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Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Council

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTARY AND
COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IN
WOLVERHAMPTON
25th NOVEMBER 2011**

Good afternoon all,

I hope this finds you well.

EMPLOYMENT LAW CONFERENCE

Employment issues in the workplace can be a legal minefield.

Does your Third Sector Organisation employ staff or plan to do so in the future?

Would you like to learn more about current updates to legislation that may affect you from an expert in the field?

WVSC's Employment Law Conference will cover areas such as:

- * Crystal ball gazing i.e. anticipating future changes in Employment Law
 - * TUPE
 - * Redundancy
 - * Case law update

Thursday 12th January 2012
9.45am to 4.00pm
at WVSC, Wolverhampton
Trainer: Weightmans LLP

Prices start from £70 and include lunch and refreshments.

Please contact me if you would like further details on any of the information below and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

FUNDING

Community Covenant Grant - £100-250,000 - Deadline 30th November

Financial assistance is available for local projects strengthening the relationships between members of the armed forces and their communities.

<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/AboutDefence/WhatWeDo/Personnel/Welfare/ArmedForcesCovenant/ArmedForcesCommunityCovenant.htm>

Community Action Against Crime: Innovation Fund - Deadline 1st December

Small grants are currently undersubscribed!!!

Are you a community organisation who wants to work in partnership to get everybody working together to tackle crime? If the answer is yes, then you could apply for a small grant between £1,000 and £15,000 per year or a large grant between £15,001 and £50,000.

This fund is to encourage creative new approaches to tackling crime. The fund is worth £5 million in 2011/12, with a further £5 million set aside for 2012/13. It will encourage greater community activism and enable communities to develop innovative approaches to tackling the local crime issues that matter to them. The fund will be used to encourage voluntary and community groups to work with their community safety partnership to tackle local crime problems, including through co-design and co-delivery of initiatives to cut crime. Applications from grassroots community activists who are not traditional recipients of government grants are encouraged. The following criteria will be used to make funding decisions. All applications must show that they:

- are innovative
- deliver lasting benefit
- have involved local communities
- tackle crime issues that matter to the local community, with a particular focus on antisocial behaviour, crime in local neighbourhoods, drug/alcohol related crime, reducing re-

offending, violence against women and girls, and youth crime.

<http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/crime-innovation-fund>

CONTRACT: Wolverhampton City Council - Documents can be requested until 7th December

Total Contract Expenditure will not exceed £31,500 per annum

Reference: HSI66 - Housing Support & Social Inclusion Floating Support for People with an Acquired Brain Injury

The contract requires provision of housing-related support services on a floating basis across tenure to people with an acquired brain injury (ABI) and their families and ensures that support services are delivered in response to individual needs, working with service users to maintain independent living.

<https://in->

[tendhost.co.uk/blackcountryportal/asp/tendermanage.asp](https://in-tendhost.co.uk/blackcountryportal/asp/tendermanage.asp)

CONTRACT: Wolverhampton City Council - Documents can be requested until 14th December

Provision of Foster Care Support Service with Wolverhampton City Council 1st June 2012 - 31st May 2015 (with an option to extend year on year until 31st May 2017).

The overall aim of the service is to provide support to foster carers so that they are encouraged and enabled to play as full a part as possible in the wider partnership approach to delivering/ achieving positive outcomes for children and young people as set out in Wolverhampton's Looked After Children Strategy and the Children and Young People's Plan.

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/blackcountryportal>

Next Steps - £40,000-1,000,00 - Deadline 14th December

Funding is available for organisations using social investment for the benefit of communities in England. Investment is available for:

- ‘Investment ready proposals’ to establish and deliver a social investment vehicle to help people in need. Funding is available for up to two years.
- ‘Nearly there proposals’ to complete the development of a social investment vehicle, where partners and funders have been identified and only nominal development is needed. Funding is available for up to six months.
- ‘Pilots’ To test a social investment concept which is fully developed, or to test its feasibility in practice. Funding is available for up to two years.

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_supporting_social_investment

Football Association - Funding for Leagues - £350-1,200 - Deadline 1st May

Funding is available to support football leagues in England (outside the National League System) so they can purchase equipment that assists in the administration of that league.

