

DDCVS Funding Bulletin and News in Brief combined

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General News

We are moving

Our new main office will be at the Agricultural Business Centre in Bakewell. We hope to move from Tuesday 18th December onwards and be sort of settled before Christmas. Our telephone number, email address and website address will remain the same but please bear with us that week as we cope with the move.

The new address is Agricultural Business Centre, Agricultural Way, Bakewell, DE45 1AH.

Our outreach office at Ashbourne remains the same, within the Ashbourne Business Centre on Dig Street in Ashbourne. However this office will be un-staffed between 24 Dec and 2 Jan as new carpets are fitted in the business centre.

Governing documents for independent churches

Three model governing documents that provide guidance for independent churches have been completed by umbrella group the Evangelical Alliance along with the Charity Commission and others. Have a look at www.eauk.org.uk/model

New Sainsbury's at Matlock: Give Away

Sainsbury's is looking for any community group or refuge who might like to receive, out of sell by date, but in use by date, food products. The group would need someone who could collect the food regularly from the store. Anyone interested should contact David Matthews, Sainsbury's. Tel 01629 583521

Magnetism in the workplace

The second edition of 'Turn Your Organisation into a Volunteer Magnet' (edited by Andy Fryar, Rob Jackson and Fraser Dyer) has been published. It can be downloaded as a PDF or ordered in print from www.lulu.com/content/1197018

Derbyshire Housing Aid is an independent charity offering free, specialist advice to anyone suffering from debt, housing or welfare benefit worries through drop in surgeries at Derby City centre and outreach surgeries across the county including Matlock, Heanor, Ilkeston and Long Eaton.

'A worrying number of people do not realise that help is out there,' says Chief Executive Sarah Hernandez, 'we need to make sure that the more vulnerable



members of our community know there is a safety net there for them if anything goes wrong, especially as Christmas can be a very expensive time'.

With thanks to generous funding from the Severn Trust Fund, Derbyshire Housing has recently employed a full-time face-to-face Debt Advisor, who has stepped into the role and is confident that this service will help people to take control of their debts as well as easing the stress and anxiety that so often goes hand in hand with money troubles.

'The soon a client approaches us, the sooner we can begin to offer some relief. We are able to work with the client to relieve the pressures of financial difficulties by challenging debts that aren't enforceable, talking to creditors on the client's behalf, as well as working with the client to set realistic budgets and payment plans for the future'.

For more information on Housing or Debt Advice services, you can contact the advice team on 01332 287850 or drop in to see an advisor between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Alternatively call 0845 345 4 345 for Community Legal Advice from 9 am to 6.30 pm Monday to Friday.

New programme to help groups take control of technology

net:gain is a national professional development programme that helps leaders of voluntary and community organisations take control of strategic planning and apply it to technology. It's not just for larger organisations and groups – organisations of all sizes can benefit. Digital Umbrella, the IT Services Wing of High Peak CVS, are delivering net:gain across Derbyshire.

net:gain is **not** designed for 'techies', but is for anyone who guides the strategic direction of their organisation: Chief Executives, Trustees or Managers - the size of the organisation is not important.

At the end of the programme you will be able to:

- demonstrate to funders and stakeholders that your ICT plans link into your mission and offer direct benefit to those you serve
- understand and harness the potential of ICT for your organisation, to inform current and future plans
- identify areas where ICT can improve business practices and service delivery
- identify people who can help you
- understand the full costs of ICT ownership, and put in place plans to cover these
- say NO to ICT options



One of the early net:gain delegates, Tracey Simms, Deputy Director at Amber Valley CVS, said about the programme “Although I was a little unsure of what we were signing up to when I attended the first workshop, the process of our staff team identifying our goals from the four different perspectives in step one really widened our understanding of what we should be doing, what we are currently doing and where we may be able to improve.”

