0208 496 2442 or 07814 135 921

Grassroots Grants

The first round of applications is now over and if you applied, you would have had notification if you were successful or not. The second round for applications over £900 is now open, and the deadline is **Friday December 5th**. For more information see www.o-regen.co.uk/grantforms.asp or call Please call Antionne 020 8988 8800.

If you would like to book a session with our Funding Advice Officer to discuss your application, please email mutmahim@voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk

Charities' risk assessment 'could be better'

By David Ainsworth, Third Sector Online, 24 September 2008

Many charities do not have adequate procedures in place to spot risks, according to the author of a report published today by the Charity Finance Directors' Group and accountancy firm PKF.

Richard Weighell, head of the business risk services team at PKF, said charities needed "a shift in attitude" to risk management.

FULL STORY

Local News

Big Screen Survey Results

Stella Creasy has been conducting a survey on what people would like to see on the big screen on Walthamstow Town square.

Check out the results here.

NHS Waltham Forest Membership Scheme

NHS Waltham Forest launching a membership scheme to work in partnership with residents and partners to improve the health and well-being as well as creating the opportunity of exceptional healthcare for everyone in the borough. By becoming a member of NHS Waltham Forest you can help to influence local health services through a greater say in the services we provide. You can learn more about the NHS, offer us your thoughts in the development of services, where they will be located and get involved with health issues in the borough.

[Download Leaflet](#)

October is Black History Month

...a celebration of black culture and achievements and is also an important way of promoting tolerance and respect in our borough.

[Click here to find out about LBWF events.](#)

Waltham Forest Civic Society

After months of careful consideration the Working Group has nearly completed its proposals for the future of the Society. The Working Group has therefore decided to call a Special General Meeting for members to discuss the proposals and agree a way forward. Please put the following in your diaries and if you want a Civic Society in the Borough please come along and give us your support.

Date: Wednesday 29th October 2008 Time: 7.30pm Venue: United Free Church, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E11
Adrian Stannard

Polyclinics Waltham Forest PCT

Waltham Forest one of first London PCTs to get a polyclinic NHS London announced that Waltham Forest PCT will be one of the first five PCTs in London to develop polyclinics. This means that during 2009 Waltham Forest PCT will have one or more sites operating as a polyclinic.

[Read more](#)

Praise for the Councils Youth Offending Team (YOT)

The 2008 Youth Offending Team (YOT) inspection report has been published. The report can be found here:

<http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/index/safety/youth-crime.htm>

The inspection team recognised that reducing youth crime was high on the agenda of both the Council and the partnership in Waltham Forest, and the YOT was making a major contribution to addressing this issue in the borough.

Of the five other London boroughs inspected this year, only one

performed better.

The Second annual Eid Cup

Is being held at Leyton Orient FC and run in conjunction with Leyton Orient Community Sports Programme (LOCSP) and Positive Futures.

Eid marks the last day of Ramadan which falls this year on 1st October. However, we have decided to schedule the tournament to coincide with the first half term of the academic year, which starts on Monday 27th October.

The six-a-side tournament is set out into two competitions; one for U14 boys and the other for U18 boys.

For more information see www.locsp.org

Anti Knife Crime Bike Ride

The Active Change Foundation based in Lea Bridge Road runs a youth centre catering mostly for young Muslims. They have over 100 young people signed up for a sponsored bike ride on Sunday 26 October.

The ride will raise money for new equipment for the youth centre and is part of their ongoing work encouraging young people to say No to knives, No to gang violence and No to terrorism. It will start at noon from the youth centre next to Lea Bridge Mosque and will include riding around most of the borough.

They are looking for help in stewarding this as well as the loan of bikes for those who wish to take part but don't currently have a bike. Please contact Hanif Qadir at activechange.foundation@gmail.com

National News

The 2012 Games: Opportunities for the Third Sector

LVSC Networks and The Big Opportunity are hosting two conferences to help third sector organisations find out about opportunities relating to the London 2012 Games and their legacy.

9:30am - 4:00pm Wednesday, 5th November 2008, Ealing Town Hall OR

9:30am - 4:00pm Tuesday, 2nd December 2008, Stratford Town Hall

Find out more: www.thebigopportunity.org.uk/site/index.html

Black School Governors

Liberate children – how black school governors can make a difference

People from the Caribbean and African communities are being encouraged by a charity called **Communities Empowerment Network (CEN)** (different from the local Community Empowerment Network) to become school governors.

