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## September 2008

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

Hot on the heels of this e-news will be a new edition of Voluntary Views. This will go out to registered members, so if you want a fuller picture of what's going on in the Voluntary Sector in Waltham Forest, sign your group up!

Alex, our finance worker has just released his program of Community Accountancy training starting on the **18th September** with 'Introduction to Computerised Accounts', so if you are interested, please book a place ASAP...

Here's what we have on offer:

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#### VAWF News

#### Voluntary Action helps groups raise over £600,000

From April 07 to March 08, Voluntary Action Waltham Forest worked with groups which were successful with funding bids totaling £618,513. The range of funders responding positively to proposals and ideas from local groups included London Councils, Big Lottery Fund and the Refugee Community Development Fund.

Voluntary Action's Funding Advice Service has directly provided information, advice and support in bid writing to over 70 voluntary and community groups, with a further 450 benefiting from our information circulations, newsletters and webpage updates including funding opportunities and news on the ever changing funding environment for non-for-profit organisations. Voluntary Action's website [www.frontlineonline.org.uk](http://www.frontlineonline.org.uk) has been updated almost on a daily basis keeping up with a great variety of openings for groups to raise funds.

#### Strategy Out on Accommodation Needs

Study commissioned by multi-agency WF Change Up Core Group. Voluntary Action was charged by the Change Up Core group to commission a strategy to address premises needs of local voluntary and community groups (VCS). The draft final report has now been submitted

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by Women Design Service (WDS), which carried out the study. This looked at the national, regional and local agendas relevant to premises for the VCS.

It then focused on the geographical area of Wood Street to identify needs, existing provision and opportunities for greater access to appropriate and accesible venues there. The report concludes that there is a great need but also a lot of potential for the development of premises for the VCS in Wood St and Waltham Forest generally.

If you want to find out more about the Strategy please email Enrique Saenz on [enrique@voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk](mailto:enrique@voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk)

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### On the Move?

We are looking for new premisis, so we would like to hear information of available premises in Walthamstow.

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### Funding and Fundraising News

We have collected together news on fundraising and grants, for the latest information, please check our website.

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### Grassroots Grants Launched

At a recent 'Meet the Funder' session held by VAWF, Julian Martin of O-Regen outlined the plans for applications for the first year of Grassroots grants. Groups can apply for up to a total of £5,000 during the three year scheme, running till April 2011, and you can do so as small grants (up to £900) and larger grants (£900 - £5,000). There is £108,000 to be allocated before the end of this financial year, and there are 4 streams to apply through:

For groups applying for small grants, there is no application deadline, the assessment is on a rolling basis. Julian stated that groups should hear back within 2 weeks of submitting applications.

For groups applying for more than £900, there are three application rounds this year:

**Round 1 is currently open, and closes on September 5th - get your applications in now!**

Round 2 will open in september, and close in November/December  
Round 3 will open in December, and close in February 2009.

There is no restriction on how many times you can apply, as long as you are not applying to more than £5,000 overall.

For more details on the Grassroots Grants scheme and to download forms, see O-Regen's website at VAWF will be assisting groups who want to apply for Grassroots Grants, so please get in touch if you want to talk about the scheme, or book a session with our Funding Advice Officer. ose grants up to £5,000, although applications for small grants up to £1,000 will be continuously running.

Download applicartion forms here:  
[WEBSITE LINK](#)

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### Local News

### **Safety Net's Anti-Social Behaviour Policy**

If you want to be part of the review of Safety Net's Anti-Social Behaviour Policy, then David Knight ([davidj.knight@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:davidj.knight@walthamforest.gov.uk)) would like to hear your views and if possible those of your organisation.

Please get comments to David by 24th September.

[DOWNLOAD HERE](#)

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### **Weekend Activities at the William Morris Gallery and Vestry House Museum**

Sunday 7 September 12-4pm Vestry House Museum  
**Garden Open Day**

Sunday 14 September 12-4pm William Morris Gallery  
**Decorate London's Skyline**

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### **Green Events**

Every year the Council publishes a really comprehensive list of green events in Waltham Forest. To see what's going on for the rest of the year, see their website.

[WEBSITE LINK](#)

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### **Networks - Children and Young Person's Providers**

Full CYP network news is included in Voluntary Views.

If you are a Children or Young Person's Service provider, you can join the network here: [www.frontlineonline.org.uk/cyp](http://www.frontlineonline.org.uk/cyp)

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### **Training**

For the latest information on VAWF training, please check our website.

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### **Voluntary Action Waltham Forest community accountancy project.**

VAWF provides regular training in community accountancy, with a varied range of titles to suit both the beginner and expert alike.

There will be a deposit charge of £20 to confirm your place, which will be returned to you when you attend on the day. To book a place please see [www.frontlineonline.co.uk/finance](http://www.frontlineonline.co.uk/finance) or contact Alex on 020 8521 0377 or [alex@voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk](mailto:alex@voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk)

#### **Introduction to Computerised accounts (BOOK NOW!)**

18th September 2008, 10.am to 1.30 pm

#### **Cash flow forecasting for small organisations**

24th September 2008, 10.am to 2.30 pm

#### **Using Excel Spreadsheets for Beginners**

9th October 2008, 10 am to 3.30 pm

#### **Payroll Administration ( Setting up your own payroll )**

Presentation by Revenue & Customs trainer 23rd October 2008, 10 am

to 3.30 pm

**Helping Groups manage their finances**

9th November 2008, 10 am to 3.30 pm

**Preparing Financial Accounts for Charities**

23rd November 2008, 10 am to 3.30 pm

**Other courses planned from November to March 2009**

- Understanding PAYE ( Pay As You Earn ) & Statutory Payments
- Setting up Finance procedures for your organisation
- Understanding Full cost recovery budgeting

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**LVSC Short Courses**

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

**WEBSITE LINK**

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**Voluntary Action Waltham Forest**

**If you would like to know more about VAWF services, including details on becoming a member, see our website.**

**[www.frontlineonline.org.uk](http://www.frontlineonline.org.uk)**

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