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# HVDA NEWS

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Welcome to the November 2012 HVDA News. We're delighted to report that English CIO's – Charitable Incorporated Organisations – will at long last be able to be set up. These new structures are a charity and a company combined, meaning only one registration process for a group which previously had to apply to both Companies House and the Charity Commission to become a company and a charity. We're holding a special CIO event in February next year but you can put your name down now as we expect demand to be high for places.

Still in 2012 however we're pleased to announce that the Sherburn House Charity will be guest speakers at the next Hartlepool Community Forum meeting on Thursday 6 December at 10.00am at the Belle Vue Centre. Sherburn have and continue to fund Hartlepool and indeed voluntary sector groups across the north east and have a very wide funding remit. As ever there's no need to book –just turn up on the day.

On a different note, the Walmsley Hall is up for sale for any group needing a centrally situated property-see inside for details.

**We will be closing at 2.30pm, Friday 21 December and re-open on  
2 January 2013 at 9am**

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# NOTICE BOARD...

**ACAS**, the Arbitration Conciliation and Advice Service, has a **free** helpline for employers and employees who need guidance on work-related issues.  
Tel: 08457 444747.

## **Walmsley Hall**

As mentioned on our frontispiece, the Walmsley Hall is for sale in Osborne Road, Hartlepool at a cost of c.£75k, with land available priced around £40k. The hall was home to the Hartlepool Stage Society, who have relocated. One of their members, Jill Jackson, has further details, tel: 07841407247

## **The Learning Exchange**

..... is a network for ' extra-curricular practitioners' and others working with young people and children to share knowledge and discuss issues.

If you have an extra-curricular activity of interest to a school-who may like to commission your services-you can register it with the Learning Exchange. Go to: [www.learning-exchange.org.uk/account/register/](http://www.learning-exchange.org.uk/account/register/)

You will have access to amongst other things free on-line training and marketing opportunities and free downloadable resources.

## **The Northern Lights Academy**

.....is a moderne, fully equipped arts centre –yet vastly underused. The centre features state of the art facilities for young people-a recording studio, edit rooms, IT facilities, a dance/drama studio and a theatre hall open for a variety of uses. There's outdoor space available too in partnership with St Hild's school.

Attempts are now being made to form a charity to run the project and the consultants appointed to do this are very keen to hear from anyone interested in being involved on the board.

Contact David Gourlay on 01429 225 5511 or 07764765642; email. [david.gourlay@hallaiken.co.uk](mailto:david.gourlay@hallaiken.co.uk)

We also have a promotional leaflet we'd be happy to send you.

# NOTICE BOARD...

## Loans for Social Business

Loans-not grants-are available for the development of social businesses which in the UK employ 800,000 people. Finance is still apparently the biggest barrier to getting such enterprise off the ground. The RBS bank is under its Inspiring Enterprise Scheme funding the project –contact HVDA if you have a scheme you wish to get started.

## **The Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation**

.....arts, culture and heritage projects which make a real and ongoing difference to people's lives are currently preferred for funding. The project must make an appreciable, significant difference and have a long term benefit.

The website [www.andrewlloydwebberfoundation.com/contact-us.html](http://www.andrewlloydwebberfoundation.com/contact-us.html) has details.

## Watch out

.....for a somewhat different **Hartlepool Community Forum** presentation in February (we'll remind everyone in our January News) from local solicitors TMJ, who'll be bringing four legal experts to undertake short 'cameo' presentations on various aspects of the law as it affects the voluntary sector.

## Red Dreams Music Awards

The Red Dreams charity enables young people to develop their artistic potential and is again having an awards event, on December 21, to celebrate the achievements of youngsters. Sponsors are currently being sought for the following:

- Best Basist
- 'Front Person'
- Band
- Actor

and so on.

Interested? Contact Ian or Dawn on 07851 907691/07549 531 237  
[www.reddreams.co.uk](http://www.reddreams.co.uk)

## Rough Guides

Hartlepool Borough Council's Safeguarding Children's Board has produced seven Rough Guides on Assessment, Planning & Review Participation, Outcomes, Recording & Report Writing, Child Protection Conferences and Core Groups and Making Referrals to Children's Social Care. Email: [HSCB@hartlepool.gov.uk](mailto:HSCB@hartlepool.gov.uk) for your free copies.

Separately there's a two hour course on November 29 and December 10, on how to understand the Safer Referral process in assessing a child's level of need before a possible referral is made regarding child abuse.