Groups or individuals that would like to find out more about the role of a school governor can email contact details to:

amangerah@ntlworld.com or leave a message for Fatima on 020 8279 2057.

Visit www.compowernet.org to find out more about CEN.

HowYour Council Works: a Handy Guide for Community Groups

Two national third sector bodies have published a guide to help charities and community groups get the most out of their local councils. This guide is published jointly by NAVCA, IDeA and Urban Forum with the support of the National Empowerment Partnership to provide information on how local authorities work and what they are responsible for.

How your Council works (pdf, 982KB) or

see: <http://www.navca.org.uk/NR/rdonlyres/9460B1B9-99A0-4FCC-8DEB-46BDB2AA1517>

/0/howyourcouncilworkshandyguide200809.pdf (28 pages)

Social enterprise seen as "woolly and confused", says research

By Paul Jump, Third Sector Online, 22 September 2008

Social enterprise needs to be clearly distinguished from the voluntary sector and promoted more vigorously as a credible business option, according to research commissioned by the Office of the Third Sector. The OTS asked the Government's Central Office of Information, an agency of the Cabinet Office specialising in communications advice, to conduct the research.

FULL ARTICLE

Charities hit by double whammy as costs and demand for services increase

By Ben Cook, Third Sector Online, 13 October 2008

The economic downturn is hurting charities by increasing both their costs and the demand for their services, according to a survey by the Charity Commission. The poll showed that almost four in 10 charities - 38 per cent - of the 500 charities that responded said they had been affected by the decline in the economy.

FULL ARTICLE

Sector survey to account for cash lost in Icelandic banks

By Ben Cook, Third Sector Online, 13 October 2008

Voluntary sector umbrella groups will survey their members this week to find out how many stand to lose money in collapsed Icelandic banks. The survey comes after a meeting last week between sector leaders and Treasury minister Paul Myners, who asked for more details on the scale of the problem.

The estimated amount charities have lost varies widely. However, charity leaders who met Myners have said the sector could have lost as much as £120m.

FULL ARTICLE

Directory of Social Change - Information and training for the voluntary sector

This is a great online resource for information and training to voluntary and community sectors worldwide, with a really informative e-newsletter www.dsc.org.uk

Networks - Children and Young Person's Providers

Coming at the CYPNetwork Forum on 25th November:

* **Your chance to influence LBWF Children & Young People's Plan 2010 - 2013**

* **VCS CYP Network Strategic Plan for 2008 - 2011**

* **Showcase**

We would also like to give you an opportunity to **showcase** the work of your group through a presentation, exhibition stand, or any other suitable activity. It would be especially good if the children or young people you work with could also be involved. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to showcase your work: Contact Barbara on 0208 521 0377 or barbara@voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk

Children & Young People's Service Providers Network Forum
25th November, 5pm – 8pm
The Forest YMCA Function Room
Forest Road, E17 3EF

Health News

Better financial management in NHS Waltham Forest.

The third Auditors Local Evaluation, shows a big improvement in financial performance in Waltham Forest. Last year they scored a 1 for overall use of resources, and this year this has moved to a 2 (out of 4). The evaluation covers 5 areas, and the PCT improved its score in 3 of them this year.

The Wellbeing Roadshow - Chingford Hall Primary School in Chingford
Black History Month Special - 25th Oct 2008 4pm–8pm
Fashion show/ quiz/ raffle/ beauty treatments/ henna/ crèche/
bouncy castles/ wii/ face painting/ live music/ food/ information/
guest speakers/ dancers

Please note that all activities will run throughout the day, however the show will start at 6-8pm For more information please call Navinya on 0777 22 66 528

Environment Network News

How 'green' is your workplace?

Answer this quick on-line survey and win fantastic green prizes!

This survey is a follow up exercise to the national green survey undertaken by 442 voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations in early 2007. The more respondents, the better picture we'll get! Thank you so much in advance for your assistance. <http://www.groundwork-surveys.org.uk>

/eacgreenquestionnaire

The deadline for completed questionnaires is Friday 28th November

Equalities

Human rights –tackling inequality and social exclusion,

London, 27October

Awareness raising/consultation events on human rights for the Third Sector. You are invited to a FREE one day regional event that is designed to give the ThirdSector the opportunity to explore the relevance of human rights to their work.

Date and venue

10am until 4pm at the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund Hall in central London. More information, including booking details, will be available on the BIHR website at www.bihar.org.uk.

