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HVDA NEWS

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Happy New Year to one and all!

We hope it's a good and positive one for the whole of the Hartlepool voluntary sector. Ironically, and unusually, our first Hartlepool Community Forum meeting of the year is all about the legal help available to organisations, in this case that provided by local solicitors TMJ, who are undertaking four cameo presentations on employment law, 'family' affairs (divorce, custody etc), wills/probate and shops/premises. The meeting is on Thursday, 7 February at 10.00am at the Belle Vue Community Sports and Youth Centre and to book your place(s) just give us a call.

By the time you read this we'll have run our event on CIO's, Charitable Incorporated Organisations, the new structures which enable you to be a charity and a company in one fell swoop. We're happy to continue to help constitute groups and certainly those wishing to become CIO's. Watch out for a further capacity-building event we'll be organising to do with finding new income streams - we'll keep you posted.

Finally, we've had the kind offer of free business advice for groups from an experienced local businessman – and there's no catch! Simply give us a call and we'll do the rest.

NOTICE BOARD...

Free – Epilepsy Awareness Sessions

As part of Epilepsy Outlook's 25th anniversary celebrations the charity is holding free awareness – raising sessions about epilepsy. Lasting 2½ hours the sessions include advice and information on epilepsy management, first aid and a video presentation.

Contact Jacqui Gettings, Operations Manager, on 01429 297007 to book your session.

Hartlepool Safeguarding Children's Board (HSCB)

Once again we're happy to flag up the free courses on offer from the HSCB, as follows:

- Bullying Awareness: 27 February 2013
- E-Safety Awareness: 5 February 2013
- Effective Multi-Agency Working in Safeguarding and Child Protection (in two parts):
 - 6 February 2013 (part 1)
 - 11 February 2013 (1+2)
 - 13 February 2013 (2)
 - 15 February 2013 (1+2)

Contact HVDA for a booking form.

A CAREER PATH FOR UNDER 18's)

IT SEEMS WE'VE USED THE WORD 'FREE' MORE THAN USUAL ON THIS ISSUE AND HERE WE GO AGAIN. THERE'S A FREE CONSTRUCTION / ENGINEERING INDUSTRY FIVE DAY TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR 16-18 YEAR OLDS BEING OFFERED BY HARTLEPOOL TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES. HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING, C.V. PRODUCTION, JOB SEARCH AND INTERVIEW SKILLS TUITION, WITH A VISIT TO A 'REAL', WORKING SITE ARE ALL INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE. TELEPHONE 01429 868657; WWW.HARTLEPOOLTRAINING.CO.UK

The Big Outdoors

The Explore Fund supports young people wanting to experience the outdoors. Up to £2,500 per group is funded; the deadline is February 28 2013.

Visit <http://explorefund.eu/index.php#>

FUNDER FEATURE...

British Gas Energy Trust

...is dedicated to helping fight fuel poverty and provides advice and support to people, including negotiating with suppliers to help resolve debt problems and finding the best energy tariffs.

Telephone 0300 3031931 or email: fueldebtadvice@dawnadvice.org.uk,

'White' goods are also funded.

Action for the Aged in Distress

.....can provide grants for a variety of things for people of pensionable age who are on lower incomes with few savings. Cookers, mobility scooters, heating boilers, walk-in showers and computer software can all be funded. Visit:

www.aftaid.org.uk/grantapp.html

Awards for All - Change in Funding

Awards for All (A4A) does not fund ongoing, repeat activities - until now, as part of a new pilot scheme up to 31 March 2013. This is in response to the current challenging financial times faced by many groups. In order to apply you must have an income of under £30k.

So, if you've had an A4A grant for start-up costs/activities you can reapply.

Santander Foundation: Community Plus (UK)

Disadvantaged people in local areas are the focus of help from this new fund. Both charities and Santander customers can make nominations on a form available at Santander branches (in Hartlepool there's one in York Road). Go to

<http://www.santanderfoundation.org.uk/aboutus.aspx>

Funder Feature - The Esmee Fairbairn Programme

Up to £30,000 per group can be awarded for arts, education, entertainment and 'social change' with an emphasis on supporting disadvantaged areas - and this of course means Hartlepool.

The Foundation is making the money available through the Community Foundation, based in Newcastle.

Visit: <http://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/news-and-learning/news-and-events/05m-grant-programme-for-the-north-east>.

The fund will run for three years.

SHORTS...