<http://www.thefa.com/Leagues/NationalLeagueSystem/NewsAndFeatures/2011/funding2011-12>

Tudor Trust

Makes grants, and provides other types of support, to voluntary and community groups working in any part of the UK. They particularly want to help smaller, community-led organisations which work directly with people who are at the margins of society:

organisations which support positive changes in people's lives and in their communities. They want to respond flexibly to your ideas and energy, and to fund effective organisations working to high standards. They like to fund:

- Organisations working directly with people who are at the margins of society
- A focus on building stronger communities by overcoming isolation and fragmentation and encouraging inclusion, connection and integration
- Organisations which are embedded in and have developed out of their community - whether the local area or a 'community of interest'
- High levels of user involvement, and an emphasis on self-help where this is appropriate
- Work which addresses complex and multi-stranded problems in unusual or imaginative ways
- Organisations which are thoughtful in their use of resources and which foster community resilience in the face of environmental, economic or social change

Tudor doesn't have specific funding programmes. Our focus is on smaller forward-looking groups, led by capable and committed people.

<http://tudortrust.org.uk/what-we-do/>

The Lloyds TSB Foundation

Funds small and medium underfunded charities working at the heart of communities to tackle disadvantage across England and Wales. Their funding is driven by the needs of disadvantaged people in communities across England and Wales. They fund registered charities whose core work helps disadvantaged people to play a fuller role in the community. They fund running costs, including

salaries to ensure that charities can maintain and develop their core work/services. They also provide funding for projects that build on charities' core work.

<http://www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk/Pages/Welcome.aspx>

Allotments Regeneration Initiative - An award of up to £300 for up to six people to visit a specified allotment site.

Travel bursaries are available for groups of people in the UK involved in regenerating allotments to enable them to visit other allotment sites to learn good practise. Advice and support is also available at a local level from mentors.

<http://www.farmgarden.org.uk/ari/grants/travel-bursaries-mainmenu-84>

Football Foundation - Facilities Grant - Up to £500,000

Funding is available to primarily support organisations that wish to build, develop and/or refurbish facilities in order to sustain and increase participation in football.

<http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/apply/facilities-grants/facilities-grant/>

Football Foundation - Build the Game - Up to £50,000

The Build the Game Scheme provides grants for small facility projects in England that can support the growth and retention of grassroots football.

<http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/apply/build-the-game/>

Buttle UK - Small Grants Programme

Funding for the purchase of essential items to meet the needs of

children in the UK who are facing acute problems or misfortune. No minimum or maximum level of support is specified.

<http://www.buttleuk.org/pages/grant-programmes-small-grants-programme-42.html>

Buttle UK - School Fees Programme

The Trust's School Fee Support Scheme helps vulnerable children (aged 11 and over) with medical, emotional, or social difficulties, and those with precarious home lives, by providing a more supportive secondary education. Help is available for fees at a Boarding School and for help with day fees.

<http://www.buttleuk.org/pages/grant-programmes-school-fees-programme-45.html>

Prince's Trust Community Cash Awards- Up to £3,000

Funding and support to help young people in the UK start up their own project that will benefit their community. The money can pay for: equipment and materials; venue hire; transport costs; advertising and publicity; printing; insurance; volunteer expenses; and to employ other people for aspects of the project, but not for the whole project. Young people aged 14 to 25 years are eligible to apply.

<http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/default.aspx>

Warm Homes Healthy People Fund

The Warm Homes, Healthy People Fund for winter 2011/12 supports local authorities in England to reduce the levels of death and morbidity due to cold housing but they must apply to the fund in partnership with their local community and voluntary sector and other statutory organisations. This local authority circular explains

arrangements for applying to the fund for 2011/ 2012.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/LocalAuthorityCirculars/DH_131108

Heritage assistance for commemoration projects

2014 will be the centenary of the start of the First World War. If your organisation is planning to mark the date with a community project, the Heritage Lottery Fund may be able to help fund it through one of their existing [grant programmes](#):

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/programmes.aspx>

TRAINING & EVENTS

Wolverhampton Aquarius' 'The Art of Recovery - Exhibition' - at the New Atrium, Wolverhampton Art Gallery

Friday 25th November 2011 to Monday 5th December

For more information please call 01902 420041

Big Lottery Impactful Learning Event: Older People - Big Lottery Office, Five Ways, Central Birmingham - 12 noon, 29th November

It is a free session aimed at any civil society organisation with an interest in working with Older People, and will give an opportunity to hear from a range of inspiring projects that support Older People including:

Projects with a focus on engaging the older BME population

Tackling rural isolation

Working in specific areas of deprivation

Engaging the older community with a large scale community building

Book a place by **21 November 2011** with enquiriesinternet.westmidlands@biglotteryfund.org.uk or for more information contact **The West Midlands regional team**, Big Lottery Fund 0121 345 7902

Learn Explore Debate - Supporting Families in the Foundation Years - The Bond Company, Birmingham - 30th November

A free event to provide a 'one stop shop' opportunity to find out more about the Department for Education's recent policy reforms and developments for Early Years, including the EYFS framework, the Nutbrown Review, the Early Education/Code of Practice consultation, Payment by Results for Children's Centres, and the 'Big Society' vision of an increased role for parents, communities and VCS organisations in shaping and delivering public services. As well as offering useful information on sector reforms and policy developments, the events are designed to create the space to explore their timescales and potential impact in practice, and for all participants to debate and offer feedback that can inform both local and national Government plans.

