

Welcome to **June's** monthly e-bulletin!

Full of up-to-date news on funding for groups in Wiltshire from the Charities Information Bureau.



Who gives money to groups?

Government
Lottery
Charitable Trusts
Companies
Individuals
Fundraising Events

Find out how we can make them give to you!

FUNDING INFORMATION - recent updates (please click on the trust name for more details)

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SMALL GRANTS FUND - Funding is intended to support local community projects which help people who are without access to transport to access services and facilities in Wiltshire and Swindon.

TORCH TROPHY TRUST - To enable volunteers and groups to develop their skills as coaches or officials to assist their club, organisation or community to develop their chosen sport. Bursaries are intended to help volunteers and groups develop talent; improve their knowledge; enhance their skills; encourage sports at a grassroots level.

PEOPLE'S POSTCODE TRUST - The People's Postcode Trust aims to make the UK a better place for both people and nature. They want to make a real difference to small organisations and community groups. The Trust acts within six fields of operation: Poverty Prevention; Advancement of Health (not research); Community Development; Public Sports; Human Rights; Environmental Protection.

BIG CHALLENGE - The Big Challenge Youth Leadership Team are looking for original project or campaign ideas that will have a big impact and inspire other young people. This is your chance to make a difference! The competition closes at 3pm on Tuesday 6th July and you will hear by Tuesday 3rd August about whether you have been short-listed. The on-line public vote for short-listed projects goes live on the 4th August 2010.

THE WINSTON CHURCHILL MEMORIAL TRUST - TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIPS - Travel Fellowships that enable British citizens to acquire knowledge and experience abroad. The deadline for applications to the 2011 Travelling Fellowship programme is 5th October 2010 (5 pm).

ASDA SPORTING CHANCE - Provides free activities across the UK during every school holiday across UK and is designed to make it easier for families to participate in community sport and drive new traffic to leisure facilities. The scheme encourages children of all ages and abilities to get – and stay – active through sport.

RDPE COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE FUND - To support voluntary and community organisations to become more self-financing and sustainable by the development of community and social enterprise activities. Over the next three years, £6 million will be available annually to support a range of projects.

For more information on lots more funders, please see our website:

www.cibsouthandwest.org.uk

TOP FUNDRAISING TIPS! **Words of change and activity**

Funders increasingly want to see what difference any funding they give you will make to the people who will benefit from your service. A good way to demonstrate the difference to funders is to use positive and powerful words.

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FREE FUNDING ADVICE SURGERIES

You can talk to a funding adviser anytime - just give us a call on 01380 729279 or email enquiries@cibwilts.org.uk. They are qualified to provide advice and guidance to community groups and voluntary organisations within Wiltshire on all aspects of funding such as fundraising strategies, trust funding, corporate funding, statutory funding, how to make lottery and other grant applications and charity registration, constitutions and regulation.

In conjunction with GROW, we also offer free funding advice surgeries across Wiltshire where you can meet our funding advisers, Julie and Kirsty.

For more information and to book a time, please contact Beth at DEVELOP on 01249 654089 or email beth@developecs.org.uk

Dates: Wed 21 July

Venue: Wellbeing Room, DEVELOP offices, Chippenham

Dates: Mon 12 July

Venue: Voluntary Action Kennet, Pewsey

Dates: Tues 6 July

Venue: Warminster Library, Warminster

Dates: Wed 7 July

Venue: GROW Office, Salisbury

Time slots available for all dates: 10am / 11am / 12pm / 1pm

EVENTS

Top Tips for Tendering

14 July 2010, 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Summary:

An event in the Somerset area that will enable organisations to be better placed to win tenders.

Description:

Delegates will learn how to write a strong tender that gets noticed and understand better what commissioners are seeking and will also explore what their organisation must do to ensure it is "fit for purpose".

The course is being run by tutors who are highly experienced in this area of work and are willing to share their secrets! For more information on the tutors: Lin Whitfield – www.linwhitfield.co.uk and Tamara Essex – www.tessex.co.uk.

Further course information can be found at www.vistaproject.org.uk.

Registration Procedure:

Contact Laura at ViSTA on 08453 580372 or book online at www.vistaproject.org.uk

NCVO can offer this course free to eligible organisations (VCOs in Somerset) through Capacity Builders funding.

The cost to other organisations is £98.

Venue Location: Somerset

Address:

ViSTA Training Room,
The Town Hall,
Bow Street,
Langport
Somerset
TA10 9PR

Tel: 08453 580372

Email: laura@vistaproject.org.uk

Web: www.vistaproject.org.uk

NEWS

The Charity Commission warns of bogus telephone calls

The Charity Commission has been made aware of a scam involving people being telephoned by individuals claiming to represent the Charity Commission. In the phone calls these individuals claim to be from the "debt collection department" of the Commission and they demand payments for various services and advertisements.

Some of the bogus calls have demanded payments of thousands of pounds for various services and advertisements. The Commission has been contacted by a number of people who have received calls of this nature and has already reported this matter to the police.

It is important to be clear that:

- Any call from someone claiming to work with or on behalf of the Charity Commission, and claiming any payment in a threatening way, is clearly bogus;
- The Charity Commission does not charge for any of its services to charities; it does not get involved in debt collection either directly or through contracting third parties to do so, and nor does it collect debt on behalf of charities;

You should immediately report these sorts of incidents to the police, and the Charity Commission would also like to be informed where its name is being used for suspected fraudulent purposes.

Andrew Hind, Chief Executive of the Charity Commission said;

"I am outraged that individuals are misusing the good name of the Charity Commission in this way. I would strongly urge anyone to contact the police if they receive one of these calls and to please notify us as well."

Our advice to charities is:

- When you speak to any member of staff from the Commission they will always be prepared to give their name, telephone number and email address;
 - Commission email addresses always end with the domain name @charitycommission.gsi.gov.uk;
- Check the number of any suspect caller against the direct dial telephone codes for our offices; these are London 0207 674, Liverpool 0151 703, Taunton 01823 345, Newport 01633 2255.

The best way to contact us is by email or if you need to speak to someone urgently you can call our contact centre on 0845 300 0218. Lines are open from 08:00 to 18:00, Monday to Friday, except national holidays.

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CIB conference room for hire



Here at CIB, we have a conference room available for hire. The room is situated on the first floor, covering an area of 45 sq metres and is the perfect location for lectures, meetings and conferences. It can accommodate 18 delegates seated at boardroom tables or alternatively in an un-fixed theatre-style arrangement (refreshments can be provided). Please contact us for information on the availability of the room, hire charges and a detailed map for directions.

Please note: As mentioned, the room is located on the first floor with no lift access.

Charities Information Bureau South & West helps community groups, organisations and individuals to work effectively by providing information, advice and support concerning charitable funding and charity regulation.

We have a database which holds information on funding available for groups and individuals. If you would like to register for access to this database, please log onto our website www.cibsouthandwest.org.uk and register your details.

