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Voluntary Action Waltham Forest E-Newsletter January 2009

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

Happy New Year, we hope that 2009 is going to be a good year, and all staff here at VAWF are going to work our hardest to make sure we can support your Voluntary Sector group through the year ahead.

Here's a couple of things we have planned for the coming year:

- * Our AGM will be in February.
- * We will be replacing our website.
- * The LINK project will be full steam.
- * We will keep on supporting you in WFD - Workforce Development.
- * Potential move to new, large and exciting location.

There will be a Voluntary Views printed in February, distributed to members (so sign up if you want to receive it), but for now, here is the news...

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A Moving Story...

Part 2 (to be continued!)

We have moved to the lower floor of the Alpha Business Centre, this gives us a bit more space, although a lot of still in still in boxes, but there are discussions afoot that will secure us a bigger and better located premises...

Watch this space.

Our address is Unit 5, Alpha Business Centre instead of Unit 21.

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Date for your diaries: VAWF AGM is 24th February 10 - 2

At the Epicentre (correction); event details to be confirmed, but we hope to have some valuable speakers attending talking about fundraising...

VAWF Community Photocopying Facilities

As a member of VAWF, your organisation can use our photocopy services. We have an A3 colour copier, and everything you have received from us over the last 6 months or so has been printed on it.

We can do:

- A4 and A3 posters
- A4, A5 and A6 booklets
- A3, A4, and A5 flyers

Costs:

Each side A4 b&w 4p

Each side A3 b&w 8p

Each side A4 colour 8p

Each side A3 colour 16p

If you want to make booklets, or do large print runs, please do call before to book yourselves in because we use the printer as well!

Recruiting for the WF LINK

Waltham Forest Local Involvement Network (WF LINK) has been running since November with temporary members of staff. They will be recruiting permanent staff for this project in the coming month.

* LINK Coordinator

* LINK Communications and Outreach Officer

If you are interested in apply, please email Barbara on barbara@voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk or call 0208 521 0377.

Funding and Fundraising News

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

Grassroots Grants

The third and final application round for Grassroots Grants opened on the 6th December.

For more details on the Grassroots Grants scheme and to download forms, see O-Regen's website.

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.

Download application forms here:
WEBSITE LINK

Tendering for Care - Support Website.

"TfC has developed to meet the tendering needs of a number of organisations within the new procurement environment. Although our target audience is defined in our Mission Statement the TfC Membership and those benefiting from our training and workshops encompasses organisations from very small to the largest providers in the country.

"We also provide help and support to statutory sector organisations - the "purchasers" - such as Supporting People Teams. In early January 2008 the Membership of TfC passed the 100 mark and during 2007 our open and In-house Workshops were attended by 2,616 people with over 99.5% reporting being either satisfied or very satisfied with their learning experience..

"OUR MISSION To build the capacity of organisations and individuals working in the CARE, HOUSING, SUPPORT and VOLUNTARY SECTORS in relation to all aspects of tendering for publicly funded contracts and the public procurement process. "

See their website for more information: www.tenderingforcare.com

Local News

Extra Police at Walthamstow Central Bus Station

There is to be a new policing team of a sergeant, a constable and seven police community support officers who will be based at Walthamstow Central bus hub from the end of January.

This team is intended to tackle concerns about safety on our bus network and its work will be supported by the Safer Transport Team of police who will work on routes which stop at the bus station, the Safer Neighbourhoods Teams of police who work around the station and the Safer Schools Partnership, which will work with young people who use the transport system.

Source: Working for Walthamstow

Car Clubs are coming to Walthamstow!

Car Clubs are schemes where participants share the use of cars parked in dedicated spaces around London which you can hire for as little as 30 minutes or as long as six months. You reserve them online or by phone, and collect or return them at any time of day or night using a smartcard. The

cost of your usage is based on how long you have the car and how far you drive but unless you are a heavy car user, the annual cost of using a car in this way will be dramatically less than owning a car and with lots of the hassle of car ownership removed. It's also a good way to cut the carbon footprint of car ownership. In the UK, the average car owner produces over two tonnes of carbon dioxide driving each year. Research shows over time drivers of car club cars tend to make less journeys, helping to both free up the roads from traffic and reduce the emissions created.

Funding for the scheme has been secured from Transport for London and the Council has appointed Streetcar to operate the scheme. Streetcar already has some car club cars parked around Walthamstow for use now. Consultation on the proposed bay locations for where extra cars will be parked will be commencing shortly. Subject to agreement, the cars could be in place and the scheme up and running in Spring 2009. If you want more information on this scheme please get in touch.

Source: Working for Walthamstow

Recycled Computers to Children's Organisations in Waltham Forest

You may be aware that the Council and its Local Strategic Partners are tackling child poverty in the borough. As part of this, the Council plans to re-direct its recycled computers towards community venues where children and families on low incomes can access them. -This is to help give children the best start to life through raising their aspirations and closing the educational gap.

Organisations must be based in Waltham Forest and must be delivering services for the benefit of children and young people in target areas . They must be registered voluntary or community groups or community venue.

The computers will be expected to be located in Organisations' offices and give ready access to children and young people. These computers are not intended for the use of the organisation or its administrative functions. Organisations who do not have offices and operate from home will not be eligible.

If you think that you might qualify, contact us for an application form.

Maybe Tomorrow...

A NEW Community Performance Project, Jan – Oct 2009

in association with Kazzum Arts Project

This exciting new venture, will see the whole community come together to perform and take on a variety of roles on and off stage to put on a major theatre production. No experience needed!