To book a place online

visit: <http://www.eventelephant.com/learnexplored Debate Birmingham>

Pride in PennFields (PiP) Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair - 4th December, 12 noon-4pm - The Bradmore Arms Pub, 1 Trysull Road, Bradmore

Loads of stocking fillers, handmade decorations and foodie gifts and treats from just 50p. They will also be selling Raffle Tickets for a fantastic Christmas Hamper. The draw will take place at 3.30pm on

the 4th. All proceeds towards projects for local elderly and disabled people. If you are interested in having a stall, please contact Vanessa on 01902 585753 or 07563540784 or e-mail prideinpennfields@hotmail.com.

BME United Public Event - 6th December, 5-8pm, Blakenhall Community & Healthy Living Centre, Wolverhampton

For more information contact Shiv Parekh on 01902 772602

Have Your Say on the Review of Wolverhampton's Older People's Strategy: Programme of Events

Civic Centre Committee Room 3, St Peters Square - 18 November
10-3pm (light lunch provided)

Blakenhall Healthy Living centre - 28 November - Community event
10am-noon & Asian Community event 2-4pm

Jennie Lee Centre, Wednesfield - 21 November 10–12noon

Tettenhall Wood Institute, Wood Road - 22 November 2-4pm

Bilston Town Hall - 23 November 2-4pm

Showell Court, Othello Road, Low Hill - 29 November 10.30-12.30pm

Bantock House - 8 December 10-12noon

St Matthews Place, Willenhall Road, East Park - 12 December 10.30-12.30pm

To book your place at any of the above events please contact Rose Powell on 01902 555494 or email

rose.powell@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Wolverhampton Volunteers will be running 4 courses in January.

All courses are free of charge for Wolverhampton residents who are

aged 18 or over and in receipt of benefits or are economically inactive, individuals attending the course will be asked to provide proof of benefits at the start of the course (this can be obtained from the Job Centre). Places are limited so please get in touch as soon as you can to avoid disappointment. If you are not already registered with Wolverhampton Volunteers you will need to do so:

Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTLLS)- starts 24th January 2012

Learners will gain knowledge and understanding of the teacher's role and approaches to teaching and learning, plan learning sessions and manage learning. The achievement of this level 4 Award in Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector will confirm that you have a good understanding of the essential aspects of the teacher/trainer role, can organize and manage effective learning and have developed professionally through on-going reflection and evaluation.

Certificate in Retail Knowledge Level 2- starts 16th January 2012

This course is aimed at people who have no or limited experience of working in the retail sector and wish to get into this area. Multiple choice exam at the end of the course.

Induction to an Early Years Care Setting Level 1- starts 4th January 2012

Level 1 package aimed at people who have no/limited experience of working in the early years sector.

Mandatory units:

The value of play for babies and young people

Management and organisation in an Early Years Care setting

One optional unit from the following

Introduction to community development in an Early Years Care setting

Roles and responsibilities in an Early Years Care setting

This course also includes Level 1 in Workskills

Health and Social Care - Preparing to Work in Adult Care Level 2 - starts 31st January 2012

Principles of personal development in adult social care settings

Principles of diversity, equality and inclusion in adult social care settings

Safeguarding and protection in adult social care settings

Duty of Care in health, social care or children's and young people's settings

Understanding the role of Social Care Worker

Person centered approaches

Health and safety in adult social care settings

Handling information

Communication in adult social care settings

Exams for each module will be taken at the end of the course and will involve multiple choice questions.

For more information and to secure a place contact Jason

Griffiths, Training Advisor

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GENERAL

Vivo is conducting research into trading relationships between

social enterprises, charities and private sector businesses and the effect it has on the local community. They would appreciate the completion of a short 8 question survey and offer a **prize of £50** for one lucky enterprise. <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/P6KXL8V>

The Localism Act 2011 received its [Royal Assent](#) on Tuesday, so is now law. NAVCA's Chief Executive, Kevin Curley gives a [response](#) on CLG's news page. There is still a lot of uncertainty about how the measures will work and a lot of work needed to make the measures in the Bill help local communities.

As well as the [full text](#) of the Act, you can view a [plain English guide](#) to the Act.

