



**Volunteer Centres**  
Bournemouth & Poole

## Volunteer Centre News...November 2011

**Thanks!** Thanks to everyone who participated in our recent survey, this year we had bumper numbers answering, so we're all really pleased with the results and will be taking on board as many of your comments and suggestions as we can for the coming year. ☺

**Volunteer Managers' meeting:** Thanks to Steve Davis from Dorset Wildlife Trust and Chris Small from BCHA for their input to the last Volunteer Managers' meeting and of course to Karen Jones from Dorset VC for sharing the webinar, 'Bridging the gap'. The final volunteer managers' meeting of the year will be held on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December @ Poole College – North Road Site in the Community Link Room**. **Please put the different venue in your dairies!!** As it's the last one before Christmas, we plan to let our hair down a little and organize some **mince-pies and mingling**, allowing more time for your issues and discussions. We're hoping that Chris from BCHA will be able to demo his new volunteer management software as we were all really interested to hear about its functionality at the last meeting. As always they are free to attend, but please let me know if you plan to come so we can arrange adequate seating and refreshments. Thanks!

**Send us your posters!** We're lacking up to date, bright and engaging posters which advertise your volunteering opportunities, please spare a few minutes to send us a few copies, so we can update our windows, foyer and college displays with some cool new stuff!!

Also **we're looking for volunteering opportunities that are particularly suitable for 16+ year-olds** because we're working closer with the colleges, if you haven't already, please register any new opps or tell us which of your existing opps are suitable for younger volunteers.

**NEW volunteer just in:** Ann is willing to volunteer her time to **paint murals** for voluntary/community groups/charities etc. If you have a dreary wall in need of cheering up contact Gill to get in contact with Ann: on 01202 675100 or by email: [gill.harris@poolecvs.org.uk](mailto:gill.harris@poolecvs.org.uk)

**Final Reminder: Please tell us if you need volunteers over the Christmas and New Year period...** we already have 3 volunteers waiting, so hurry up and register your needs with us now so we can signpost them your way...

**Best wishes**

**Carrie, Gill, Jacquie and Amy**

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## Local news & events:

**Congratulations to:** Dorset Reclaim recently who won the National Wood Recyclers Association 'Best Partnership Award' for the wood recycling project. Dorset Reclaim, were one of the organisations funded through our Clinks/Home Office Project earlier this year and created volunteering placements for offenders at their new wood-work shop. They said...

"We are very, very pleased to say that we won when up against many others, mostly large recycling companies, and this is our first trophy"!

**Just three months to start of digital tv switch** Digital switchover in the Meridian TV region begins three months today. When you switch depends on which transmitter group broadcasts a TV signal to your home. A list of switchover dates across the region is available [here](#). Viewers can find out when they are due to switch, and the channels they should receive after switchover, via Digital UK's [online postcode checker](#).

**Communities Programme for Digital switchover in Bournemouth and Poole.** Help & Care are leading the Communities Programme for Digital switchover in Bournemouth and Poole. We need to recruit volunteers to help us identify 'community supporters' in local communities ...basically people who might know of the vulnerable; older or disabled people in communities who might need extra help to get their T.V. switched over before the signal changes next year. The second training day for volunteers is the 16<sup>th</sup> November at our Pokesdown office at Help & care. There will be other training opportunities so even if volunteers can not make the next training day we would still like to hear from them. Gary Finch is our project lead and can be contacted on [digital@helpandcare.org.uk](mailto:digital@helpandcare.org.uk).

**Poole Museum are looking for local older people with stories to tell about the past.** Can you help? We would like older people to tell stories about their past to school groups and hold question and answer sessions about their experiences of life in the past. We are looking for around 10 volunteers to create a pool of volunteers who can visit schools as the schools request the sessions. **Special requirements:** You must have the ability to make your own way to the schools. You must like children and have interesting stories to tell, and have good listening skills. **Benefits:** You will be part of the Poole Museum learning team, you will meet lots of new people, you will gain experience in the learning environment and you will have your travel expenses paid. **Availability:** A selection of times across the school week. It is hoped that a good pool of volunteers for this opportunity will make it extremely flexible for the volunteers. **Location:** Schools across Poole. **If you are interested or have any questions, please call Trudie Cole on 01202 262623 or Louise Diffey on 01202 262628.**

**For free courses for volunteers, voluntary & community organisations** contact Vicky Ashley Programme Manager Community Learning Team Skills & Learning Bournemouth and Poole 01202 262354 Oakdale Centre, Wimborne Road, Poole BH15 3DL [www.boroughofpoole.com/skillsandlearning](http://www.boroughofpoole.com/skillsandlearning)

### **Free training from Borough of Poole Adult Social Care:**

**Safeguarding Adults Awareness Training** Are you a staff member (working in the voluntary sector) or a volunteer supporting adults who maybe at risk of harm or abuse? We would like to offer you 1 days free training on Safeguarding Adults at Risk. *Aim: staff/volunteers are aware of their role and responsibilities within the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Adults Policy & Procedures.* Dates:- 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2012, 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012. 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012 To book a place on one of the above courses please complete the attached nomination form and return to Lucy Muscatt or for more information contact Lucy on 01202 261004 [l.muscatt@poole.gov.uk](mailto:l.muscatt@poole.gov.uk)

