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## Update from our Signpost Project

Our latest news is that we are recruiting for a worker to support and facilitate the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) process in Chesterfield. Signpost workers have been keen advocates of the CAF which is a nationally introduced form used across all agencies to summarise the problems and positives experienced by a child, young person and their family. Most importantly it includes an action plan so that these problems can be addressed. This form can be used with any child or young person (who has not met the social care threshold for intervention) and it is only completed with the full agreement of the individuals it concerns.

One of the best aspects of the form is that it allows families to have their say about what is going on in their lives and it brings all areas of their life (such as health, home life and education) together. The new worker will support families about to embark on this process, facilitate initial meetings and support workers from other agencies who lack confidence in dealing with the CAF. This is an exciting development for the Signpost project and we look forward to recruiting our new team member.

Jenny Smith started work with us in January and hit the ground running in the Derbyshire Dales. She has now worked successfully with a number of families and has made excellent links with other organisations, especially with the children's centres.

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# Signpost

In the near future Jenny will also be taking up some work in Chesterfield, and Trish will be spending some time in the Dales. They will work closely together in this, sharing their local knowledge. In this way our workers will be better placed to cover each other's roles in case of leave or absence. Beth and Carolyn are also busy; Beth is starting an evaluation of the project across Derbyshire and as

well as her usual client support work Carolyn has recently recorded an advert for High Peak Radio—listen out for her dulcet tones! As always all the Signpost workers maintain a caseload of clients.

If you have any query about the Signpost project please call 01629 810900.

Or email [signpost@ddcvs.org.uk](mailto:signpost@ddcvs.org.uk)

## Our Training Programme

We have finalised our training programme for this year and details are included as a loose insert with this mailing. Sessions we hope to cover

are around budgeting; book-keeping; looking for grants; time management; presentation skills and roles and responsibilities of trustees.

## Another chance to Network!

We held a successful Networking Event at Hathersage Methodist Church Hall on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February. There were 18 different voluntary and 3<sup>rd</sup> sector groups who took part including Hathersage Bowling Club, Hathersage Village Centre Group, Hathersage Luncheon Club, Hathersage Guides and representatives of Hathersage and Outseats Parish Councils. The event was opened formally by Jane Marsden, Chair of Outseats Parish Council, before being kicked off to a flying start by members of Bakewell based Well Heeled Appalachian dance group. Our next event is on

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at the Town Hall in Wirksworth. Please contact Jonathan if you would like to reserve a table for your group. Tel 01629 812154 or email [jonathan@ddcvs.org.uk](mailto:jonathan@ddcvs.org.uk)

In action! The Well Heeled Appalachian dance group



# Hurst Farm Activities

The 'sports mania week' of activities organised by Caroline Stone Community Development Worker during the half term in February was a huge success with the children attending a week of fun at Wirksworth leisure centre. The theme for the week was all related to sport and the children enjoyed experiencing the climbing wall, trampolining, and a pool party, as well as a bouncy castle for the little ones.



Also during the week, the children attended a litter pick in Dene Fields which was funded by Awards 4 all and organised by Ground work Derby, Matlock Town Council and DDCVS. Children enjoyed not only making a difference to their community but learnt about the importance of recycling.



This Easter the activities have gone really well at Hurst Farm with 15 children for the 7-11 year olds sessions and 14 children for the 3-6 year old session plus parents. The younger ones made Easter cakes and decorated recycled jars and made them into sweetie jars and they had fruit smoothies and bowls of different fruit to try. The older children did clay modelling, made decorative paper and made objects from papier mache .

Thanks to Nicola Wildgoose at Derbyshire Dales District Council for a £250 grant from the arts development fund to support these sessions.

Caroline has planned for the spring bank week more activities and these include, a treasure hunt, story time and picnic for the little ones (3 - 6 year olds) and the 7 - 11 year olds are doing the **big out door adventure** where they will go on two planned walks and return on a steam train! These run during half-term 1-4th June and must be booked with limited places.