The Equality and Human Rights Commission has launched a [consultation](#) on its Strategic Plan for 2012-15. The consultation gives everyone the opportunity to comment on EHRC's proposed mission and roles, and the key equality and human rights issues. **The deadline for responses is 12th December.**

New help to calculate social value - Ahead of the Public Services Bill being made law, Community Matters have [produced a new tool](#) to help you assess the social, economic and environmental contribution of your organisation.

Introducing a new source of sector knowledge - Naomi Landau [explains how](#) the new online Third Sector Knowledge Portal can help to help evidence-based policy making.

Good Governance - A Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector has been published for anyone interested in or responsible for governance. This document outlines why each principle is important and also outlines examples of what they mean in practice. Governance is about leadership, direction and supervision and is vital for ensuring that an organisation is well run and carries out the work it was set up to do. The Code publishes six principles including:

- Understanding the board's role
- Doing what the organisation was set up to do
- Working effectively
- Control
- Behaving with integrity
- Openness and accountability

A jargon buster providing plain English explanations for definitions in the Code has also been published to accompany the document. Visit this website <http://www.goodgovernancecode.org.uk/> to download a copy

Big Fund to provide grants for free advice services in England
By Sophie Hudson, Third Sector Online, 21 November 2011

The Cabinet Office has announced that a £16.8m fund for free advice services in England will be delivered by the Big Fund, the non-lottery arm of the Big Lottery Fund. The fund will open for applications by the end of November and will provide grants to organisations providing debt, welfare benefits, employment and housing advice services. Applicants will have to provide advice in at least one of the four areas and be able to evidence public funding cuts of at least 10 per cent for those advice service areas from central and local government sources in 2011/12. The fund will

provide grants worth between £40,000 and £70,000 to be spent on service delivery.

Third sector organisations can access more than £1.2bn from EU, says expert

By David Ainsworth, Third Sector Online, 22nd November 2011

More than £1.2bn of European Union funding could be accessed by third sector organisations over the next two years, according to an EU funding expert. Andy Churchill, chief executive of Network for Europe, which provides support for charities seeking European funding, told an event looking into how the UK third sector can access more EU funds that about £600m was available from the European Social Fund, and about another £600m from the European Regional Development Fund, until the end of the current funding round in 2013. He said that in practice there were serious barriers preventing the third sector from accessing this cash. The sector has previously accessed only a fraction of the available funding, with much going to public and private sector organisations, he said. "The European Social Fund is difficult to access because we've ended up with a small number of prime contractors which small third sector organisations find it difficult to deal with," he said.

State of the Sector 2011 survey is launched today

By Stephen Cook, Third Sector Online, 24th November 2011

The State of the Sector 2011 asks people how they have been affected by the economic downturn and the cuts, what they think of the coalition government's performance and about the difficulties they face in running their organisations. It is the third biennial *State of the Sector* survey and will allow comparisons on some of

the questions with findings from 2009 and 2007. The results will be published by *Third Sector* in early 2012. Please take the survey [here](#). Respondents who complete the survey and leave their name and email address will be entered in a prize draw for 50 Amazon vouchers worth £10.

VACANCIES

Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Council are seeking a full-time Organisational Development Worker

Salary NJC Scale 32-34. Initially for 6 months with possibility of an extension (maternity cover).

Supporting the delivery of our services and working as part of the Management Team to develop and deliver our strategy, you will provide organisational development support to CSO's across Wolverhampton to maximise their effectiveness, including increasing their potential to deliver public sector services. You will have:

- Significant experience of organisational development within the Sector, specifically in the areas of Governance and Business Planning
- Knowledge of the current strategic landscape, specifically in relation to the impact on the Third Sector
- Experience of line managing staff

Closing date 4pm Monday 28th November 2011

Interviews to be held on Monday 5th December 2011

For more

information: <http://www.wolverhamptonvsc.org.uk/content/wvsc-job-vacancy>

Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Council has a new database which means we can more effectively record the work we are doing/have done with you and we can ensure relevant targeted information reaches you.

We will very shortly be moving over to this database and therefore we need you to complete a new database questionnaire with your up to date details if you wish to continue receiving this weekly information.

We want to be certain we hold the correct information about your group by getting up-to-date details from you before we create your record on our database. **Therefore, if you have not fully completed the database form you should have received over the past couple of months, you will not be on our new database or distribution list.**

To complete one of these forms please click on this link:<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PRF9K2F>

It should not take more than 10 minutes and your time will be very much appreciated.

I am here to support the development of your group with any issues you are currently addressing. Please get in touch if you feel I may be able to assist you.

If you do not wish to receive this email in the future, please click the unsubscribe option or drop me an email and I will remove you from the distribution list.

Thank you,

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