Tel. Maria Richardson at the council on 01429 523763 for details.

# NOTICE BOARD...

## Did you know

.....that £16,500 is available in each ward of Hartlepool for projects/groups, to be distributed by the ward councillors for the particular ward? In the Foggy Furze and Victoria Wards application is through a form; for the other wards a letter is needed. Hartlepool Borough Council (tel. 01429 266522) has details of all of the wards, the elected councillors and the application forms.

## The International Day of Disabled People 2012

Disability groups are invited to attend the International Day of Disabled People celebration and indeed have a stand if they wish, on Tuesday December 18, 1-4pm.

There will be a variety of guest speakers and workshops, on everything from being parent/carer of a disabled child, overcoming further education barriers and hate crime to individual budgets-and a singing/drumming performance! The event, at the Gateshead Sage, is free.

Email:  
[kevinwright@disabilitynorth.org.uk](mailto:kevinwright@disabilitynorth.org.uk)  
for more information.

## YOUR NAME IN LIGHTS

**WELL, NOT QUITE, BUT BBC LOOK NORTH WANT TO HIGHLIGHT UNTOLD STORIES OF PEOPLE WHO VOLUNTEER. THE VOLUNTEER ROLE 'MUST BE UNIQUE, ORIGINAL AND PERHAPS A LITTLE DIFFERENT OR QUIRKY'.**

**HAVE YOU SUCH A VOLUNTEER?**

**IF SO CONTACT PAUL CORCORAN AT THE BBC OUTREACH VOLUNTEERING PROJECT ON 0191 244 1319/07711 912704**

**OR**

**BY EMAILING  
[PAUL.CORCORAN-EDUCATION@BBC.CO.UK](mailto:PAUL.CORCORAN-EDUCATION@BBC.CO.UK)**

## Funding for Community Safety schemes

The Home office has launched a new web page which signposts you to funders of community safety projects. We've looked at the site which does do that, however the funders listed in a number of cases also fund a much broader purview of things. Contact HVDA we'll email you the list if you're interested.

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## Tees Valley Community Foundation

.... has for many years been a funder of the voluntary sector across Teesside and long may it continue. However, the foundation has reviewed its grant-making policies and there will be a change in the way funds are distributed. After December 13 no further applications will be received until April next year. The foundation is receiving more and more ineligible bids and is evolving a strategy to accommodate this.

However, from April it will be easier for smaller groups to apply for grants of up to £1k, enabling the foundation to make a number of larger, strategic investments, possibly phased over two or more years and around themed areas.

In the New Year further details will be announced. The foundation's website [www.teesvalleyfoundation.org](http://www.teesvalleyfoundation.org) has further details. Applications can still be made however as normal before the close of business of December 13.

## **Don't PAMIC**

The Potentiality for Adult Mental Ill Health to Impact on Children (PAMIC) is an assessment tool and the next course, free to attend on the subject, is on Monday, 3 December at the Norton Education Centre. Contact HVDA for details or search [www.teescpp.org.uk](http://www.teescpp.org.uk)

## **Aviva**

Insurance brokers Aviva have £150,000 to give away in prizes. Entries need to be in by January 21 and which need to be submitted by a local insurance broker. W.A. Smith is one such, though the VCS group involved should fill in all of the details on the form and contact Phil Smith (tel. 01429 234545 or email [phil@wasmith.co.uk](mailto:phil@wasmith.co.uk)) for a chat in the first instance.

This year's awards categories are:

- Supporting local sport
- Supporting education and training
- Supporting youth activities
- Helping with disability and health needs
- Community spaces

# NOTICE BOARD...

## **Strengthening the Community – News from North Star Housing**

Do you...

want to improve your neighbourhood but don't know where to get money to turn your ideas into reality?

Want to develop a project in your community but don't have the funds?

Have a group which needs funding?

If the answer is **YES**, then don't miss out!

**Apply today for funding from the North Star Community Strengthening Grants Fund.**

If you live in a neighbourhood where Endeavour Housing Association has homes then you can apply for money from the fund.

We are looking for projects, events and activities that will benefit not only our tenants but their local communities too.