The net:gain programme consists of **three workshops** as well as **mentoring support** which enable participants to:

Master a simple and effective **Ten Step** planning method

Share issues with experts and peers

Become a more effective leader of their organisation

Those organisations that undertake the programme benefit from:

- A **whole year's access** to a support network
- A **reference guide** on how to develop their own ICT plan
- **Templates and planning tools** that will help them make the changes happen
- **Mentoring and advice**
- **Demonstrations of technology** that maybe useful to their organisation
- **Discounts on ICT hub publications** and **access to Experts Online** (worth £60)

And, for signing up to net:gain delivered by Digital Umbrella you will receive a range of **special local discounts** and services worth up to £420:

- **£100 off website services from Digital Umbrella[#]**
- **Free 512Mb memory stick—worth £20**
- **2 free places on a Digital Umbrella IT course - worth up to £100**
- **Free technical support— worth up to £200**

The programme is worth over £600. However, all organisations receive a subsidy, meaning that organisations will pay between £40-£350 (depending on size and turnover. For some organisations this may seem a large amount. However, bear in mind that this includes 3 full days workshops, one to one support, the local offers and access to the Experts Online resource for a year (worth £60 alone).

Dates are now set across the county:

Derby	Tuesday, 4th March 08
Chesterfield	Tuesday 11th March 08
Whaley Bridge	Wednesday, 12 th March 08

To find out more, visit www.digitalumbrella.co.uk or call 01663 735 350



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Breathing Spaces

Phase 3 of the Big Lottery Fund' Breathing Places programme aims to 1) increase the number and range of people making use of and helping to develop and maintain breathing places, and 2) make a lasting improvement to the natural environment of new and existing breathing places. Grants of £1,000 to £10,000.

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_breathingplaces.htm

The BLF has also recently announced that 21 organisations across England are sharing 8.3 million for providing support and increasing the effectiveness of the third sector. Two national bodies are major recipients, AbilityNet for its Sustained Switched On Communities project and Charities Evaluation Service to develop the PQASSO quality assurance system. See more at

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/pr_111007_eng_bas_basis_award

Family Learning

This is a Big Lottery programme that helps parents to understand more about how their children learn and encourages adults and children to learn as a family. By "family" BLF means at least one parent or adult carer and at least one child under the age of 16. They will only fund projects that involve adults and children learning together and deliver all three of the following changes: family members participate in and enjoy educational activity more family members have more skills and knowledge (these may include confidence and effective communication); parents and carers are better able to interact positively with their children and support them in learning. They want to support families who face barriers to learning or who are not confident helping their children to learn.

They are particularly interested in hearing from projects where learning is not based on getting a qualification and those that will help families who have not been involved in learning together before. They are looking for imaginative projects that meet local needs and remove the practical barriers to learning, for example, by providing travel costs, additional support for disabled participants, or childcare.

You can apply for grants of over £10,000 and up to £500,000, though they would expect the average grant to be between £100,000 - £150,000. They will fund projects for up to five years. You can apply on a local or national basis. You can apply to Family Learning if you are: a registered charity; a voluntary or community group; a statutory body, including schools and children's centres; a charitable or not-for-profit company; a social enterprise; a private sector organisation. Statutory bodies and private sector organisations applying must involve a voluntary or community sector partner in planning and running the project.



If you have any questions about this programme, or you want an application pack and guidance notes, please call the Big Lottery Fund Advice Line Tel: 0845 4 10 20 30. You can also download the pack and guidance notes from website below. Closes for applications 29 August 2008. For further information BIG advice line Tel: 0845 4 10 20 30 Website: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

BIG - Advice Plus Round Two - England

Application closing date is 1 April 2008. Total funding is £50 Million between 2006 and 2009 (£20 million in round 2) with minimum grant of £10,000 and maximum £500,000.

Advice Plus aims to help people in need access good quality advice on their legal rights and responsibilities, so that they can avoid or overcome disadvantage. Earlier this year, in Round One they awarded £30 million to 71 advice agencies across England. Advice Plus Round Two launched on the 12 November 2007, with a budget of £20 million across the nine England regions. Round Two will fund third sector legal advice services that collaborate with other advice services in their local area.