**Equalities and Human Rights** Are you a staff member (working in the voluntary sector) or a volunteer supporting adults in the community. We would like to offer you 1 days free training on Equalities and Human Rights Aim o increase understanding and confidence of adults social care staff in relation to equality and human rights issues. Dates:- 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012 To book a place on one of the above courses please complete the attached nomination form and return to Janis Greenfield or for more information contact Janis on 01202 261013 [j.greenfield@poole.gov.uk](mailto:j.greenfield@poole.gov.uk)

**Safeguarding Adults Awareness Training** Are you a group of volunteers, or do you know of any volunteers who are supporting adults who maybe at risk from harm or abuse? We would like to offer you a 2 ½ hour free awareness raising session on how to recognise and what to do if you suspect that a vulnerable adult is being harmed or abused. To arrange a session for a group of volunteers please contact Theresa Divall on 01202 262361 [theresa.divall@poole.gov.uk](mailto:theresa.divall@poole.gov.uk)

**Moving & Handling Training** Are you a group of volunteers or do you know of any volunteers who support adults who need support with walking, getting in and out of chairs/cars? Do you help in loading wheelchairs in and out of the boot of your car? We would like to offer you a 3 hour free practical training session on how to take care of your back by using safe moving & handling practices. To arrange a session for a group of volunteers please contact Markéta Vymětalová on 01202 633412 [m.vymetalova@poole.gov.uk](mailto:m.vymetalova@poole.gov.uk)

**On behalf of Dorset Community Action** we would like to invite you to the next **Community Lunch** being held at: Community Learning & Resource Centre (CLaRC) 41-44 King Street, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 1EB on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011 between 9.30am and 1.30pm. The purpose of this event is to provide the opportunity for networking and gaining information from other voluntary and community groups. All attendees are able to provide an update on their groups and any issues facing them. Speakers will include Rebecca Stalker from the National Trust and Alison Cross CLaRC's manager as well as others. A full agenda along with directions will be sent out with your booking confirmation. As usual there will be a subsidised charge of £3.50 per head for lunch and refreshments. Please inform us at the time of the booking should you have a dietary requirements. To confirm your attendance at this event please telephone Natasha Senior on 01202 847619 or email Natasha on [natasha.senior@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk](mailto:natasha.senior@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk)

### **Futures at Knightstone would be delighted if you could join us for our**

**Who Are Futures?** Event on Friday 2nd December 2011 This event will provide you with a valuable insight into the Futures Floating Support Service in Bournemouth, Futures Supported

Accommodation in Bournemouth and Poole, and will also be an opportunity to network with other local services. For more information or to reserve your place contact Shelley Eaton on 01202 505521 or a member of our Supported Housing team on 01202 505480 in the meantime to learn more about the work we do or if you have any questions. Please feel free to pass this invitation on. Futures looks forward to meeting you on the Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2011

**DSC is bringing the Regional Fair to Taunton on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011.** A wide range of workshops from the voluntary sector's best-selling training provider. Sessions include Community Fundraising, Proposal Writing, Getting Money from Trusts and Governance and Strategy, and a whole host of other topics. Design your own day of tailor-made training, with sessions ranging in price from £25 to £35. Why not book today to attend and enjoy a day of networking with sector colleagues as well as learning skills that will be vital to you and your organisation. [Please click here for booking information and course details.](#)

## National News & Events

**New apprenticeships launched for third sector employers:** Skills – Third Sector has launched [three new apprenticeships](#) to support third sector employers in successfully recruiting, training and retaining staff in roles which are key within the sector: campaigning, fundraising and volunteer management. The apprentices will obtain recognised professional qualifications in their chosen fields.

**European online volunteering courses** A 'European School of Volunteering Online', for volunteers and organisations for volunteers, has been set up by a group of European voluntary organisations as part of the 2011 Year of Volunteering. All courses are provided in English, and many are available in an additional European language. For more information visit: [www.ev-school.com](http://www.ev-school.com).

**New training and Events from M&BF:** For the latest news, training and events from the Mentoring and Befriending foundation look at the following link.  
<http://www.mandbf.org/training-and-events>

**FREE Training for Autumn 2011 from ViSTA** The Autumn programme of FREE training courses available from ViSTA is now available online at: [www.vistaproject.org.uk](http://www.vistaproject.org.uk) (370KB PDF)

**CLINKS NEWS: help us evaluate our volunteering guides.** Many of you will be aware of the [Clinks Volunteering Guides](#), which provide expert advice on various issues to VCS organisations working with offenders. Further guides in the series are currently being prepared. In the meantime we are keen to gather feedback on the existing Guides in the series, which will help inform our thinking about future development of this resource. We'd be very grateful if you could spare between five and ten minutes to complete the questionnaire. We are offering two free places to our 'Playing to your strengths' desistance conference to VCS organisations who complete the questionnaire and indicate that they would like to attend. [Click here to open the survey.](#)

**Event Insurance:** If you are planning to run an event for London 2012 or the Queen's Jubilee please see below details of insurance cover we have been told about. Event Insurance