To find out more, or to request an application form please contact:

Tracy Jones  
01642 796233

[tracy.jones@endeavourha.co.uk](mailto:tracy.jones@endeavourha.co.uk)

Steven Dawson  
01833 694407

[steven.dawson@teesdaleha.co.uk](mailto:steven.dawson@teesdaleha.co.uk)

## **The People's Health Trust**

This year in Hartlepool two local groups we know of received grants of £7,500 and £5,000 from the People's Health Trust, although awards of up to £25k can be made to small community organisations for health-related projects. The money comes from The Health Lottery but hurry, as the closing date is November 26!!

To find out more visit: [www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk](http://www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk)

# NOTICE BOARD...

## Two tender opportunities for Services for families of disabled children

BUYER: Hartlepool Borough Council - Respond by 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012

**Extended activities and 11 week play scheme provision for families of disabled children:** to provide extended activities outside of the school day and 11 weeks school holiday play scheme provision. The services will operate weekdays (outside of school hours) term time, school holidays and weekends. [www.gtegov.com/proccontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-8ZVEUE](http://www.gtegov.com/proccontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-8ZVEUE)

**Specialist toy loan service and associated activities for families of disabled children:** to provide a quality toy loan service that provides a wide range of toys, equipment and resources to meet the needs of children with a disability and/or additional need. The service will also meet needs of individual young people by offering development by way of offering a range of toys, resources and equipment. The service will operate weekdays for 50 weeks a year and provide two sessions per month on a weekend.

[www.gtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-8ZVKBQ](http://www.gtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-8ZVKBQ)

## The One Show

BBC Television's the One Show is looking for community projects that need a helping hand, e.g. a community centre needing painting or a volunteer deserving of recognition. It seems a good way to get your group published if you're fortunate enough to get on the show.

By email go to:

[Richard.park@bbc.co.uk](mailto:Richard.park@bbc.co.uk)

marking your missive 'One Show Community Action'.

## **THE BIG LOTTERY REFUND**

..... is a campaign organised by the Directory of Social Change (DSC) to get £425m returned to the voluntary sector by the government, which diverted the money to pay for the Olympics. Maria Miller is the new Culture Secretary and the DSC is encouraging groups to write to her. An 'example' letter is available on the following website: [www.biglotteryrefund.org.uk/](http://www.biglotteryrefund.org.uk/)

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## **Charity Bank**

.... is a registered bank and itself a registered charity. Loans at very affordable interest rates are available to groups who may not be available to borrow from commercial lenders. Charity Bank also helps empower groups to become more sustainable, not least of all by getting them to think about different ways to raise funds. This sounds extremely good news for the voluntary sector. Loans are available from £50k to £1m. All groups supported by Charity Bank can be viewed on the Banks website.

For more information contact Jeremy Ince on 07787 575 023.

## **Crime Reduction**

VCS groups working in the field of crime reduction are being encouraged to contribute to a Police & Crime Plan for the Teesside Area, to be driven by the manifesto comments of the newly appointed Police & Crime Commissioner.

Some groups may already through their Children and Young Peoples Strategic Group have done this. For those who haven't, and would like to, there's a pro forma we can email you and which needs returning by December 3. Contact Peter at HVDA for details

## **FUNDER FEATURE**

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A REGISTERED CHARITY TO APPLY TO THE DULVERTON TRUST, BUT YOUR ACTIVITIES MUST BE 'CHARITABLE' AND YOUR INCOME UNDER £200K A YEAR. GRANTS OF £500 - £5000 ARE AVAILABLE FOR:

- YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES – THAT PROMOTE YOUNG PEOPLE AND WHICH PROVIDE CHANCES FOR THEM TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL
- DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES AND PEOPLE – INCLUDING HELPING OLDER FOLK TO LIVE ACTIVELY AND INDEPENDENTLY; STRENGTHENING FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS; CARERS; YOUNG HOMELESS PEOPLE; AND CHILDREN AND DISADVANTAGED FAMILIES.
- CONSERVATION
- PRESERVATION

FOR MORE INFORMATION TEL: 020 7495 7852

[WWW.DULVERTON.ORG/APPLICATIONFORM](http://WWW.DULVERTON.ORG/APPLICATIONFORM)



# NOTICE BOARD...

## Learning Disability Partnership Board-News from

The Learning Disability Partnership Board is about making sure we continue to provide good services to people with a learning disability and their families. It is an opportunity to share information about services and important news with people and is also a great way to make sure people's views and opinions can be heard.

We have a partnership meeting every two months, held in the CIL (Centre for Independent Living) in Burbank Street.