Advice Plus will only fund projects focusing on legal rights and responsibilities. Funded projects must deliver all of the following outcomes: People in greatest need have better access to legal advice services that help them to avoid or overcome disadvantage and improve their lives; People in greatest need receive timely, accurate and effective legal advice that is quality assured and joined up with other services, so they are better equipped to deal with their problems and improve their lives; People in greatest need avoid disadvantage because commonly encountered legal problems are identified and prevented.

Funding will only be open to those groups who are eligible to apply and can answer YES to ALL these questions: Are you a voluntary and community sector organisation? Do you have an idea for a project that will improve people's access to legal advice on their rights and responsibilities? Does your project involve working in partnership with all or most of the voluntary and community organisations that deliver legal advice services in your area, as well as other relevant statutory and commercial advice organisations? Can you explain the need for the project in detail and who will benefit from it? Do you need between £10,000 and £500,000 for a project lasting from one to five years? Will your project raise the quality of legal advice services? Can you sustain the benefits of the project when our funding ends? Regional seminars are taking place during November to inform groups about Advice Plus. Please contact your regional office if you answer 'yes' to the above questions. For contact details use menu on right of page of website below.

Big Advice Line Tel: 08454 10 20 30 Website: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk



Children and Arts - Start - how you can get involved

The Prince's Foundation for Children & the Arts is seeking partners to help deliver its Start programme, which provides primary and secondary school students who might never otherwise have the chance, the opportunity to engage with the arts. At the heart of Start is their desire to make cultural venues accessible for a new generation. A typical Start project will provide participants with the opportunity to engage with their local cultural venue by attending at least two professional performances, concerts or exhibitions as well as taking part in an engaging enrichment programme based around these experiences.

The Start programme aims to encourage students to develop the confidence and enthusiasm to continue their engagement with their local cultural venue beyond the life of an individual project. To become a Children & the Arts Start partner arts organisations will need to complete an application form (available online in December 2007) and tell them a bit more about what you would do if appointed as one of their partners. They will be looking for to work with people who can deliver projects that are: high quality; target children who are unlikely to have visited arts venues before; accessible for the audience targeted; offer opportunities for creative learning and skills development; can be sustained over a period of time; build upon your organisation's current education programmes.

Please visit their website in December 2007 to download an application form and application guidelines for the 2008/09 Start programme. The Prince's Foundation for Children & the Arts, The Prince's Foundation for Children & the Arts, 2 Arundel Street, London WC2R 3DA Tel: 020 7379 9752 Fax: 020 7379 9780
Email: enquiries@childrenandarts.org.uk
Website: www.childrenandarts.org.uk

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation changes to guidelines

The Foundation will be taking a new approach to grant-making from January 2008. This will be an open, less prescriptive way of working, through which they will listen to your ideas. They hope to fund a wider range of work than before, so there is no need to rush applications through under our existing guidelines. Alongside this new approach, they will also run a small number of more focused funding strands. In preparation for this new approach their current Application Guidelines are no longer available. This is because in their experience developing a good application can take time.

You can register online to receive a copy of the new guidelines as soon as they are available. Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, 11 Park Place, London SW1A 1LP
Tel: 020 7297 4700 Fax: 020 7297 4701
Email: info@esmeefairbairn.org.uk
Website: www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk



RSWT - Local Food

On 11th September 2007, the BIG Lottery Fund, the largest of the National Lottery good cause distributors, announced the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts as an Award Partner under its Changing Spaces programme. RSWT will manage Local Food, a new £50 million grant scheme. Managed by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts (RSWT) and 15 Consortium partners, Local Food will distribute grants to a variety of food-related projects to help make locally grown food accessible and affordable to local communities. Communities will benefit from: improved health and well-being through exercise and better nutrition; strengthened local economies through the creation of social enterprises; and more sustainability through the better use of resources.