Services has launched two insurance policies created especially for event organisers planning celebrations for London 2012 and the Queens Jubilee. The policies will protect event organisers hosting street parties or events to mark either of these events. Their new 2012 policies are available from just £51. <http://www.events-insurance.co.uk>

**Esther Rantzen makes a difference** Among the celebrities backing this year's campaign was broadcaster and campaigner Esther Rantzen, who visited a Make a Difference Day activity in the Waterloo area of London. She joined more than 60 volunteers and MEP Marina Yannakoudakis in a range of activities that combated loneliness and isolation. These included writing letters to children in hospital through Post Pals, teaching knitting across the generations and making story sacks for children with learning disabilities. To read more about the day and Esther's own thoughts on combating loneliness and isolation, [visit the CSV website](#).

**Media Trust seeks short films for the Community Channel** The Community Channel, which is operated by the Media Trust, is in the process of launching a new television programme – UK360 – that will document and showcase inspiring video stories and news from local communities across the UK. Media Trust is currently sourcing content and is inviting organisations to contribute their own short films to feature on UK360. However, it is also seeking ideas for news stories that could be filmed for the programme. If you would like to share your videos or news stories, [email Joe Davis](#) or telephone 020 7871 5659.

**New strategy for health volunteering launched** The Department of Health has launched a strategic vision to encourage the development of improved volunteering in health and social care. Launched by Care Services Minister Paul Burstow MP, [Social Action for Health and Well-being: building co-operative communities](#) sets out the government's vision for leadership, partnership, commissioning and volunteer support in health volunteering. Volunteering England and a number of other charities were involved in its development. Our Institute for Volunteering Research also published a [literature review on volunteering and health](#) to inform and supplement the Department of Health's vision for volunteering. To support the new strategy, an additional £2.6m was announced for the [Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund](#) (see 'Funding and awards' below).

**Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund** ECORYS and Department of Health have recently announced the launch of the second [Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund](#) national grant scheme, with grants of up to £200,000 available. Interested organisations must register their interest by **Wednesday 21 December**.

**Looking for inspirational people who have dedicated a lot of time to helping others**, who we will reward with a special treat on our new Channel 4 show. We are asking people to nominate a person who has touched their lives in some way and would like to say Thank You. The deserving people could be foster parents, carers, volunteers, charity workers, or even community heroes and we would like to talk to those whose lives have been touched by these people. If you can think of someone you would like to nominate, please get in touch and remember the treat for the person being nominated is a surprise, so they must not know they are being nominated! Contact: Katie Daughen | Casting Researcher  
Direct Line: 0207 292 3581 | Reception: 0207 734 4501 ext 246 | Email: [researcher02@crackitproductions.co.uk](mailto:researcher02@crackitproductions.co.uk) Crackit Productions Wedgewood Mews | 12-13 Greek Street | London | W1D 4DL

**Research lessons on participation through volunteering** Pathways through Participation recently released '[Volunteering as a participation pathway](#)' briefing paper, looking at implications of its research for volunteer management. There are also notes from a connected workshop of practitioners.

**Blogging Competition:** To mark the European Year of Volunteering 2011 i-volunteer have launched a blogging competition. If you've got a tale to tell about your experience of volunteering for a charity or project or from managing a volunteer programme or centre then we want to hear from you! Tales that inspire, amuse, challenge or move are especially welcome. Top prize is a fistful of Amazon vouchers to spend on what you want plus runners up will be featured on the homepage where they will be read by thousands. Everything you need to know about entering is here: <http://www.i-volunteer.org.uk/spotlight/tell-us-your-story-and-you-could-win-a-prize> Closing date is 30th of November, so get your keyboards out!

**New publication:** NAVCA and the Local Government Association have launched a new free publication called [At Your Bidding](#) to mark Trustees' Week (31 October - 6 November). At your Bidding is a guide for charity trustees about commissioning and tendering for public services. It focuses squarely on the key issues that individuals need to be aware of in fulfilling their duties as charity trustees. All trustees of local charities are encouraged to download a free copy.

**Student Volunteering Week and Volunteers' Week 2012** Planning is now underway for next year's [Student Volunteering Week](#) and [Volunteers' Week](#) campaigns, taking place 20 – 26 February and 1 – 7 June, respectively. V.E also welcome Santander on board as the sponsor of Student Volunteering Week 2012, for the third year running, and would like to thank Santander for its support. Further details on both campaigns will follow in the coming months, but in the meantime, to find out more, contact the team at [penny.gee@volunteering.org.uk](mailto:penny.gee@volunteering.org.uk) or [oli.gregory@volunteering.org.uk](mailto:oli.gregory@volunteering.org.uk).

**Volunteering England and TimeBank ponder collaboration with other volunteering bodies** [Volunteering England](#) and [TimeBank](#) are involved in talks with other volunteering organisations about collaboration. The charities declined to comment on whether they were considering collaborating with each other. Both organisations lost significant sums of strategic partner funding from the Office for Civil Society this year.

**Freeing volunteering from red tape** - Volunteering England have produced an [update](#) on their campaign to free volunteering from red tape.



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