Please call Caroline on 01629 56778 or mobile: 07760615519

# Funding News

## Update from the Big Lottery Fund

At least £100 million a year is to be invested across England by the BIG Lottery Fund in a new improved version of its flagship Reaching Communities programme for each of the next five years. The new funding which will be introduced this spring comes with two distinct improvements. First, applicants seeking smaller sums of money will enjoy a simpler application and assessment process. Second, a two-stage decision making process for larger bids will ensure that all applicants will learn sooner whether their project is in with a chance of receiving funding.

For those invited to the second stage, the likelihood of success will be much higher, making work on completing a full application more worthwhile. Also in the pipeline for later in the year is a third element, a dedicated capital stream offering funding within the familiar Reaching Communities application process to respond to the high, unmet demand for funding for community buildings. The changes are a response to the Fund's major public BIG Thinking consultation last year.

In addition, the Big Lottery Fund is promising more informative feedback on all unsuccessful applications. Over 75 percent of BIG Thinking's respondents said that it was better to give early decisions on applications, including rejecting those likely to be

unsuccessful, based on a few key questions at the enquiry stage.

Reaching Communities is the centrepiece of BIG funding for 2010 and beyond and the enhancements they are making are a response to popular demand. Voluntary and Community Sector groups have welcomed the chance to access as much as £500,000 for up to five years but many said that they would value a version of the programme that is easier to access. So Big Lottery are introducing a lighter touch Reaching Communities programme for people seeking sums of up to £40,000 a year.

The dedicated capital element which will be available in the Autumn is likely to fund medium sized refurbishments, new builds or extensions to community centres, village halls or other community use buildings meeting local community needs and aspirations. You can find out more about the programme by going to [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk) choose Funding from the left-hand options and then Current Programmes and then scroll down to Reaching Communities.

We haven't included the link because it is so long and probably easier to get to following the above—however if you would prefer the direct link please email [sarah@ddcvs.org.uk](mailto:sarah@ddcvs.org.uk)

# Funding News

**The LankellyChase Foundation** is now accepting applications under its 2010 Summer Activities Small Grants Programme.

Each year the Trustees of the Foundation set aside funds to support summer activities for children and young people between the ages of five and 17 years. Around 120 grants of up to £500 are available to UK registered charities wishing to run small local summer activity schemes. In 2010, they will be supporting specific activities for children and young people who are: living in refuges for families escaping domestic violence; or young carers.

Preference will be given to applications from organisations with strong volunteer support and clear safeguarding measures in place. **The deadline for applications is 14 May 2010.**

For more information please visit their website: [www.lankellychase.org.uk](http://www.lankellychase.org.uk)

## Live and Work Rural Grants

Managed by the Live and Work Rural team at the Peak District National Park Authority these grants are for projects which can benefit the Peak District National Park environments. This means wherever possible your project needs to:

- Use the Peak District National Park landscape in a sustainable way

- Source products from the Peak District National park

- Help create or sustain local jobs

- Reduce your carbon and water footprints

Grants are typical 40% of total costs up to a maximum payment of £3,500.

Call the Live and Work Rural team for a free consultation on 01629 816338 or email

[liveandworkrural@peakdistrict.gov.uk](mailto:liveandworkrural@peakdistrict.gov.uk)

Or to find out a bit more about the Live and Work Rural Project take a look at [www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/liveandworkrural](http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/liveandworkrural)

## DDCVS Health Development Grant

We are re-launching our health development grant this April! As you may know the grant scheme (which is funded by the Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust) has been ticking along very nicely offering small grants of up to £300 to local groups over the years.

We have included a full information sheet with this mailing but the main development is that this year we have a bit more money to give away!

If you have any question about the grant scheme please call Neil Moulden on 01629 812154 or email [neil@ddcvs.org.uk](mailto:neil@ddcvs.org.uk)

## **A free conference for those working with or for children and young people**

Organised by Matt Ford of the Derbyshire Children's Trust this event will take place on Friday 14th May between 9.30am and 3.00pm at County Hall, Matlock.