Grants from £2,000 up to £500,000 will be awarded to not-for-profit groups and organisations in England delivering such projects as growing, processing, marketing and distributing local food; composting and raising awareness of the benefits of such activities. The fund will open to applications in January 2008

Further details, including application forms and guidance notes will be available from Local Food's website in due course. To receive an outline of the programme and any updates please email your full contact details to
Email: localfood@rswt.org Tel: 0870 036 1000

BIG Playful Ideas - England

Application closing date: 31 December 2007

Minimum grant: £10,000 Maximum grant: £250,000 Total available: £16

Million The Playful Ideas programme will support projects that focus on Innovation and new ways of providing for children's play. Projects seeking funding from this programme must display a creative and novel approach to addressing an identified need within the field of children's play.

The programme will be open to voluntary and community groups, the social enterprise sector, and town and parish councils. BIG will make capital and revenue grants between £10,000 and £250,000 for projects lasting up to 5 years. They can pay for all or some of your projects costs. If you have any queries about this programme, please contact the BIG Advice Line Tel: 0845 4 10 20 30 where you can also obtain a Playful Ideas pack and guidance notes.



Derbyshire 4 Funding is an online database containing details of over 4,300 funding schemes and information on over 4,500 trust funds. The information is



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continuously research and updated and there is free online access to the FunderFinder list of trusts and an A - Z guide on funding jargon.

This database has been made available through a partnership programme between many of the voluntary sector infrastructure organisations in Derbyshire and is funded through the Change Up programme which is a government initiative to improve the quality of the support to voluntary and community groups.

Click on www.derbyshire4funding.info and have a go. Please let us know what you think of the database so that we can make suggestions for improvements. Email sarah@ddcvs.org.uk or call 01629 812154.

Health Development Fund

Derbyshire Dales CVS has a small fund which it administers on behalf of what was Derbyshire Dales and South Derbyshire Primary Care Trust. The fund is used to make grants to voluntary and community groups in the Southern Dales area for health related activities.

How much is the grant?

Grants awarded are usually up to £300. Larger grants can be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Who can apply?

You must be a voluntary or community group working in the South of Derbyshire Dales. *(If you are not sure about the area please contact us.)*

Groups must have, or be willing to have, the following: their own bank account, management arrangements for their group, a constitution and insurance cover for their activity.

We welcome applications from new groups that are just looking to set up and need some money to hold a meeting to see what interest there might be in their group or idea.

Priority will be given to the following groups:

- Groups with limited sources of other funding,
- New groups to get them started,
- Groups without free reserves, i.e. groups with little money left in the kitty which isn't already promised to something else.

If money has been accumulated for a specific purpose, such as 3 months rent or salaries for an organisation in the event of closure, this will be taken into account

Grants for what?

Our priority is to help groups with the costs incurred in developing their work further including monitoring and evaluation work, consultancy work and



insurance costs. We can also help with general costs, e.g. transport to enable people to get to meetings, room hire, postage, training, or volunteer expenses. We may be able to help groups purchase a much needed piece of equipment of significant value to the group.

What sort of group might apply?

We would like to hear from groups who offer something which benefits the health, including mental health, and social well being of people in the South Dales. This could include a broad range of groups e.g.:

- luncheon clubs
- social clubs
- self-help groups
- physical activity groups
- young people's groups
- Groups providing support and / or information.

In some circumstances a grant may be awarded to a larger organisation for a specific piece of health related work.

Insurance

Groups should have at least public liability insurance plus employer's liability if you have staff or volunteers. You can include the cost of insurance in your grant application. (*Please contact us for further information.*)

How to apply

Please contact DDCVS for an application form. The forms can be made available in large print or on tape. Please ask if you would like support completing the form.

The grants panel is made up of staff from DDCVS and other local agencies. The panel meets in March, June, September and December each year to consider applications. We need to have applications in no later than the last day of February, May, August and November in order to process them for these meetings. We will let you know the outcome of your application as soon as possible after the meeting.

Can I apply more than once?

You can apply again although priority will be given to *first time* and *needs based* applications.

Further information and an application pack can be obtained from Marion Beloe. Tel 01335 348395. Email marion@ddcvs.org.uk