REPORT IT**Support for victims of hate crime and domestic violence in Waltham Forest.**

Are you suffering physical or emotional abuse from a family member, partner or ex partner?

Has someone committed a crime against you because of your gender, religion, sexuality or disability?

Don't suffer in silence -REPORT IT! call 0208 558 6928

info@reportit-hate.com or visit: 702 High Road Leyton E10 6JP (buses 69, 97, W16)

Gaps & solutions: Supporting London's equalities sectors

HEAR has just published Gaps & solutions, which considers how support for London's third sector might be developed to build a more diverse and integrated sector where the needs of frontline equality organisations are better met. To find out more and to download the executive summary and full report follow this [Link](#). To find out more about HEAR or for information on how to join the network steering group please contact Barbara Nea onbarbara@rota.org.uk or call 0207 729 1310

Policy briefings: A Framework for a Fairer Future – the Equality Bill

In June this year, Government published Framework for a Fairer Future, which sets out a programme of legislative measures for the Equality Bill. HEAR, ROTA and LVSC have worked together to produce 3 policy briefings outlining the implications of the Bill on equality, BAME and mainstream third sector organisations, respectively. The briefings for equality and BAME organisations are available at <http://www.rota.org.uk/pages/PolicyBriefings.aspx>.

Pathways 2 Citizenship

"Does your project work with a large number of London's young Muslims?

IF SO, WE CAN OFFER A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES - One to one support in developing an action plan - Upto 4 days management and organisational development training - Accredited training in Information, advice and guidance (IAG) - Recognition of participation by young people."

To find out more please contact Yahya Ibn Alkas on: 0207 377 4239 or E-mail: yahya@muslimaid.org

Refugee Council News Review

The Refugee Council's News Review rounds up media coverage of issues relating to refugees and asylum for anyone who wants to keep up to date with the latest developments. To register for the news, or have a look at other resources see www.refugeecouncil.org.uk

Training

Here's the list of training provided by VAWF in November and December.

Please book as early as you can! BOOKING FORM

Helping Groups manage their finances

10th November 2008, 10am to 2.00 pm

The Alpha Business Centre

This course will cover basic accounting procedures and the different methods of recording finance information.

Monitoring finance information and preparing reports for funders

Reading the financial accounts and understanding the financial position of the organisation

Payroll Administration (Setting up your own payroll)

12th November 2008, 10 am to 2.00 pm

The Alpha Business Centre

Trainer Inland Revenue Business Support Unit

The course will cover procedures for setting up your own payroll, Advice on methods of payroll processing

Statutory payroll forms, Statutory payments such as Statutory Sick Pay (SSP), Statutory Maternity Pay (SMP)

Preparing Financial Accounts for Charities

20th November 2008, 10 am to 3.30 pm

Venue The Outset Centre Fredric Street off St James Street

This course will look at the format of charity finance reports

Show how to prepare Fund accounts distinguishing between Restricted & Unrestricted & Designated Funds

Accounting for Commissioning or contract work

Overview of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice

Setting up Finance procedures for your organisation

28th Nov 2008, 10 am to 2 pm

Venue Alpha Business Centre

Criteria

This course will be of use to Treasurers and Senior Finance staff

Basic understanding of accounts is essential

The course will look at the need for internal financial control and how to setup

such controls over such issues like Purchasing, Payments Receipts and Pettycash systems.
Also procedures for recording and securing physical assets such Computers ect

Understanding PAYE (Pay As You Earn)& Statutory Payments

2nd December 2008, 10 am to 2.pm

Venue Alpha Business Centre

Providing insight into Paye and statutory payments regulations

Questions you will find answers to include

Are you deducting the right amount of tax & Nic?

Do you understand the provisions of Statutory Sick Pay &

Statutory Maternity Pay And Statutory Paternity Pay ect ?

Your obligations under the National Minimum Wage regulations

Holiday pay entitlement calculation

And many more

Computerised Payroll(One to one In house training)

Date & Time at your convenience & agreement

Available December 2008

For organisations who wish to prepare their own payroll

Programs available.... Sage, Quick books Only

Petty Cash Control

10th December 2008 , 10 am to 2 pm

Venue Alpha Business Centre

Topics covered

Recording petty cash transactions using analysed sheets

How the imprest system works and the safeguards to provides

Dealing with differences

LVSC Short Courses

LVSC short course programme for up to July 2009, see website for full details.

WEBSITE LINK