This is a conference for those in the Voluntary, Community and Independent Children and Young People's Sector in Derbyshire. Key speakers include:

- Bruce Buckley (*Strategic Director for Children and Younger Adults DCC*)
- Councillor Tracy Critchlow (*Cabinet Member for Young People DCC*)
- Saira Ali (*Chair of Derbyshire GRID & Child Advocate, Speak up 4 urself*)
- Andrea Fox (*Derbyshire GRID & Belper Youth Drop Inn Centre*)
- Robert Higgs *with his one man production "Boy in the Photograph"*

There will also be opportunity to learn from each other. Workshops include:

- › Safeguarding - *How VCI organisations can better respond to Vulnerable C&YP*
- › Improving our service to C & YP with disabilities - *How we can ALL improve outcomes for Disabled C&YP*
- › Drugs and Alcohol - *How VCI*

*organisations can help reduce drug and alcohol harm*

› Economic Issues– *How we can help mitigate the effects of the recession for the most vulnerable*

› Working with NEET Young People - *Supporting Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)*

Places at this free conference are limited. To book your place, please call Alexandra Ormston on 01773 744741 or email [Alexandra.Ormston@Derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:Alexandra.Ormston@Derbyshire.gov.uk)

## **Celebrating the Family**

National Family Week aims to highlight the important role families play in society and encourage healthy active lifestyles and quality family time. Now in its second year, National Family Week is the largest coalition on family issues and is backed by all major political parties and a huge range of national charities, community groups and sporting associations.

Over 5,000 events will take place during National Family Week 2010 which is the 31st May until the 6th June plus record breaking excitement, giveaways, competitions and activity ideas to encourage families to spend quality time together.

Why not be a part of National Family Week 2010 and organise family-friendly events and activities for families in your local community?

# Events

Events can happen at any time during that week but you may wish to tie in your plans with a theme days; the Family Week Picnic on Monday 31st May, Family Week Story Time on Wednesday 2nd June, or the Family Week Sports Day on Saturday 5th June.

For further information on the plans for The Week, theme day toolkits and promotional resources, visit the National Family Week website at [www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk](http://www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk) and register for the Partner Zone.

Alternatively contact:

Bee Sachania, Partnerships Manager  
on 020 7871 0189 or email  
[bsachania@nationalfamilyweek.co.uk](mailto:bsachania@nationalfamilyweek.co.uk)

## Health and Social Care Forum

The next Southern Derbyshire Health and Social Care Forum will take place on Thursday 29th April between 10.30am and 3.30pm at the Cotmanhay Enterprise Centre in Ilkeston. Refreshments will be available and lunch is provided.

Following on from presentations given at the last Forum and feedback from the members, the theme for this Forum will be the Commissioning Priorities of Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust and the procedures and processes for tendering and commissioning.

There will also be an update on the work of the Personalisation Project Boards from Derbyshire County Council Adult Social Care.

The topic of this Forum is sure to draw a lot of interest so it will be essential to book a place. To do this please contact: Pam Wood at South Derbyshire CVS on 01283 219761 or email [pamw@sd cvs.org.uk](mailto:pamw@sd cvs.org.uk)

## Derbyshire Dales Election Question Time (see flyer enclosed)

What policies will help or hinder voluntary and campaigning groups after the General Election? Your chance to ask the candidates the questions that matter to your organisation.

The Question Time will take place on Friday 23rd April between 7.00 and 9.00pm at St Joseph's Parish Hal, Bank Road, Matlock. To book your place please call Claire Thornber on 07827 243800 or email [c.thornber@derbysrcc.org.uk](mailto:c.thornber@derbysrcc.org.uk)

# For information

**Reforming the law around adult social care:** a review of the law around adult social care is being undertaken by the Law Commission to provide a clearer, modern and more cohesive legislative framework for adult residential care, community care, adult protection and support for carers. The Commission has published a consultation paper with detailed proposals for law reform, with responses needed by 1st July.

See [http://www.lawcom.gov.uk/adult\\_social\\_care\\_consultation.htm](http://www.lawcom.gov.uk/adult_social_care_consultation.htm)

(Source: WCVA Trustee news)

## KnowHow Nonprofit

**www.knowhownonprofit.org** is a fresh new **website** built solely for people working in not for profit organisations. Completely free and easy to use, it is packed with practical information and resources covering all kinds of topics from finding funding to strategy planning.