The project will take place in phases, working with a number of diverse community groups over the period, initially in their own spaces. However, there will also be a core group meeting regularly at theBROADWAY, which anyone is welcome to attend – both interested individuals and members of groups already taking part.

FIRST MEETING: Tues 27th January 2009, 7pm – 9pm

at theBROADWAY – for EVERYONE interested

A practical session to get to know people, hear some stories and generate ideas around the theme of 'journeys.'

Please don't hesitate to give out my contact details to anyone who wants further information: tel. 020 8507 5606, or e-mail: sherrell.perkin@thebroadwaybarking.com. Thank you for your assistance and support.

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Office Share in Leyton

Are you interested in sharing an office? The Sikh Community Care Project is looking for a partner organisation to share their office based in Francis Road, Leyton.

For more information, please contact Mrs Jasbir Sanger on 0208 558 3199.

National News

FRSB rival 'could lead to public confusion'

By Eve Critchley, Third Sector Online, 22 January 2009

New cost-free charity fundraising quality mark puts Fundraising Standards Board and Institute of Fundraising on the defensive

A recently established trade body that plans to launch a subscription-free fundraising accreditation has said it would consider working with the Fundraising Standards Board.

The Practical Fundraising Association is offering charities the chance to sign up to its four-point Good Fundraising Code from February. Participants will be granted permission to use the PFA logo, which features a thumbs-up sign. Unlike the FRSB, it does not plan to charge charities for membership of its scheme.

Gareth Edwards, co-founder of the PFA, said: "Small charities that cannot afford an annual fee have not had the opportunity in the past to make a recognised, positive statement about their commitment to best practice. We've created a mechanism that is free of charge."

[Read full article](#)

Study examines growing demands on charities

By John Plummer, Third Sector Online, 22 January 2009

The London Voluntary Service Council is gathering evidence for policy makers with survey on effects of downturn Voluntary organisations in the capital are being asked to contribute to a survey on how the economic downturn is affecting them.

The London Voluntary Service Council, the regional umbrella group for not-for-profit organisations, is asking charities to respond to its Big Squeeze campaign so it can gather evidence for policy makers. *"We are already hearing that our members across London are seeing an increase in demand for their services, particularly in critical areas such as dealing with debt, housing, mental health and employment,"* said Peter Lewis, interim chief executive of LVSC.

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Consumer Credit Counseling Service

CCCS is a registered charity offering free, confidential advice and support to anyone who is worried about debt. Our free counseling and debt advice can help you get back in control of your money and on with your life.

For online debt counseling which is tailored to your individual circumstances try our Debt Remedy service now. Alternatively you can call our freephone helpline 0800 138 1111 to speak to a Debt Counselor.

They can also help organisations who deal with people in debt or its effects. Visit our Training service to see a range of specialist courses on offer delivered by qualified Debt Counsellors.

Find out more: www.cccs.co.uk

The Charity Awards 2009

The annual Charity Awards are currently accepting entries and are looking to hear from as many charities as possible so they can share stories of success and achievements over the past year.

You have until march 9th to get your entries in.

Find out more: www.charityawards.co.uk

Workforce Development

Starting this month, we are separating out stories, training and funding opportunities that apply to Workforce Development(WFD). If you have any queries, ideas or ways to help WFD, please get in touch.

LVSC defines Workforce Development as:

"...an essential part of ensuring the future strength and impact of the voluntary and community sector in London.

"Workforce development means developing the people in your organisation to improve the way you deliver your services and activities. It can include paid workers, volunteers and trustees.

Practically, workforce development often means training, but it can also include other ways of gaining knowledge, such as mentoring schemes and secondments. Workforce development may also include the work you do to increase the recruitment and retention of high quality people to your sector."

Training to Gain: Crucial tool for workforce Development - 'Train to Gain'

Every day, 1.3 million people go to work without the skills they need to do their jobs well. With help from Train to Gain your organisation can invest in skills, giving your employees and volunteers the ability, confidence and motivation to deliver real results.

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Find out More: www.traintogain.gov.uk

Learning and Skills Council

The Learning and Skills Council exists to make England better skilled and more competitive.

They have a single goal: to improve the skills of England's young people and adults to ensure we have a workforce of world-class standard. The LSC is responsible for planning and funding high quality education and training for everyone in England other than those in universities.

Their vision is that by 2010, young people and adults in England have knowledge and skills matching the best in the world and are part of a truly competitive workforce.

Find out More: www.lsc.gov.uk

VAWF Training for Workforce Development

First Aid Appointed Persons Certificate— valid for three years

Thursday 29th January 9:30 - 4:30 Cost: £50

Health and Safety & Risk Assessment Training Course.

4th & 5th February (2 days) 10 - 4 Cost: £50

Please call Barbara Bishop 0208 521 0377 for booking form or barbara@voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk

HSE First Aid at Work (4 days)

This course provides comprehensive training together with reviews of actual events, which enables first aid to be administered to a casualty in the workplace. Each candidate's competency will be assessed in accordance with the Health & Safety Executive's guidelines.

In accordance with the Approved Code of Practice to the Health & Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981, if a nominated First Aider is legally required for your organisation, then this is the course for you.

The duration of this course is 4 days and will be delivered on the 2/3/9/10 February 2009 Cost was: £299 per person Cost now: **£149.50** per person

Find out more: www.cybamaila.biz/system/ext_view.php?ID=416

Training

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

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 - see below for the upcoming courses.

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 or contact Alex on 020 8521 0377 or alex@voluntaryaction-wf.org.uk

Understanding the Role of Treasurers

2nd February 2009, 10.am to 2 pm

Understanding the Changes in Organisation structures

19th February 2009, 10.am to 2 pm

LVSC Short Courses

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

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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

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