Anyone can come to meetings and we have professionals, carers, service users, service providers and many others who attend.

At the forthcoming January meeting we will be voting in a Chair and Co-Chair and will also be talking to members about how we can improve on the services we provide.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Learning Disability Partnership Board simply come along to any of our meetings or you can contact: Hannah Gill on 01429 284300, email [hannah.gill@hartlepool.gov.uk](mailto:hannah.gill@hartlepool.gov.uk)

Future meeting dates:

- 11<sup>th</sup> January 2013 10am-12noon
- 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013 10am-12noon
- 10<sup>th</sup> May 2013 10am-12noon
- 12<sup>th</sup> July 2013 10am-12noon
- 13<sup>th</sup> September 2013 10am-12noon
- 8<sup>th</sup> November 2013 10am-12noon

## Adult Education & Adult (50+) Volunteering

Organisations involved in adult education provision who wish to hold workshops for european participants can apply for up to £7k for Learner Workshops which need to be about:

- active citizenship
- language learning
- discussion groups on european issues
- basic I T literacy and numeracy skills
- the visual and creative arts

Similarly, groups interested in setting up a senior volunteering project, again for europeans and over two years, can also apply for funds. In both cases apply to Grundtvig, part of the European Union's Lifelong Learning Programme.

Contact Peter at HVDA for further details.

# SHORTS...

## Shorts

- **Free to good home** – (1) office desks and chairs. Tel OFCA (Owton Fens Community Association) on 01429 283187 and ask for Kevin or Leslea
- **Free to good home (2)** – computer (tower system), very good condition. with key board, screen and mouse! Tel, HVDA
- **Christmas Wreaths** – the Waverly Terrace Allotments project is now taking orders for Christmas wreaths, available at very competitive prices. Contact Helen or Julie on 07717451517

## **Christmas Day Meal for the Needy**

Once again, HVDA is involved in plans to put on a Christmas Day meal for needy people. Successfully organised by volunteer Rob Swan over the last few years the event always attracts many people who would otherwise be on their own at Christmas-and many willing volunteers! Santa will be handing out presents and there's a hearty traditional Christmas dinner for everyone. If you know of someone or a family who could benefit, simply ring our reception to register their details.

Transport is free too, including for people with disabilities.



## **Important News Regarding Changes to the HVDA Volunteer Centre Service**

**Funding cuts over the last 18 months has seen a decline in staffing resources within the Volunteer Centre but until now services have remained relatively unaffected. However, further reductions in funding require a re-structure of the services offered from the Volunteer Centre and the following changes will be implemented from November 2012:**

- The withdrawal of the Criminal Records Bureau check service
- The general brokerage service will be accessed using the do it website at [www.do-it.org.uk](http://www.do-it.org.uk)
- There will be no more Open Days on a Wednesday
- Potential volunteers will not be assessed for their suitability to organisations before being referred onto the organisations.

If an individual expresses an interest in voluntary work the VC staff will assess their eligibility for the projects available within the centre and if eligible will arrange an appointment to meet with a member of staff. Individuals who are not eligible to access the projects will be signposted to use the do-it website to browse current volunteering opportunities and apply on line.

If you have any queries regarding the above changes please contact Julie Laking Volunteer Centre Coordinator on 01429 262641 or email [j.laking@hvda.co.uk](mailto:j.laking@hvda.co.uk) or alternatively contact Andrea Fletcher Service Manager on 01429 26241 or email [a.fletcher@hvda.co.uk](mailto:a.fletcher@hvda.co.uk)

**Julie Laking  
Volunteer Centre Coordinator**

*HVDA*

*Would like to*

*Wish all VCS groups and  
Volunteers*

*A Merry Christmas*

*and a*

*Prosperous*

*New Year*



# Public Health Grant 2012/13 Cold Weather Plan



The Cold Weather Plan for England 2012 aims to raise awareness of the effects of cold weather on health. The purpose of the plan is to enable communities to prepare for and avoid the effects of severe cold weather. It is an important aspect of overall winter and emergency planning and wider health promotion activity.



**Do you have a project that will tackle the effects of cold weather in 2012/2013?**



**Grants of up to £5,000 per organisation available.**



**Deadline for applications is 29 November 2012 at 5.00pm.**

**For more details on how to apply, please visit:**  
[www.hartlepool.gov.uk/cwp](http://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/cwp) or call 01429 523281