Hot Chocolate for Free

Sixty £300 awards are being made from the Galaxy Hot Chocolate Fund to 'small, local, community-based projects and community minded people'.

Go to www.hotgalaxywarmheart.com

Galaxy are also giving away free jars of the stuff – email hotgalaxy@escapadepr.com

Portable Appliance Testing (PAT)

PAT is still being undertaken by the Cleveland Fire Support Network, at a cost of only £1.00 per item to voluntary groups. For more information contact Heather Wyman: hwhyman@clevelandfire.gov.uk

Heroes Return 2 Scheme (UK)

Extended from the original initiative, the Heroes Return 2 Scheme enables World War II veterans to take part in commemorative visits in the UK and abroad. Call 0845 0000 121.

Hartlepool Business Awards

Within the Hartlepool Business Awards scheme there's a 'community' category with a £1,000 prize. Nominations need to be in by 5 March 2013.

Go to www.hartlepoolbusinessforum.co.uk to apply on-line.

Working as a Family

Groups bringing families together including health and sports-related charities are a focus of the Kelly Trust. Capital and revenue funding (core/project) of between £1k and £5k is available. Go to <http://www.kfct.org.uk/index.html>

Free to good home:

- 35 chairs, chrome framed, with black/grey upholstered seats and backrests. Contact Marjorie Wheatley, West View Baptist Church, on 01429 270699.
- Brother electric typewriter; electronic comb binder; wall hanging filing system for large (A0) size drawings / prints. Contact HVDA in the first instance.

SHORTS...

Tesco Charity Community Awards-Children

One-off donations (up to 31 January 2013) can be had from this fund, for 'practical' things and equipment. Salaries and buildings are not funded, however. Visit: [http:// www.tescopic.com/index.asp?pageid=121#](http://www.tescopic.com/index.asp?pageid=121#) ref tescocharitytrust

Lets Colour Project

Dulux and the Groundwork charity have got together to help groups wanting to paint a 'community space'. Schools, housing estates, play projects, skate board parks, community gardens and the like can all receive free paint. Contact HVDA for details.

Cash 4 Clubs

...makes grants of £100 - £1,000, available to 'grassroots' sports clubs. The deadline is the last week in February for bids. All kinds of sport are countenanced. Go to www.cash-4-clubs.com

Protecting Playing Fields

Sport England is funding the creation, improvement and protection of playing fields. £20k-£50k grants are available.

Visit: [http://www.sportengland.org/funding/protecting playing fields.aspx](http://www.sportengland.org/funding/protecting_playing_fields.aspx)

Skills for the Future

The Heritage Lottery Fund is awarding grants of £10,000-£1 Million for work-based training, the bid deadline being 31 January 2013.

Work needed to look after buildings, landscapes, species and 'collections' is funded. Groups which have a skills shortage and are able to develop new training programmes and recruit/train/and pay trainees can apply. Go to: <http://www.hlf.org.uk/How to Apply/programme/Pages/Skillsforthefuture.aspx#UNBt7W>

SHORTS...

- Grants for Women making music –up to £5k-next deadline 29 April 2013 for individuals and groups. Contact HVDA
- Seafarers/their families and dependents/young people in maritime groups (you must be a charity) can apply to a fund. HVDA has details.
- Holocaust Memorial Day – at Teesside University, Friday 25 January 9-5.30pm. Free to attend! Contact David Simpson, 01642 738649
- Funding for Gypsy, Roma and travelling groups. Contact Susan Alexander, by email: info@travellersaidtrust.org.
- Funding to revive rural communities-for training, support, feasibility grants and so on. Tel 01993 810 730; info@ pluskett.co.uk

Due to the Manor West Centre having to close its doors it has a number of items to dispose of, as follows:

- ❖ 14 under desk foot rests
- ❖ folding machine for leaflets
- ❖ 10 document holders
- ❖ water based paints and brushes
- ❖ 1 flip chart and paper
- ❖ snooker, pool, air hockey table
- ❖ free-standing projector screen
- ❖ 3 scanners
- ❖ various sports equipment items
- ❖ 3 stationery cupboards
- ❖ 3 lockable, filing cabinets with 4 drawers
- ❖ 2 Lockable filing cabinets with 3 drawers
- ❖ 9 reams of A3 photocopier paper
- ❖ reams of paper, card various colours
- ❖ 12 sets of “disabled leads” to fit wheelchairs for a minibus
- ❖ 7 fire extinguishers
- ❖ indoor bowls set

All “generous donations” considered, contact Julie Marshall on 07930174130 for further information