Use the forums to ask questions, discuss issues and share your own experience. There are also podcasts of events, a calendar of conferences and courses stretching across the UK and KnowHow's own fortnightly nonprofit story '**Millcaster Tales.**' The site is intended to be a friendly and useful space for a community of nonprofit people and organisations to share what they have learnt and to help others. Visit [www.knowhownonprofit.org](http://www.knowhownonprofit.org) and see what you make of it.

## Do you need publicity materials?

We recently met with Mark Crowfoot on quite a separate topic, that of the group 'Save the Pavilion'. However Mark has recently set up business in branding, logos and artwork for printed materials and web. Whilst he is building up his business he is offering a discount to local community groups and charitable organisations. To find out more and how much (!) contact him at **ideas formation**, 01629 888444.

[www.ideasformation.co.uk](http://www.ideasformation.co.uk)

## Full Guidance on Vetting and Barring Scheme for Organisations and Individuals.

The Home Office has now put online full guidance to help employers and voluntary groups implement the Vetting and Barring Scheme. It covers every aspect from who is covered to how the process works and the implementation timetable.

Organisations are expected to start at [www.businesslink.gov.uk/vbs](http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/vbs) while employees or volunteers would find [www.direct.gov.uk/vetting](http://www.direct.gov.uk/vetting) more appropriate.

Hard copies of the guidance for those who do not have internet access are available via the VBS helpline on 0300 123 1111.

## Local Group Save Energy and Money!



Public buildings in Youlgrave are set for an energy health check, thanks to a grant of over £8,000 from the Peak District National Park's Sustainable Development Fund.

Award-winning village group Sustainable Youlgrave is to commission specialists to conduct a full energy survey on seven public buildings in Youlgrave and Middleton by Youlgrave. These include the two parish churches, All Saints Primary School, Middleton Village Hall and Youlgrave Reading Room. The aim is to help identify ways in which the buildings can reduce their energy and water consumption, including the feasibility of using appropriate renewable energy resources.

"I'm delighted and very grateful that we have been awarded a grant from the Sustainable Development Fund," said SY Committee Member Dave Sharpe who is managing the project. "This energy survey of public buildings in Youlgrave and Middleton is hopefully the first step towards making our community venues more energy efficient and cheaper to run. Introduction of the proposals from the survey will also reduce the village's overall carbon footprint."

Sustainable Youlgrave was founded in 2006 with the aim of making its Peak District community more self-

sufficient. It has received welcome support from the National Park for several other projects, including a contribution towards its £45K feasibility study into anaerobic digestion which is nearing completion.

Harry Bowell, who chairs the Peak District Sustainable Development Fund panel, said: "This project is what sustainable development in the Peak District is all about – improving energy efficiency and cutting costs for public buildings which are the life-blood of our village communities."

The other buildings that will be surveyed over the next 2-3 months are the Scout & Community Hall and the Wesleyan Reform Chapel, both in Youlgrave. It is hoped that even simple measures such as better insulation and draft proofing will be able to help these community-run venues save money and contribute towards a greener Youlgrave.

Sustainable Youlgrave is a grass roots community group from the Derbyshire village of Youlgrave, in the heart of the Peak District National Park, with 90 paid-up members, 140 supporters and an energetic committee of 12. With the aim of reducing the valley's carbon footprint to zero, the group has three strands to its work: energy saving, renewable energy generation and related community projects (from bee keeping to promoting village shops and allotments). For more details go to [www.sustainableyoulgrave.org](http://www.sustainableyoulgrave.org)

## **That's it for this time!**

### **Our next newsletter mailing will be in July 2010.**

Please return this page to Janet Smith at DDCVS if the details for your organisation have changed or if you would like to be added or removed from our mailing list.

We may disclose your information to other voluntary and community groups or statutory agencies where we think it will benefit either party. If you object to such disclosure please tick here .

We may contact you in the future either by telephone or mailing about other events or projects. If you object please tick here .

If you have any query about how we use your data please contact Janet Smith at DDCVS. Tel 01629 812154 or email [enquiries@ddcvs.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ddcvs.org.uk)

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